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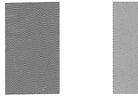
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Eugene Fitzpatrick simply the best!



As we all know by now the greatest winner in Maynooth in May was not a politician but our own Eugene Fitzpatrick from Maynooth Park - one of the town's characters. His Ireland World Cup song to the tune of Smokey's "Alice" was the winner on Pat Kenny's Late Late Show on May 3rd. It was exciting enough for him to reach the final 5 songs and appear on the show but it was clear that the studio audience loved his song immediately and that it was a winner.

Eugene is not well and he is still in the Mater Hospital. So the Newsletter conducted an interview with him over the phone. I asked him what his reaction was to his win: "delighted, I couldn't believe it!" was his understandable response. There were 2,675 songs sent into the competition and he sent in two. When he heard nothing for weeks he had nearly forgotten all about it. Finally, a week before the big night, the phone call came through to the hospital and the representative for the Late Late Show said that Eugene was a hard man to find.

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Editorial

As we go to print the country is still reeling from the shock expulsion of Ireland's soccer supremo, Roy Keane, from the World Cup team. Whether he returns or not is still uncertain but the interest and hysteria generated by this has overshadowed all others events in the country or indeed in the world. The election results, the recounts, the Fine Gael leadership and the formation of the next government faded into insignificance. It is a pertinent comment on the state of the nation that the antics of a football manager and his row with a footballer are more important than the political future of the country or indeed the impending war between India and Pakistan. The World Cup is important without a doubt. We have seen the beneficial effect of Italia '90 and America '94 but the frenzied reaction of the public and the media seems out of proportion with the events.

The election results countrywide were surprising if not indeed shocking with Fianna Fáil nearly achieving an overall majority and the PDs doing extremely well along with the Green Party, Sinn Féin and the flurry of independents. The move towards such large numbers of independent TDs is worrying for the larger political parties and for the wider democratic system in general. If, as expected, Fianna Fáil form another coalition with the PDs then the independents will find themselves side-lined and redundant without the negotiating power utilised by the likes of Mildred Fox in the last coalition. Those who voted for them will have little return for their choice of candidate either. The trend towards the smaller parties is also growing with the Green Party and Sinn Féin picking up many more seats than predicted by the pollsters. The future of Fine Gael is being questioned as they find themselves as Social Democrats flanked by the Labour Party on one side and Fianna Fáil/PDs on the other. There will be a long procss of soul-searching and selfexamination in the months to come. The Labour Party fared little better, failing to gain seats that they had lost in the '97 campaign. They will also have to examine their policies and strategies as they are under siege from both the Greens and Sinn Féin. The loss of such eminent and intelligent TDs such as Alan Dukes, Alan Shatter and Dick Spring does not auger well for the future of the democratic system either.

The election results in North Kildare were not quite indicative of the national result. The dreadful downpour lasting all day did nothing to encourage reluctant voters to travel to the polling stations and the turn out was average at best. Bernard Durkan held onto the Fine Gael seat by the skin of his teeth against Paul Kelly FF, bucking the national trend that saw the demise of such legendary names as Alan Dukes, Alan Shatter and Norah Owen. Charlie McCreevy and Emmet Stagg held their seats comfortably, Stagg improving his first preferences. The Green Party candidate got 1974 first preferences without posters and appearing in the constituency and Kathleen Walsh polled a very impressive 3,919 in her first outing in a general election campaign. How long this Dáil will last is a matter for conjecture but the financial situation will be very different from the previous 5 years.

Finally, as seen on the front cover, Eugene Fitzpatrick won the World Cup Song Contest on the Late, Late Show and we would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for his future.

Community Council Notes

Maynooth Community Council Notes

The May meeting of the Community Council was held on the 20th May in the Glenroyal Hotel.

There have been two new co-options to the Council. Tom Dempsey for Town Centre and Andrew McMullon for Cluain Aoibhinn.

As this meeting was quite badly attended Hugh Gallagher said that all Residents Associations are not being represented and also we would be writing to all groups that have fallen off, to come back to meetings. As there is a lot going on in the town now re new development, people should have an input. He said at our A.G.M. last month we had two presentations re Kavanagh's and larnrod Eireann.

Local Matters

It had been put forward that the old footpath on the Straffan Road should be closed. However, it was stated that Kildare County Council said it is a good asset for senior citizens who use it. However, Tidy Towns representative, Paul Croghan, felt it should be closed as it is hard to maintain.

Cllr. John McGinley said that Kildare County Council will have it cleaned three times a week and also new public lighting.

Street Signs

Padraig O'Murchú was told that the new street signs are now ready at last. Cllr. John McGinley said the signs would be put up on walls he felt it would be an honour for people to have the signs on their house walls. However, Cllr. Senan Griffin said that there will be negotiations to see how people would feel about them.

Tidy Towns

Paul Croghan wondered would the Parks grant funding facility support to Tidy Towns to keep the grass cut this year. He felt that things were moving too slow and it would probably be 2003 before they got started. Cllr. John McGinley said that the contract will start now 2002.

He said the contract should have been given out in February and at the next Leixlip Area Meeting, the first Friday in June, it will be sorted out. There is \in 100,000 available for grass cutting.

Cllr. Senan Griffin also felt that Kildare County Council are holding back on this as some people had other ideas on how this money should be spent.

There will be a Best Estate Information Meeting in the Glenroyal Hotel on the 5th June. This should be of great interest to people taking part in this competition.

The Tidy Towns Annual Collection will take place on 7th, 8th & 9th June.

Paul said they would be looking for people to help them on the collection days.

He also congratulated all successful in the elections.

Rubbish Collection

Tom McMullon said that skips are no longer available from Kildare County Council, we can now get gloves and black bags. It was noted that Kildare County Council have new plans for collection of rubbish etc. from estates, but that this information has not come through.

Cllr. Senan Griffin said there are proper ways to dispose of rubbish, the dump at Kilcullen is very suitable for all rubbish.

Website

It was noted that some material appearing on the Maynooth Website is of a dreadful and disgusting nature. While it is easy to access the public bulletin board it was felt that a watch-dog facility was needed. As this is the only site for the town and used appropriately it is very good for the town. Inappropriate material can be removed but it will take time.

Planning

It was stated that Maynooth Community Council should come up with some criteria about how we object to planning.

P. J. Duncan said that the Community Council could carry some clout on some planning matters and it is important that we have all information on planning.

Cllr. John McGinley said we should discuss in depth plans for the Main Street, it is slowly losing it's character. There are two new Public Houses planned for the Main Street and it is slowly becoming non-residential.

Cllr. Senan Griffin said we should look at planning every frew months, he also felt that we should have some experts on planning involved.

Des Matthews said something will have to be done about the traffic in the town. It was then suggested by Muireann that we should have a special meeting just for planning issues, so the 8th July meeting will be to discuss planning. It was also suggested that we invite other bodies interested in planning, the Planning Alliance Group, also an architect. There is the Maynooth Action Plans to be discussed "What is best for Maynooth", The Public Park, "Carton Avenue", also the Harbour Field. This will be a very important meeting for people who are interested in what happens to Maynooth.

Election of Vice-chairperson

Tom McMullon was elected as vice-chairperson. He was proposed by Paul Croghan and seconded by Des Matthews.

Town Council Status for Maynooth

It was decided to apply for Town Council status for Maynooth. It was noted that we have applied twice before. There is new legislation now in place. On application this will cost \in 1,000 and also 100 signatures are need. After some discussion it was decided to apply.

Community Council Notes Contd.

Festival

It was decided to go ahead with a Festival for this year, it will take place 11th - 14th July.

It will run with some of our usual events - Bar Person of the Year - The Table Quiz and Poetry Night. It is hoped to have more going on in the Arts area this year.

It was also suggested that we have a Heritage Day. Ronan Barry suggested that maybe we could look at having a Volunteer Person of the Year Award. We will be writing to groups in the town to get involved and asking them to include some of their events alongside the Festival.

it is also hoped to tie in the Festival next year with the Special Olympics.

Editorial Board

As you may know the Editorial Board need more people to get involved. A few interested people have come forward, but more are needed.

Maynooth Community Centre Forum

Hugh Gallagher said that things are progressing well. They have set up a sub-committee to look at funding and other vital areas.

Public Meeting "Kelt"

Kelt will be holding a public meeting in the Glenroyal Hotel on the 29th May. This should be of interest to social groups that are looking for funding.

Paul Croghan drew attention to the fact that Mr. Willie Carroll had died. Mr. Carroll was involved with the Community Planning Forum. It was noted that he was involved with the Carton Avenue development.

Cllr. Senan Griffin said he will indeed be sadly missed. Cllr. John McGinley said he was a doer and worked hard for community development.

Special Olympics

Ronan Barry told the meeting that there would be an information meeting in the Glenroyal Hotel on the 28th May. He thanked the Girls National school for holding an Olympic Silver Circle Collection, also the Boys National School for holding a No Uniform Day.

The Next Meeting of the Community Council will take place on Monday 10th June in the Glenroyal Hotel at 8 p.m.

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Eugene, who had been in hospital for weeks at this stage, told him that he was very easy to find considering that he could not move out of the place! He didn't believe them either, thinking it was one of his friend's pulling his leg. When the phone call was over, he rang the number back and got the Late Late office. At that stage it dawned on him that this was no joke. The representative of the show said that he never wanted to hear another World Cup song but when he heard Eugene's he played it over and over again. Eugene reckons, by the way, that the second song got lost in the post, but as we saw, he gave it a lash during his second appearance on the show.

He and his sister Catherine were brought to the studio in style – a black stretch limo no less.

I then turned the conversation to the famous people he met including Jimmy McGee and Paul McGrath. But better than that he got a kiss from Liz Bonnin! Later, he received a visit at home from Bertie Ahern, Charlie McCreevy and Paul Kelly. Bertie told him that he was watching the show on the Friday night and when he went to the office the following day he was telling everyone about it. One of the women, a neighbour of Eugene's, told him that she knew him. "I have to visit him" said Bertie and sure enough he did during his election visit to Maynooth.

Other people had hired orchestras and went to great expense when entering the competition. Eugene bought a blank tape in the local supermarket and sang the song in his bedroom without any accompaniment at all. True talent will win out in the end as was proven when he won with an overwhelming, runaway vote from the public on that Friday night.

Photographs appeared in the Sunday World and Mirror and there were many letters to the papers applauding his courage and bravery. Eugene is on dialysis and cannot take up the prize of going to the World Cup. Eircom then offered him a cash amount of €10,000. When I asked him what he intended to do with it he said "enjoy it and give some of it the Kidney Association".

On his visit to Bradys and Caulfields everyone was out to celebrate for him. The lads in Bradys sang "Simply the best" and Caulfields hung a huge banner over the bar saying "Well done Eugene". The nurses in the Mater also lined up and sang for him when he returned to the hospital.

Unfortunately he cannot record the song because the copyright for "Alice" belongs to his favourite band Smokey. He has tried to get in touch with the band's management but has not got a response so far.

Then I asked him if he thought he would be home for the World Cup and he wasn't sure. I ventured to say that he might have good crack in the hospital watching the matches. But it costs ∈2 for two hours of television and it can switch off at any time. It did just that recently as Manchester United were about to score in a match they were watching.

Finally I asked him if he wanted to mention or thank anyone and he wanted to thank everyone who voted for him and all his friends at home in Maynooth.

Eugene shows great courage and heroism in the face of serious adversity as he always has. He worked for the Community Council for a number of years and was a most cheerful, happy employee who never seemed to be downhearted. This is a well-deserved win for a man who has written many entertaining songs for us over the years and has sung them in Bradys, Caulfields and at various functions and talent competitions over the years. Way to go Eugene! You are - simply the best. Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

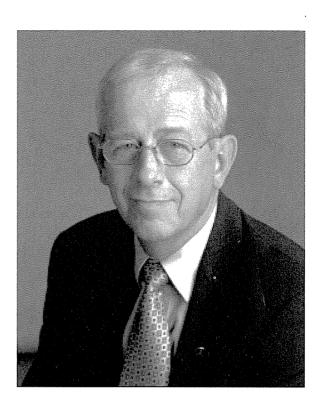


Ronan Gallagher with his mother Ann



Brendan Colfer with his family

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02/749	John Holton	20 Beaufield Avenue Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	08/05/02	To erect a porch to the front	20 Beaufield Avenue Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/750	Tilo Kruger	15 Parklands Place Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	08/05/02	development will consist of a ground floor extension to the side of existing house	15 Parklands Place Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/752	Thomas & Ashling Richardson	519 Newtown Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	08/05/02	To demolish existing dwellings and replace these with a dwelling incorporating a granny flat	519 - 520 Newtown Road Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/766	Jason Keigher	39 Laurence Avenue Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	10/05/02	for a detached four bedroom dormer bungalow with biocycle system	Old Railpark Road Barrogstown West Maynooth
02/772	Mary Nolan & Robert Morris	286 Old Greenfield Maynooth	Р	10/05/02	sought to construct a bungalow and connect to public services at rear of	286 Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/787	Peter Walker .	31 College Green Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	13/05/02	for retention and conversion of rear domestic garage and new 2 storey side extension, incorporating new garage to side of existing house	31 College Green Maynooth Co. Kildare.
02/788	John & Suzanne Maloco	159 Rockfield Walk Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	13/05/02	for a single storey extension, including bedroom with ensuite, sunroom, family room, pantry and utility room	159 Rockfield Walk Maynooth Co. Kildare.
02/851	Mark & Neva Murphy	36 Rockfield Green Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	20/05/02	to erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house with conversion of garage to habitable space	36 Rockfield Green Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/859	David McAuliffe & Patricia Ring	249 Kingsbry Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	20/05/02	for construction of double storey extension to side and single storey extension to rear of property	249 Kingsbry Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/831	Andrew Nolan & Lisa Farrell	286 Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	20/05/02	to construct a dormer type dwelling and domestic garage, with connection to existing public services located at rear	286 Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare



Laura Doogan with her father John and mother June



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Features

Bradys "Clock House"





In the recent past we have seen the closing of the Mill and the Mart but with Bradys "Clock House" having been recently sold Maynooth is losing one of it's oldest and most popular families.

Established in 1896 by the Pitts family the pub has traded since. Mrs. Pitts took on a young apprentice in 1923. That was when Phil Brady came on the scene. A teenager from Laragh Gcadone, Co. Cavan "of which he was very proud" was to become one of the best known and liked members of the community. Phil, still a very young man, took over the pub in 1923 and this started a long and cordial relationship with the local community. The clubs including the G.A.A., Soccer, the St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band and many other organisations owe a lot to Phil for their being and survival.

Not alone in Maynooth but all over Ireland, especially the West, Bradys was the landmark most known in the town. No! It was not the college, the Mart or the Mill, but mention Maynooth and the first thing you were asked was how was Phil and mammy, as his wife Breda was affectionately known. A teacher once preached that if you went to Paris and not to the Bastille then you were not in Paris. To visit Maynooth and not go to Bradys then you weren't in Maynooth.

Then in 1935 a young domestic science teacher Breda came to the College. From Ardmore in Waterford "of which she was also very proud" she married Phil 3 years later and formed the basis of the Brady family. Phil and Mammy had 9 children, one of whom died tragically in a cot death. Ann, God rest her soul, also died tragically in a road accident in England leaving two young children. Eileen, Claire and Angela are very successful in their professional careers.

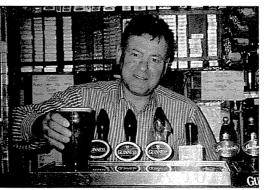
The young menfolk make their living in the business end. John owns a thriving pub in Waterford, Jim likewise in Wexford, Ossie has just retired having sold his ham processing business in Straffan and now Noel is retiring with the sale of the home base in Maynooth.

The kindness of the Brady family will never be forgotten in Maynooth. Phil who died in December 2000 just short of his 94th birthday and Breda died in 1998 at the age of 79 R.I.P.

Any child entering Bradys will remind you that they were first presented with a glass of lemonade, bag of crisps and a bar of chocolate. Phil regarded them with respect as he would say rubbing his hands "my future customers". No one left Bradys hungry or thirsty whether they had money or not. Mammy who was always proud of her culinary craft would set up food at the shortest of notice. The stories Phil and mammy had over the years would take books to cover. As Joxer would say "they were a darlin family" and Maynooth will be, despite prosperity, a much poorer place with their leaving.

All that is left now is to wish Noel a long and happy retirement with his golf, his daughter Mandy and his new grand daughter Rebecca.

Good luck and best wishes to all The Brady Clan and thank you for a long and loyal service to the community. Silim nach mbeidh a leithéid áris ann.

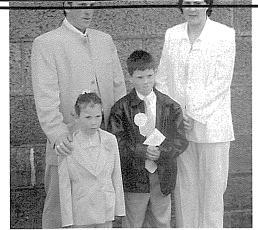


When two fond fools together meet, Each look gives joy each kiss so sweet Pleasures the burden of the song Toying and playing all day long When wed how cold and cross they'll

Turn upside down and then you'll see



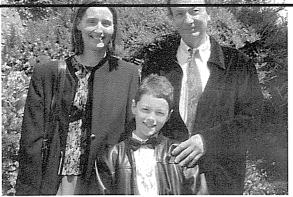
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Martin O' Donnell with his family



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Electronic Voting Yea or Nay

Rain poured down steadily as the voters of Kilcloon made history, being among the first to sample electronic voting. Area Inspector for Dunshaughlin, Mr. Larry McEnteer, confirmed that the machines had made their entrance with no problem mechanically. Mr. McEnteer thought the early start had made a difference with a good turnout during early morning. When asked his preference Mr. McEnteer had mixed feelings, while the machine was more efficient the atmosphere of the count would be missed, the tally men, the recount and all that goes with the manual vote would be part of our history. On the downside, he thought there would be queuing later on as the voting became more brisk.

A sample of opinions on the electronic vote.



Mr. Henry Carty

Thought it was slower but got through okay.

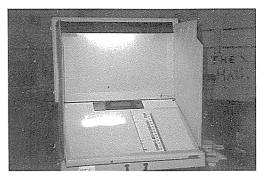


Eileen, Eamonn Kerwin with their daughter Julie

Eamonn thought the public should have had a say about the introduction of the electronic vote. Eileen preferred the paper vote with little Julie agreeing with mam.



James Daly & Tom Crean
James found the colour photos helpful and liked
the new system. Tom also found the electronic
vote good.



Caroline O'Reilly

Caroline thought the new system was grand and gave it her approval.

Mary O'Reilly

Mary thought the electronic vote was a good idea and would solve the problem of the spoilt vote.

The views of people voting in Enfield echoed the same sentiments with the voters having mixed feelings but the general consensus being in favour of the new system with the same type of nostalgia about the passing of the count, the recount, the tally man and the general mayhem of the paper vote.

A word of caution while listening to some of the elected candidates it seems there is a major need for planning and improvement on the announcement of the successful candidates as with some of the elected being the last to know and having to fight their way to acknowledge their success. Still every new venture has it's teething problems and with more work and commitment it looks like the electronic vote is the way of the future whether we like it or not.

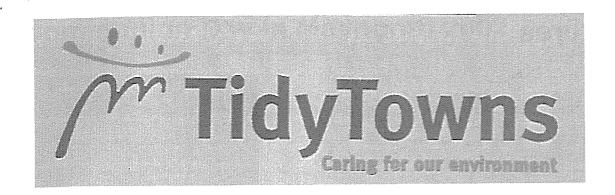
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Features

Barrett leads Championship after Double header at Pembrey

Team FSI and Maynooth man Ian Barrett couldn't have wished for a more positive start to their debut season in Formula Renault than that which took place at Pembrey, Wales on the weekend of may 11th/12th. Barrett finished second and third respectively in Sunday's two races, and is now joint top of the British BARC leader board with 24 points, along with Nicky Wilson

The omens were good from the start. Barrett was quickest in Friday's practice run and was optimistic going into Saturday's qualifying session. Qualifying for Race 1 didn't go according to plan however as gearbox trouble halted Barrett's progress after only seven laps, but he did manage to hang onto sixth place, with Gonzalo Rodriguez taking pole. After the FSI crew rectified the gearbox problem, things picked up in qualifying for Race 2 as Barrett stormed his way to second on the grid, finishing just one tenth of a second behind Frenchman Olivier Playle.

On Sunday, Barrett made a great start in Race 1, forcing his way up to fourth after just one lap. He continued to fly through the field, picking off Jeremy Smith on lap 5 and then passing Nicky Wilson to take second place with just three laps remaining. Barrett kept the pace up right until the final lap and finished only one second behind winner Philip Keane.

Much was expected of Barrett in Race 2 as he began on the front row of the grid. After an excellent start which initially saw him take the lead from Olivier Playle, Barrett was forced wide on the first corner and fell back to fifth place. However, the young Irish driver wasted no time in clawing his way back to third, clocking up the second fastest lap of the race in the process, finishing behind England's Jeremy Smith and Scotland's Nicky Wilson.

'I'm very happy with the results in both races, and I'm delighted to be joint top of the leader board even at this early stage,' said Barrett, adding 'we're just hoping to carry this form into the next round and stay in contention for the top places.'

The next round of the British BARC Formula Renault Championship takes place at Donnington, Derby shire on June 30th. And with this excellent start behind them, Team FSI and Barrett will be keen to impress once more, in this their first season at this demanding and competitive level.

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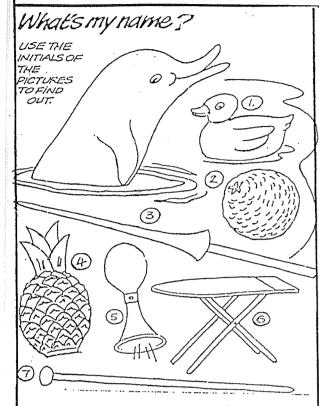
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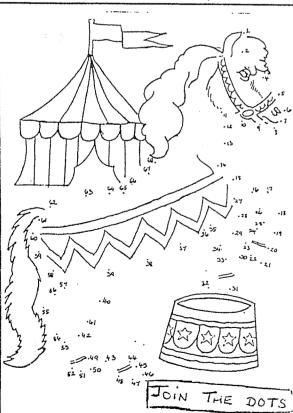


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JUNE IN THE GARDEN

Trees, Shrubs and Climbing Plants:

Continue to trim or cut hedges. Secure the shoots of climbers or wall shrubs. Early-flowering clematis species need to be pruned now. Old flowering shoots, and dead branches of shrubs, that have already flowered, e.g. flowering currant, broom and rock roses need pruning now.

Flowers:

Clear flower beds of remains of spring bedding plants. These may be replaced with permanent ones or summer bedding plants which have been thoroughly hardened off. Thin out sowings of hardy and half-hardy annuals. Tall growing flowers need continuous support and tie new growths to stakes. Mulch and water bulbous plants such as lilies or gladioli. Continue sewing hardy biennials and prennials in a seed-bed. Plant out dahlias, fuchsias. and chysanthemums. Nip out the buds on the main growth to form bushy plants. If bulbs are overcrowded they can be lifted when the leaves have turned yellow. Clean and dry them and store in cool and airy place until time for replanting in autumn. Water and weed all plants. Apply fungicides, fertilisers and insecticides.

FRUIT:

Place polythene sheeting or straw round strawberry plants and cover them with netting to protect from slugs and birds. Remove runners or lift rooted ones for planting elsewhere. Thin the clusters on apples, pears and plums if too many fruits have formed, after the natural June drop that occurs this month or early in July.

Support the shoots of the cane fruits. If too many canes have formed thin them out. Prune lightly red and white currants and gooseberries. Follow manufacturers instructions carefully when spraying fruit trees and bushes with insecticides and fungicides.

VEGETABLES:

Earth-up main crop potatoes and start lifting early cultivars. Plant out hardened off leek plants and celery.

Continue sowing green vegetables for late crops.

Transplant young plants from seed-bed and plant in their permanent position. Thin out where necessary.

Locate small sowings of salad crops among other veg for continuous supply. Now is a good time to sow Swedes for winter use. Hardened-off tomatoes may be planted out but cover them with cloches. Support

space to grow.

Under Glass:

Place cinerarias, primulas, azaleas, winter cherry, cyclamen and calceolarias in cold-frame for the summer and return them to the greenhouse in autumn for winter and spring flowers. Make sure the plants are shaded from the hot sun and kept well watered. Water and feed tomato plants regulary and start picking the fruits. Remove sideshoots and continue to secure them to supports. Thin out grape bunches by about one-quarter. Check cucumber plants at desired height. Tie and support young shoots and remove flowers without embryo fruits behind (male). All growths beyond two leaves after fruits to be removed. Remove male flowers from melons and dust the pollen on to the female flowers to fertilize them. Keep all greenhouse plants watered as required. Dampen the floor to increase humidity and shade and ventilate according to weather and temperatures. Continue to feed and water potted plants in the home.

General:

Mow lawns regulary. Lift weeds and creeping stems with a rake so that the mower can cut them. Apply summer dressings of weedkiller and fertilizers. Now is a good time to start making plans for any changes in the garden.

Plants for Children to grow:

Antirrhinums can be great fun for nipping noses or by squeezing the sides can be made to 'talk'. Nasturtium leaves can be used to make dolls' hats. Sunflowers can be sown indoors at the end of May and transferred outside to a sheltered position. The children can have great fun measuring the growth of these flowers and later on eating the nutritious seeds.

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General Tips:

Breadcrumbs:

Instead of relying on shop-bought dry breadcrumbs, you can use crushed cornflakes, unsweetened bran cereal, or matzo meal. Or make crumbs from fresh or lightly toasted white bread; crushed toasted slices with a rolling pin or an empty bottle, or whizz fresh, dry or toasted bread in an electric blender or food processor.

Butter:

Margarine can replace butter in most recipes. Hard margarine is best used for shaped, rolled or dropped biscuits; soft margarine will make biscuits spread out more over the baking sheet.

Chilli Peppers:

To peel fresh chilli and sweet peppers, first roast them under a grill or on a long fork over a gas flame. Turn often until the skin is charred all over, then immediately seal in a plastic or brown paper bag for 15 minutes. The skin will then come off easily when required.

Cutlery:

Dry cutlery as soon as it is washed, even if washed in a dishwasher. Some stainless steel will mark when airdried and knife blades are particulary vulnerale to hard-water minerals, which corrode them.

Glass:

Never pick up broken glass with your bare-hands-or approach it in your bare feet. Carefully sweep it into a dustpan, wrap it in newspaper, and throw it out. To pick up tiny slivers of glass, wipe all around the breakage area with a paper towel or cotton wool smeared with moist soap. Rinse with a water-soaked paper towel and wipe dry.

Onion Cutting:

If you have a microwave, here is an easy way of preparing onions, for cutting, trim off the ends of the onions-don't peel them. Place them on kitchen paper in the bottom of the oven and microwave on high for a minute. You will be able to remove the skin more easily and won't cry when you chop them up. Alternatively, leave the root end and cut off the top end only. Then peel back the skin over the root end and hold onto it as you cut the onion. The milky juice at the root end is thought to be the cause of tears.

Picnics:

If you are planning a picnic but have no coolbox or bag, make your own by lining your picnic basket or box with cold beverages; and then pack the food in the centre. But remember that the cold cans are no substitute for ice; only use this trick if you have a short distance to travel and your food is unlikely to spoil.

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Father Patrick Peyton 1909 - 1992 The Rosary Priest

Father Patrick Peyton died 10 years ago this month. He was born in Attymass in the picturesque verdant valley between the Atlantic Ocean and the Ox Mountains of County Mayo on January 9, 1909. From his earliest memories the family would gather together nightly to say the Rosary. It touched him tremendously, fostering in him a love for the Faith and prayer. For him his home was a cradle, a school a library - a "little church."

At the age of 19 he accompanied his older brother to America, to be a coal miner at Scranton, Pennsylvania. Both Peyton boys went to work in coalmines of Scranton. It wasn't long before his older brother entered the seminary and Patrick became a janitor at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Scranton. A year later, Patrick entered the Congregation of Holy Cross.

In 1939, two years before he was to become a priest he contracted a serious illness while studying at the major seminary of the Holy Cross Fathers in Washington, D.C. He discovered "no man is an island" and he was totally dependent on the medical people for his life. As he deteriorated further, he heard the doctors pronounce that it was hopeless. They could do no more and the only answer was a prayer. He regained his health totally and on June 15, 1941 he, along with his brother, was ordained. Father Patrick was intent on repaying Our Lady for her intercession in his healing. That payback came seven months after his ordination while he was on retreat.

It happened when Mutual Radio Broadcasting System, then the largest, granted him a half-hour to broadcast the Rosary across the country. he asked Cardinal Francis Spellman to be the speaker and set the day for Mother's Day, May 13, 1945. It was also the 28th anniversary of the first apparition at Fatima. He invited an Irish family from Iowa who had lost five sons during the war to lead the Rosary. He convinced Bing Crosby to appear as well. Soon Crosby was campaigning for Father Patrick, recruiting such Hollywood Catholic luminaries as James Cagney, Grace Kelly, Loretta Young and Pat O'Brien. Soon the famous phrase by Father Patrick Peyton became a household term, "the family that prays together, stays together." By 1947 his Radio Hour had gone international with "Father Peyton's Family Theatre." A year later he began his worldwide crusades. He also produced fifteen films, one for every mystery of the

He came to Ireland in the 1950s to huge Rosary rallies. He stayed on the air through the fifties as more families huddled around the radio, praying the family Rosary, flocking to hear him wherever he went around the world. Every Parish promoted the program and Father Patrick became known as "Our Lady's Priest" and the "Rosary Priest." Another famous

phrase he coined, "a world at prayer is a world at peace."

Patrick passed away in San Pedro, California on June 3, 1992 at the age of 83. His cause for beautification has been introduced in Rome. Many have come forward extolling his virtues, from Hollywood stars to the common man; proof that many are truly intent in perpetuating the message he learned from his wise and devoted parents while still a toddler - to truly rise and stand tall for God, we must start on our knees.

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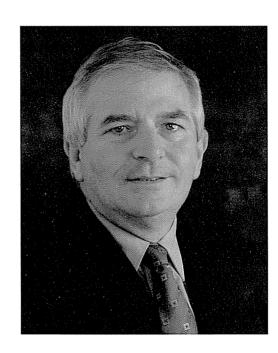
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Dorin's Recipes Gluten - Free

This guide provides clear descriptions and suggestions for use of the wide range of tasty foods that can be enjoyed as part of a gluten-free or wheat-free diet. It includes instructions for preparing and cooking a wide range of gluten-free and wheat-free meals and snacks. The gluten and wheat-free diet using a wide range of ingredients is a very healthy diet. There is no need to cook separate meals for those who require this diet, simply provide it for everyone in the family.

FORBIDDEN: FOOD INGREDIENTS TO AVOID

Wheat: grain containing high levels of gluten.

Bulgar: soaked and dried wheat.

Durum: a type of wheat.

Strong flour, bread flour, brown flour, wholemeal

flour, granary flour: all made from wheat.

Oats: contain some protein similar to wheat gluten but may not cause problems for all coeliacs. Best avoided.

Barley: contains some protein similar to wheat gluten. Rye: contains some protein similar to wheat gluten.

Triticale: contains some protein similar to wheat

Spelt: contains some protein similar to wheat gluten.

Semolina: made from wheat. Couscous: made from wheat.

Pasta, macaroni, spaghetti: made from wheat.

Baking powder: may contain wheat flour. Stock cubes: may contain wheat flour. Mustard powder: may contain wheat flour.

Soy sauce: this is normally soya beans fermented with wheat flour, check the food list for brands that do not contain wheat flour.

Suet in packets: may contain wheat flour to stop the suet sticking together.

Muesli:

Serves 4

Equal quantities of:

sunflower seeds, chopped dates, chopped figs, sultanas, banana chips, chopped mixed nuts, pine

nuts, cooked flake rice, honey.

Mix 2oz of each ingredient and keep the mixture in a sealed container in a cool dry place for up to a week. Serve with milk or pour on a fruit juice.

Add equal quantities of any of the following: cooked flake millet, shredded coconut.

Cottage Pie:

Serves 4

1 medium onion

4 medium potatoes

4 medium carrots

1 small swede

1lb minced beef

14oz tinned tomatoes

2 cloves garlic, crushed

salt to taste

fresh ground black

pepper to taste.

Method:

Cook and mash the boiled potato. Cook and mash the swede and carrot together. Chop the onion and fry in a little oil until translucent. Add the minced beef to the frying pan and cook for 8 minutes over a moderate heat. Stir while cooking. Add the tinned tomatoes and crushed garlic to the minced beef and bring to a simmer. Transfer the minced beef and tomato to a casserole. Laver the mashed swede and carrot above the minced beef. Layer the mashed potato above the carrots. Pattern the potato with the back of a fork. Add a sliced tomato to decorate the top before baking. Bake in a preheated oven, gas mark 6, 400f, 200c for 20 minutes.

Tuna and Rice:

Per person 2oz long grain rice Tuna fish



Method:

Cover the rice with 1/2 pint water for each 2oz portion. White rice should be boiled for 20 minutes until soft but not disintegrating. Brown rice should be boiled for 40 minutes. Then drain the rice. The water in which the rice has been boiled can be used to make sauces or soups. For a fluffy texture, rinse the hot cooked rice well with boiling water. Flake the tuna, mix with the hot cooked rice and serve immediately. Serve with a gluten-free mayonnaise or a white sauce.

Variations:

Many other cooked fish can be flaked and served in this way as a lunch dish. Try adding cooked peas or cooked sweet corn to the dish. Serve with Mushroom and Onion Sauce.

Olive oil

1 medium onion

4oz mushrooms

herbs as available (thyme, sage, rosemary etc)

Chop the onion and drop into the oil, frying gently till beginning to turn transparent. Chop the mushroom and add to the onion. Fry together until the onion is golden brown and the mushroom softened. Now cover with boiling water and simmer for five minutes.

Leek and Potato Soup:

DO NOT use stock cubes unless you are sure they do not contain gluten.

Serve 4

1 pint stock

4oz well-chopped onions 4oz leeks, cut into rings

8oz chopped potatoes

1oz butter or oil

Salt to taste

fresh ground black pepper to taste



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Method:

Cook the onions and leeks slowly in the butter or oil for 10 minutes. Add the rest of the ingredients and the stock. Bring to the boil and simmer gently for 40 minutes. Allow to cool slightly and then liquidise. Bring back to the boil before serving. Serve in warm soup bowls. Garnish with chopped chives.

Chicken Kiev:

Serves 2 2oz butter or margarine Chopped parsley

1 clove garlic, chopped 2 boned and skinned chicken breasts

2oz cornflakes 1 egg, beaten Oil for frying

Method:

Mix the butter, garlic and parsley into a paste. Slice each chicken breast deeply from the side but don't cut right through. Spread the butter paste between the flaps of the chicken breast and then use cocktail sticks to hold the flaps together. Crush the cornflakes to a fine powder inside a plastic bag. Dip the chicken in the beaten egg and then into the crushed cornflakes until they are fully coated. Fry the chicken portions in oil on a medium heat for 25-30 minutes or until they are a golden colour and cooked through.

Grilled Trout:

Per person 1 trout Butter or garlic butter Flaked almonds



Method:

Clean and wash the trout. Score the deepest flesh diagonally and rub butter to the skin. Grill briefly under a fierce heat to crisp the skin but then reduce the heat to medium and grill more slowly until cooked. Cooking time depends on the thickness of the trout. Allow 6 minutes each side for a small trout and up to 10 minutes each side for a larger trout. The trout is cooked when the thickest flesh comes away from the bone. Sprinkle with the flaked almonds for the last 2 minutes under the grill.

French Lemon Sponge Biscuits:

Makes 20 3 eggs 4oz sugar 2oz rice flour 1oz potato flour 1oz ground almonds 1 lemon



Seperate the eggs. Mix the egg yolks with the sugar and beat until it forms a stiff paste. Mix in the ground almonds, the rice flour and potato flour and the grated

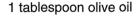
rind of the lemon. Beat the egg whites until stiff and then fold this gently into the mixture. Cover a baking tray with greaseproof or non-stick baking parchment. Spoon the mixture onto the paper. Dust with caster sugar. Bake in a preheated oven, gas mark 3, 325f, 160c, for 8-10 minutes. Turn out onto a wire tray and return to the oven, gas mark 1 for 1 hour.

Coleslaw:

Serves 4 2 apples 8oz hard white cabbage 6oz carrot 2oz celery 2oz onion



1 teaspoon caraway seed



1 tablespoon vinegar

Salt to taste



Method:

Core and dice the apples, slice the cabbage as thinly as possible, slice the celery and onion and grate the carrot. Mix all the ingredients together and mix again before serving. Vary the proportion of ingredients as vou require.

Nut Loaf:

Serves 4 1oz vegetable oil 8oz onion, chopped 2 cloves garlic, crushed 5oz gluten-free breadcrumbs 8oz chopped hazelnuts 2 eaas



1/4 pint water Herbs to taste; sprig rosemary Salt to taste

Method:

Chop and fry the onion and garlic in the oil briefly until soft. Mix the chopped nuts and breadcrumbs in a food processor. Mix the breadcrumbs, nuts and onion together. Beat the eggs, herbs, seasoning and water into the mixture. Place the mixture in a greased and lined 1lb bread tin. Bake in a preheated oven, gas mark 6, 400f, 200c, for 45-60 minutes. Serve hot or cold with a salad.

Cauliflower Cheese:

Serves 4 1 medium cauliflower For the sauce: 1oz cornflour 1/2 pint milk, meat juice or stock (gluten-free) Salt and pepper to taste 4oz grated cheese





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Take one medium cauliflower or solid white broccoli. Remove any old and damaged leaves, but any young leaves should be kept. Turn the cauliflower upside down and split the stem from the base to separate the head into portions. Place in a pan with the head upwards and cover with water. Boil for 15-20 minutes until the stem is tender. Mix the cornflour into a paste with a little cold milk or water. Stir in the remaining milk, meat juice or stock without heating and add the grated cheese. Now slowly heat the sauce to simmer, stirring continuously. Simmer very gently for 5 minutes. Pour the sauce over the cooked cauliflower and brown slightly under the grill before serving.

Variations:

Many other vegetables can be served in white sauce as a lunch dish. Try carrot and peas, leeks and potato, beetroot.

Beefburgers:

Serves 4 2oz potato 1 onion 2oz pea flour 1 eaa Mixed dried herbs Salt to taste 1lb minced beef



Method:

Cook the potato and onion together in water until soft, then drain and mash well. Beat together the egg, flour, herbs and salt. Mix in the minced beef and potato. Sprinkle a little of the pea flour on a tray and spoon out the mixture onto the flour. Flatten the mixture for beefburgers, or roll into sausage shapes. Fry in fat or oil, or grill, turning to cook both sides, until brown. Serve with egg and chips.

Chilli Con Carne:

Serves 4

4oz red kidney beans

1oz onion, coarsely chopped

1 clove garlic, crushed

2 tablespoons olive oil 1lb minced beef

8oz tomatoes

2oz green pepper 1/2 pint water

1 teaspoon chilli powder

1 teaspoon cumin powder

1 teaspoon chopped oregano

2 bay leaves

1 teaspoon chopped parsley

Salt to taste

Soak the kidney beans overnight in 2 pints water. Discard the water, then boil vigorously for at least 30 minutes in fresh water. Discard the water and then

continue to boil in 1 pint fresh water for 1hour until tender, (or use tinned kidney beans.) Fry the onion and garlic in the olive oil until soft. Add the minced beef and fry until brown. Add the remaining ingredients, except the kidney beans, and simmer gently in 1/2 pint water for 20 minutes-1hour. Then drain the cooked kidney beans, add them to the meat and simmer for a further 30 minutes before serving. Serve with rice and a side salad.

Pizza in a Pan:

Serves 3 to 4

For the base:

1 large banana or 4oz grated carrot or apple or 4oz tofu.

1 egg

1/4 pint milk or water

4oz rice flour

4oz cornflour (1oz soya flour-optional)

Salt to taste

1/2 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda

1/4 teaspoon tartaric acid

1 tablespoon olive oil or 2oz grated cheese

For the topping, use any or all of the following:

2oz tomato puree

2oz chopped tomato

4oz grated cheese

1oz chopped olives

2oz anchovy fillets

1 teaspoon dried mixed herbs

2oz olive oil

Method:

Beat the banana/apple/carrot/tofu to a smooth puree with the milk and egg. This is best done in a liquidiser. Mix all the dry ingredients for the base together with a tablespoon oil. Fold the flour mixture into the puree. Do not overmix and do not leave to stand or you will lose the light structure to the pizza dough. Spread the batter to fit a 10 inch frying pan. Place the pan over a low heat. Use one tablespoon olive oil to cook each side of the pizza base for about five to ten minutes until brown. While cooking the second side, spread the top with tomato puree and scatter the chopped tomato, grated cheese, herbs and olives all over. Place the anchovies on top and sprinkle with a tablespoon olive oil. When the underside is cooked place the pizza under a preheated grill for 3 minutes. (transfer to a grill pan if your frying pan has a plastic handle.) Serve when the cheese has melted.

Variations.

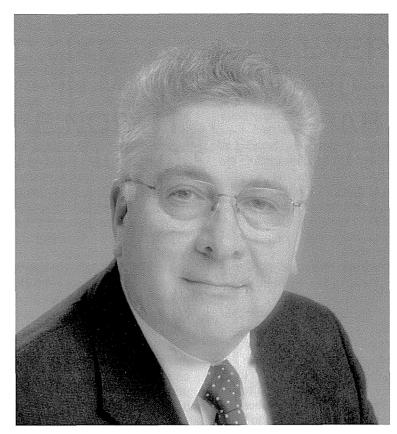
Use sorghum or millet flour in place of the cornflour. Use a base of mashed potatoes.

Use a base of grated raw potato tossed in corn oil.

Taken from the book Gluten-free Cookery

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Early Irish Society (Continued from last month)

We have seen that women were primarily wives and mothers within early Irish society but there are some women who lived professional lives as well. The first of these who was widely recognized was the female physician of the tribe (banliaig túaithe). Her main concerns were probably midwifery and the texts refer to the woman who attends a woman at childbirth. In the stories the doctors are always male and the women who have the power to heal are not called doctors. The women usually heal by bathing, preparing food and potions. But they can also heal lovesickness by the fact of being a woman. The early Latin texts called penitentials warn against women and their tendency to use and abuse magic. They are also branded as abortionists. The penitentials were handbooks for the clergy that outlined the eight deadly sins and the penances that should be given for them. (There were originally eight sins and with the passage of time the sin described as despair was dropped from the list.)

Healing and sickness contained an element of magic as they believed that the otherworld people could make humans sick or cure them of illness. But there was a real distinction between the male physician and the women who dealt with magic, childbirth and potions.

We have seen the complex system of sick maintenance that existed in this society and it has been said that it indicates a society that was willing to support the injured and wait for them to recover. This would mean that their labour was not desperately needed and there was a surplus to support them while they were ill. There were doctors then who could also be nutritionists and bonesetters and blood-letters but not really medicine men. The best cure for illness was to keep warm, eat well and avoid the stress of ordinary life!

One of the most prized positions within this society was that of the poet and there are certain references to the female poetess although they are few and far between. The poet was the most esteemed member of the professional class and one of his principal functions was to perform satire and praise poetry for his king or patron. The profession was considered hereditary like all others, therefore there was little chance of a women becoming a fully-fledged poet. There was no rule or law against it however and although rare they are not unknown. In the Cattle Raid of Cooley the poetess Fedelm warns Medb of the impending disaster. She is referred to as a prophetess (banfháith) and she practices the skill called knowledge that illuminates (imbas forosna) by which she predicts the future of the battle.

Another poetess mentioned in the sagas is Líadan who was engaged to another poet Cuirithir. They had originally agreed to marry because they would produce such wonderful poet children! But Líadan decided to

become a nun and the engagement and pending marriage was doomed. But her status as a primary poetess is recognized by the saga writer.

The death of an historical poetess is found in the Annals, she was Úallach daughter of Muinechán and she is described as the woman poet of Ireland (*banfhili Érenn*).

We know that there were also female satirists (bancháinte). The male satirist was an acknowledged member of society and he had a social standing and status. Illegal satire was severely treated but legal satire was quite acceptable. On the other hand the female satirist is excoriated within this literature. They are described as being illegal and seen as malicious traders in sorcery and witchcraft. The Christian church may have influenced this view; these women may have flouted their rules in matters of childbirth. abortions, spells and incantations. One of the outstanding female satirists in the Heroic Cycle of literature is the woman called Leborcham whose name means the stooped, skinny one. She is an old woman who causes trouble and strife whenever she opens her mouth. In the famous tale Loinges Mac nUislenn (The exile of the children of Uisliu) that describes the relationship of Deirdre and Naoise and their escape from Conchobar king of Ulster Leborcham plays a pivotal role. When Deirdre describes the man she would like to marry, he who would have the three colours black, red and white. Leborcham tells her where to find Naoise. Without this intervention it is unlikely that the momentum of the relationship would continue at all. Therefore Leborcham's verbal utterances lead to the elopement and subsequent deaths of four people, the exile of 3,000 Ulster heroes and the mourning in the province for 16 years! That is the power of the female satirist according to these male, clerical writers.

In law she is free from the responsibility of bringing up children. Her children cannot achieve chieftaincy and she is one of the women who cannot be brought away on sick maintenance. She is considered a disruptive influence and this would affect her children also. She is also termed the one who is sharp with words (*birach bríathar*) and associated with the female werewolf and vagrant woman. A woman who satirizes every lawful person is said to lose her honour price altogether but if her head of kin has done her wrong she may lawfully satirize him.

There are many terms for various working class women and also many, many derogatory terms that describe the different levels of sexual engagements and prostitutes that existed within this society.

The most common term for a servant or a bond-maid is the word *cumal*. This is a word impossible to translate. Originally it was the term for a female slave which was one of the basic units of currency in the early period. The term for a male slave was *mug* and they were very important to the economy of Ireland until at least the 12th century. It is said that Dublin became the centre for the European slave trade and that it was one of the major economic strengths of the

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Early Irish Society contd.)

period. It is a lot cheaper to run a country on unpaid slave labour than pay the servants. As we know of course Patrick arrived here originally as a slave. The church tried to free the slaves at the beginning but with the passage of time they too became involved. They could have originally been prisoners of war, foreigners picked up by the many slave-traders or people who could not pay the extensive fines that were the main prop of the legal system. It is implied in one law text that parents sometimes sold their children into slavery. They have no rights: they cannot act as a witness and can only make a contract if ordered to do so by their masters. There is no legal protection against death or bad treatment from their masters either. A run-away slave is an absconder and cannot be given protection. Mind you, we did see that women who leave their marriage without cause were treated in exactly the same way. If a female slave became pregnant, the man had to arrange for the child's upbringing. This is the case if the father is not a slave himself. Her son cannot become a lord because it is believed that his vices would be like his mother. But the saga material does not agree. Niall of the Nine Hostages, the ancestor of the famous Uí Néill dynasty, was the son of a slave named Cairenn and a king. But he is exceptional. But there is one example of an historical king whose mother is called Cres cumal - Cres the slave, he was Flaithbertach son of Muirchertach of the Cenél nEogain of Ailech who died in 1036.

When a freewoman becomes pregnant by a slave, she alone is responsible for the upbringing of the child. The Church states that if a man makes a slave pregnant he must set her free and do a year's penance.

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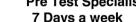
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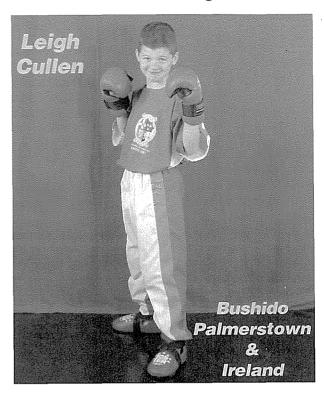
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Irish National Kickboxing Team 2002



Local Maynooth boy Leigh Cullen age 11 from Beaufield has qualified to represent Ireland on the National Kickboxing Team 2002, in the World Kickboxing Amateur Championships in Massa Carrara Italy in August 2002.

Leigh has qualified in four categories:

- Boys Semi Contact 40 kgs
- Boys Semi Contact 45 kgs
- Boys Light Contact 40 kgs
- Boys Light Contact 45 kgs

Leigh trains with his club Stewarts Bushido Palmerstown and will be travelling to Italy in August to represent Ireland. He has being training for 5 years to represent Ireland. He was successful in representing Ireland last year in Austria. Leigh trains five times a week and this alone shows great commitment to his chosen sport.

The Bushido style of Karate Kickboxing teaches children an exciting sport, also self discipline, self respect, self defense, good manners and interactive skills.

As the funding for the trip depends on the children gaining their own sponsorship ∈ 1,000, Leigh will be looking for sponsorship. If you wish to contribute contact Chris Cullen at 086 3298110.



Leigh Cullen with the Irish Team

THE IRISH HEART FOUNDATION SPONSORED WALK.

CLONSILLA to MAYNOOTH via the ROYAL CANAL.

SATURDAY 9th. JUNE '02.

MEETING POINT:- MAYNOOTH RAILWAY STATION at 2.30 pm.

Readers wishing to support the above cause are invited to attend a Sponsored Walk from Clonsilla along the Royal Canal to Maynooth via Leixlip, a distance of 12 Kms. / 7.5 Miles. Perhaps you may have a friend or relation who may like to take part. Pass the word around. Refreshments will be made available along the route for those participating. A charge of ∈ 10 per Adult and ∈5 per student / minor will cover train fare to Clonsilla and the balance goes to the fundraising effort. Completed Sponsored Card holders rail fare. If you would prefer to assist further with the cause, Heart Foundation Fundraising Cards are available from Martin at 087-7996532

Features

MAYNOOTH HILLWALKING CLUB

Our first evening hike of the year took place on Wednesday evening, April 24th. This hike covered a distance of 14 Kms / 9 Miles. The weather was mixed. We had a light shower about half way through the hike. We were finished before 9 pm.

On Sunday 28th April we completed a hike taking us from Crone Wood over Powerscourt Mountain to the start of the river Liffey and then passed under Kippure Mountain and around the Lough Brays. We had mixed weather conditions to say the least. We started off in rain, followed by heavy hail showers and a spell of sunshine. As we passed along the Lough Brays nature dumped a heavy snow shower on us for about two minutes. It did not bother us in the least as we were all properly dressed for the occasion. Finally we stopped in at the Glencree Interpretative center for a relaxing cup of tea.

For the May Bank Holiday Club members spent three days in the Mourne Mountains using Newcastle (Co. Down) as a base. Walks were tailormade to suit requirements. The weather was perfect with sunshine each day and a light wind. Tans all round. Everybody went home happy.

On Sunday 12th May we had an Easy hike along the coast from Newcastle, Co. Wicklow to Bray. We will report on this in next month's issue.

On Wednesday May 22nd we intend to conduct an Easy Evening Hike taking us on a circuit around Howth Peninsula. The meeting point for this hike will be at the car park beside the pier in Howth village at 6 pm. This will cover a distance of 11 Kms / 6 Miles with ascent of 250 M. /820 Ft. We will not delay. It is important to be there on time.

SPONSORED WALK IN AID of IRISH HEART FOUNDATION.

On Sunday June 9th Martin Byrne has planned a sponsored walk (Distance 12 Kms / 7.5 Miles) from Clonsilla to Maynooth in aid of the Irish Heart Foundation. A very worthy cause. Most families in this day and age have some member who may some day benefit from this foundation's resources. This walk will raise money for Martin to support the Irish Heart Foundation cause when he takes on the challenge of trekking through Vietnam later in the year. So why not take a sponsorship form and support the cause or failing that, attend the activity on the day and subscribe towards the cause with your subscription. Anybody attending who will not have a sponsorship card is asked to donate ∈10 per adult and ∈5 per student and minor and this will cover train fare to Clonsilla. Members of the Club will support Martin on his day out and we encourage as many people as possible to attend this outing. We will all meet at Maynooth Railway station from 2.30 pm. but no later than 2.45 pm. and take the Orient Express to Clonsilla. Details and sponsorship forms are available from Martin at 087-7996532.

We will have further details on times etc. in the next edition, so if interested keep an eye out. For those attending on time there will be a reduced Group Rate. Ticket holders and those arriving late can make their own arrangements with larnrod Eireann.

Our evening hike for June will take place on June 12th in the mountains to the east of Blessington. As this hike will be Moderate grade, it is confined to Club members.

Sunday June 16th takes us into the Dublin Mountains, starting at the Noel Lemass Memorial close to the Featherbeds, and finishing up at Johnny Fox's pub in Glencullen. This hike will require the use of a minibus. Seats will have to be booked and paid for in advance no later than Sunday 9th June. The expected cost will be in the region of ∈12 per person and will be non refundable except where the bus will be cancelled due lack of support. This could result in the activity being cancelled. Anyone interested in booking contact 6285367 for details. Bookings by all will have to be made and paid for on time. If there is insufficient response for this hike by June 9th, it will be cancelled. There is no point turning up on the day and expect to attend. Although it is mid summer, those attending will need to have proper equipment for the occasion. The hike is on open mountainside, exposed to the elements, and proper footwear and raingear are essential. In addition don't forget the suncream.

June 22nd brings us to the Ring of Imaal mountain challenge, a grueling 22 mile hike starting in the village of Donard in West Wicklow and following a mountain circuit via Lugnaquillia back to Donard. A number of club members are taking part in the event and they will have the back up of members of the club. Sunday July 7th has members of the club off to the Cooley peninsula to trek from Ravensdale to Carlingford. This is a long hike and is limited to members of the club. As this is a linear hike the use of bus transport by all is essential. Seats must be booked and paid for before June 1st. First come first served basis as seating is limited.

Please note that weather conditions may restrict our activities. Itineraries are subject to change and anyone interested should check beforehand closer to the activity with one of the contact numbers below. Please Note: Most of our Easy Hiking activities cover at least 8 miles with ascent of up to 1,000 ft. In cases where there would be less ascent we may have longer hikes. Anyone attending our outings can expect to be walking for up to 4 hours and at a reasonable brisk speed. Only attempt our outings if you are fit to maintain this speed and distance. If it is felt that a person would not be able to complete an activity, would delay an activity, or is not properly equipped for the occasion, the activity leaders ruling on the matter will be final. Remember in the mountains in a lot of cases there are no quick exit routes back to the car or bus.

(Maynooth Hillwalking contd.)

.Mountain Safety Note:

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

Keep an eye out in future editions for further information. From the next edition the Club will have its own telephone number. For the moment contact numbers:-

6285367, or 086-2703348

E-mail:-

maynooth_hillwalking_club@yahoo.com

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IPPA The Early Childhood Organisation

Play week 2002.

Playweek takes place on week 13th May 2002 where playgroups fouss on something special to celebrate. The children of Stepping Stones Playschool Maynooth held a Teddy Bears picnic, with songs and stories.

The IPPA is a national voluntary organisation with a membership of over 1800 childcare providers, delivering early childhood care and education services to more than 30.000 children and their famlies. Since its foundation in 1969, IPPA has provided support, advice and chilcare training with a focus on improving the quality of pratice for pre-school children. The organisation has been a leading advocate for policy development and resources for sector.

The IPPA The Early Childhood Organistation aims to promote a respectful and holistic approch to young children and their development. A recognition of early childhood as a unique stage to be valued in its own right and basic of all future development. Play-based, child centred quality environments for all young children. Increased awareness and consideration of the needs of young children at all levels of society.

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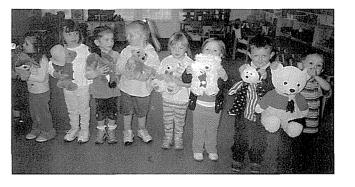
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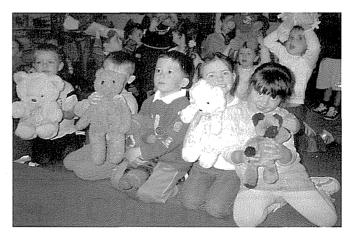
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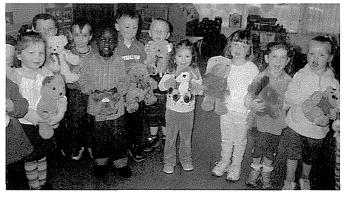












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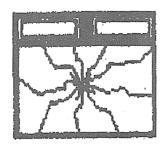
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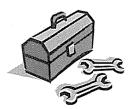
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There are many people suffering from this disease and all money rasied on the day goes to support people in

A raffle was held on the day and the following prizes

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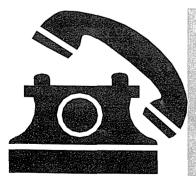
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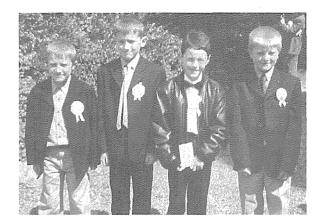
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Maynooth Community Games 2002

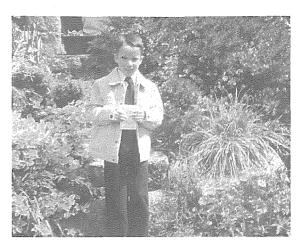
Despite the bad weather on Sunday 28th April plenty of boys and girls turned up at the G.A.A. field to participate in the local athletics. Results as follows.

Event	Place	East	West
Girls U/8 60m	1st	Sarah Greally	Ciara Brennan
	2nd	Louise Doran	Sarah O'Leary
	3rd	Sarah Curran	-
Girls U/8 80m	1st	Sarah Greally	Ciara Brennan
	2nd	Louise Doran	-
	3rd	Sarah Curran	-
Girls U/10 100m	1st	Grainne Hoban	Karen Feehan
	2nd	Katie Curran	Rebecca Hogarty
	3rd	-	Shauna Hayes
Girls U/10 200m	1st	Grainne Hoban	Karen Feehan
	2nd	Katie Curran	Shauna Hayes
	3rd	-	Rebecca Hogarty
Girls U/12 100m	1st	Ailbhe Flynn	Claire MacNamara
	2nd	Nicola Murphy	Elaine Houlihan
	3rd	-	Meabh Durkin
Girls U/12 600m	1st	Nicola Murphy	Claire MacNamara
	2nd	Ailbhe Flynn	Caoimhe Brennan
	3rd	-	Elaine Houlihan
airls U/13 Walking Race	1st	Nicola Murphy	Claire MacNamara
	2nd	Ailbhe Flynn	-
Girls U/14 100m	1st	Alison Murphy	Sarah Hogarty
	2nd	Grace Kennedy	Aisling Farrell
	3rd	Michelle Doran	Sally Ann O'Reilly
Girls U/14 800m	1st	Alison Murphy	Aisling Farrell
	2nd	-	Sally Ann O'Reilly
Girls U/16 100m	1st	Elaine McAulliffe	-
Girls U/16 1500m	1st	Elaine McAulliffe	-
Girls U/14 Long Puck	1st	Roisin Hoban	Sarah Hogarty
	2nd	Michelle Doran	Aisling Farrell
	3rd	Alison Murphy	Sally Ann O'Reilly
Boys U/8 60m	1st 2nd 3rd	Neil Flynn Philip Murphy & Matthew Melie Patrick Murray	Tadhg Ford - -
Boys U/8 80m	1st	Neil Flynn	Tadhg Ford
	2nd	Philip Murphy	-
	3rd	Patrick Murray	-
Boys U/10 100m	1st	Lee Cairns	James Durkin
	2nd	-	Cian Forde
Boys U/.10 200m	1st	Lee Cairns	Cian Forde
	2nd	-	James Durkin
Boys U/12 100m	1st 2nd	Christopher O'Reilly Johnny Curran	David O'Grady
Boys U/12 600m	1st 2nd	Christopher O'Reilly Johnny Curran	David O'Grady

First Communion Day in Maynooth 2002



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Event	Place	East	West
Boys U/14 100m	1st	Daragh McCarthy	-
Boys U/14 800m	1st	Daragh McCarthy	-
Boys U/16 100m	1st 2nd 3rd	Danny Walsh - -	Sean MacNamara Eanna McDermott Morgan McInerney
Boys U/16 1500m	1st 2nd	-	Sean MacNamara Eanna McDermott
Boys U/12 Long Puck	1st	Christopher O'Reilly	David O'Grady

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who competed in the U/6 and Tiny Tots Races

The local competition for the gymnastics were held in the Parish Hall on Monday 22nd April. Results as follows:

Event	Place	East	West
Girls U/8	1st 2nd 3rd	Aisling Gallagher -	Ciara O'Sullivan Niamh Murray
Girls U/10	1st	-	Emma Lynch
Girls U/12	1st 2nd 3rd	- - -	Claire MacNamara Sinead Murray Roisin Murray
Boys U/8	1st 2nd 3rd	Patrick Murray Adam Dignam Shane Keogh	Shomeek Bhattacharya Conor Gunning
Junior Gymnastics		Richard McHugh Thomas Mooney Killian Madden Luke Mills Robert Cooney Daragh Byrne Ronan Gorey	Sarah Collins Natalie McKenna Emma Collins Aoife O'Sullivan

Many thanks to Leonard for all his help "Leonard School of Gymnastics" Parish Hall every Monday. Tel: 087 2462885.

Good Luck to all the competitors going to the County Finals.
Swimming Athy Pool Saturday 1st June
Gymnastics Athy Sunday 2nd June
Athletics Newbridge Friday/Saturday 21st/22nd June

Congratulations to the Set Dancers Maynooth East who came 5th in the All Ireland in Mosney on Saturday 18th May. On the same weekend some girls took part in the special activities weekend.

Maynooth East: Sinead Kearney - Niamh McAuliffe Maynooth West: Eimear Connolly - Louise Walsh

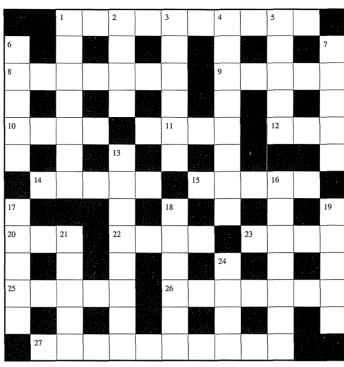
The girls enjoyed the weekend and took part in the Sports Introduction Programme, cycling, futsol, volleyball, skittles.

Camogie

Maynooth West played Kill on Tuesday 14th May and now play Clane in the Semi Final.

Maynooth East to play Ballyna. Semi Final dates to be arranged.

Crossword No: 1



Entries before: 14th June

Name _

Address:

Across:

- 1. Office section (10)
- 8. Quiddity (7)
- 9. Kingdom or Empire (5)
- 10. Bakers use it (4)
- 11. Hate reformed gives warmth (4)
- 12. Celestial body we orbit (3)
- 14. Postal mark of approval (4)
- 15. Deadly snake (5)
- 20. To give guns to a certain body part (4)
- 22. First in queue (4)
- 23. Religious usually have one (4)
- 25. Sticky organic substance, tree have it (5)
- 26. Equivocating or misleading (7)
- 27. Contribute to venture (10)

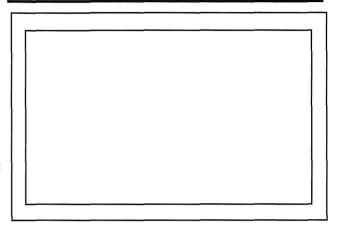
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- 1. Sweet dish following meal (7)
- 2. Enjoy one Friday night (4)
- 3. Stumbled and lurched (6)
- 4. Snickers, could be a long run (8)
- 5. As summer...,I think of holidays (5)
- 6. Stool pigeon (5)
- 7. Within group (5)
- 13. Recognised superiority (8)
- 16. Poof of purchase (5)
- 17. Creature, living in stories and forts (5)
- 18. Very Skilled in field (6)
- 19. Look this up to find (5)
- 21. One who builds with stone (5)
- 24. Enclosure for animal (4)

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

(Maynooth Community Games Contd.)

Basketball U/16 Girls

Maynooth East went to the County Finals in Athy on 20th April and came home with Bronze Medals.

Team:

Elaine McAuliffe Clare Barry Lisa Shiel

Eibhlin Garr

Mary Hawkins Aoife Hoban Karen Corcoran Grace Lucy McAree

Pamela Flanagan.

Girls U/15 Soccer

Maynooth East girls played against Confey on the 19th May. The girls played well but did not get through to the next round.

Team:

Grace Lucy McAree Clare Barry Elaine Dunne Lisa Shiel

Alison Murphy Sarah Murphy Elaine McAuliffe Eibhlin Garr Lynda Hayes

Eimear Flynn Alison McAuliffe

Deidre Murphy

Ailbhe Flynn

Olympic Handball

Under the guidance of Elana Karpenko a team of boys represented Maynooth East. Even though they did not get through the boys enjoyed the experience.

Team:

Ivan Karpenko Garret Dooley
Ciaran Dooley Maurice Cowhey
Eoin Curran Sean Moore
Cathal Foley Darragh Dunning

Michael Fahey

Finally the committee would like to thank all in the community who gave donations and supported the Church Gate Collection. The children need your help. Thank you.

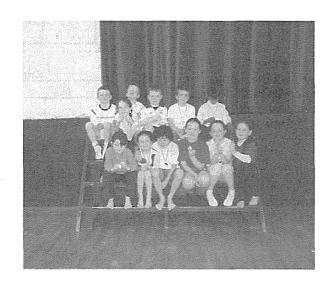
Some time ago Maynooth Community Games had a set of singlets (white with black stripe) anyone know of their whereabouts please contact any committee member.













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Maynooth Town F. C. Notes

E-mail: maynoothtownfc@eircom.net

As the season draws to a close and we start to look forward to supporting the 'Boys In Green' in their World Cup campaign some game still remain outstanding. At the time of writing our under 8 squad under the guidance of John O' Regan have been crowned league champions. Congratulations to John, the parents who assisted through the year and especially to the players. The senior Saturday team suffered the heartbreak of going out to a very late penalty in their Mitten Cup semi-final against Liffey Wanderers. The side gained some compensation by finishing runners-up in their league. A tremendous achievement for a side that was promoted only last season. The under 17's league campaign has suffered severely from weather and the lack of referees. However the side are still in with a chance of a top 3 league spot and are currently awaiting a refixturing of the Ronnie Bradshaw Cup semi-final against Ashbourne Utd. The first fixture was abandoned at half-time due to a flooded pitch with Maynooth well on top. Well done to all 15 teams that competed this season and a special thank you to all the team managers and assistants for their efforts throughout the year. God luck also to Maynooth Town Ladies team whose campaign has just started.

Off the pitch the Rathcoffey Road development has gone to tender and we await the final contract price to decide how much of the project can be realised in Phase 1 with the current available funding. Letters requesting a \in 100 donation have gone to members, parents and supporters and it is hoped that everyone will give serious consideration to supporting the efforts made to date. The business and wider community will have an opportunity to support the venture through direct donations or supporting fundraising events over the coming months.

Fancy A Skydive

Maynooth Town Football Club are currently looking for volunteers to do a sponsored parachute jump. If you feel you could raise ∈750 in sponsorship and are game for a major buzz:

Contact John Doogan on 01-6289720 any club official or e-mail us at maynoothtownfc@eircom.net for further details.

Maynooth Town Football Club Presents

'A NIGHT AT THE RACES'

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Thursday 20th June 2002
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Weekly Lotto Results

Date	Jackpot	Numbers	€	3×35 winners	
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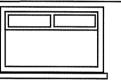


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Maynooth Tidy Towns News

First of all to report this month is the Maynooth Tidy Towns annual collection will take place on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 7th, 8th, 9th June. This collection will take place outside the shopping centres and at our church gate on Saturday night and Sunday morning.

Our 2002 Tidy Towns Campaign is well under way. Thanks to members of the committee for their continuing work in beautifying the green areas outside the church, particularly Bob for his great grass cutting work, also his work in the large Pound Park.

We ask the business people to look after the hanging baskets on Main Street which Intel have kindly sponsored. Moira Baxter and team are looking after the planting up of the baskets. We also thank the various members of the business community for their individual floral presentations.

We thank our committee members and participants on our Community Employment Maynooth Environment Group and their excellent work in the large and small Pound Parks. Kildare County Council are providing an improving litter collection and street cleaning service. We look forward to planning grass cutting priorities with Kildare County Council in the medium to long term.

Please remember our collection and if you want to contribute to Maynooth Tidy Towns by way of monetary or that very valuable commodity <u>time</u>, please contact us at the Maynooth Community Council Office.

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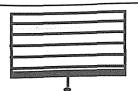


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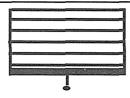
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Murder of the Month – the released rapist

Ronald Sailes arrived in Plymouth in November 1978 but local police were unaware of the dangerous character that they now had in their midst. He soon became a fixture at a local pub and also frequented dance halls for the over-25s and found no shortage of women who were prepared to dance with him. He was 44 when he arrived in the city and was passably good looking. Then he met a 54-year-old divorcee who is referred to as Janet Brown. She was interested in going further than simply dancing but she warned him that if he wanted to continue this relationship that he would have to clean up his act. She was quite a catch for him, considering that he had no job, no prospects and a very black past. Janet ran a property-letting company and also owned a beautiful bungalow in Plymouth's upmarket area. She ordered him to cut his hair, lent him money for clothes and to get a job. He was quite willing to obey and as time passed he was becoming respectable enough for her to be seen with him publicly and tell her daughter about him. The daughter gave birth to a son and stayed with Janet. She noticed how happy Janet was and that he was prepared to carry out all sorts of odd jobs around the place. He was very content at the weekend.

Eventually Sailes admitted his past to Janet and her daughter but they were still happy to have him in their lives. But Sailes wanted more companionship - he had no one to spend time with during the week and was boring the customers at the pub. He would bore anyone who came near him. He had found a job but his co-workers were not keen to socialise with him either. But then one of them took pity on him and invited him for a drink; the co-worker brought with him his 34-year-old partner, a divorcee with three children, and they became friends. Sailes spent a lot of time at their flat in Arundel Crescent and he considered this to be a second substitute home. Again, he was prepared to do anything for his new friends. The divorcee's eldest daughter was also living with them, 16-year-old Anita Quayle. She was finding it hard to get a job and Ronald tried to get her one at the café where he worked. Although he failed they were very grateful to him. When Anita got chicken pox he also brought her to the hospital on various occasions.

But this cosy arrangement was doomed to failure when Sailes told the divorcee on June 10th 1979 that he had seen her partner in the company of another woman. The woman confronted her partner who denied it all and Anita's mother said that she did not want him anywhere near them any more. He tried to ring them on a number of occasions but they refused to talk to him. He went to spend more time with Janet Brown until she was busy and he was at a loose end on Wednesday 13th June and ended up at the flat in Arundel Crescent where Anita was still recovering from chicken pox. Alone, she allowed Ronald in.

He was seen next at midday of the same day wearing

a surgical collar and walking away from the flat. When the labourer returned to the flat after work he could get no answer. Not having his keys he eventually tried to open the door and it gave way when he kicked it. When he saw no sign of Anita, he went upstairs to look for her. Her feet were sticking out under the bedclothes. When he pulled back a blanket he saw the pillow over her face. When he lifted it at first he thought that she was trying to pull a funny face until he realised that her tongue was sticking out and that her throat was cut.

He ran to a phone on the street and rang the police. A patrol car was on the scene immediately but it was too late for an ambulance. Anita had been suffocated but the cause of death was a frenzied knife attack. She was stabbed seven times and three had entered her heart and another in her lungs. The weapon was a three-and-a-half inch knife and she had been killed by someone sitting on her. The ashtrays in the house were full of cigarette butts, many of them the brand that Sailes smoked. The killer had been in the flat for a very long time. The first person suspected was Sailes. The police were horrified when they investigated his past.

Ronald Sailes had been convicted of 2 horrific rapes and had served 16 years in Broadmoor. He had been released under supervision to Plymouth's Friary House after-care hostel. The police were totally unaware of the danger in their midst. The first rape took place when he was in borstal and he raped a borstal officer's wife. After his release from jail in 1961 he got married but it did not last. He lured a woman and her 6-year-old child to the house telling them that his wife was ill. He tied up the little girl and raped the mother. He was sent to Broadmoor for 15 years and had just been released. He had actually confessed the two crimes to Janet Brown but he had not confided in his Arundel Crescent friends.

He disappeared for a short while and the police contacted Janet. She allowed her phone to be tapped and Sailes rang after a number of days. He denied the murder, saying the he had picked up the knife. He was arrested in Strathclyde on June 17th without a struggle. He was still wearing the same clothes and a knife with blood on the blade. He told them that he had called to the flat, he and Anita talked while smoking and drinking coffee. Then he said that the conversation took a sexual turn and that Anita was willing to have sex. But when he found out that she was having a period he stopped. Then he said that got dressed and chatted again. At 11.30 he said that he heard someone coming up the stairs and when Anita looked as if she would scream he hit her across the face. He said that he tried to strangle her and then stabbed her. But a year later when the case came to court. Sailes claimed that he was innocent and that he had an alibi. He said that he had called to the flat, that he began to have sex but then stopped when he saw she had a period. He continued that he had no cigarettes, that he went to buy some but when he returned to the flat that Anita was dead and that he picked up the knife. He

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maintained that he had panicked because he had a police record.

He was not believed however and it took the jury only an hour to find him guilty. This time the judge sentenced him to life imprisonment. He refused to comment on his release from Broadmoor but it emerged that he was one of six inmates released by a senior psychiatrist who had gone on to commit serious crimes. One of them was the serial killer Graham Young who poisoned his victims. It was stated that Sailes was free to come and go as he pleased very much. Anita's mother laid the blame fair and square with the authorities and said that a public inquiry should be initiated. Janet Brown actually stood by him and maintained his innocence. She said that he could not have committed such a vicious crime and that she still loved him. One QC described the release of the six men from Broadmoor as letting a mad dog loose.

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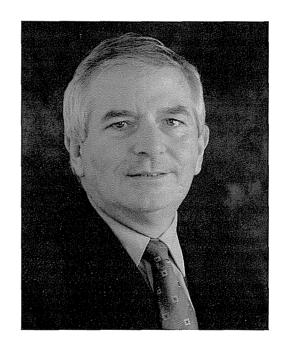


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Answer:

Yes there is, following the setting up of a European network to help consumers settle cross-border disputes out-of-court.

The pilot phase of the European Extra-Judicial Network (EEJ-Net) was launched in October 2001 and it is expected it will be permanently established this year. The network covers all EU countries as well as Norway and Iceland.

The network deals with any cross-border dispute between a consumer and a supplier over goods and services, such as problems over deliveries or defective products. The dispute is dealt with by a single, one-stop national clearing house in each member state. This clearing house provides information on rights and entitlements to dissatisfied customers. It also supports those who wish to pursue their complaints through the out-of-court dispute resolution system in the country where the business from which the products or services were obtained is located

The clearing for Ireland is European Consumer Centre, 13A Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin, Tel: (01) 809 0600. Information on this and other complaint and appeal mechanisms available to consumers, clients of professional people and other members of the general public are available in the latest edition of Comhairle's publication "Where to Complain" which is available along with other information from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Question:

A cousin of mine has been in full-time residential care for a number of years. He lost his Disability Allowance which he used to receive when he was admitted. However, other residents where he is living have retained their allowance. Why is this?

Answer:

Whether a person retained or lost his/her Disability Allowance (DA) depended on when they went into full-time residential care. Your cousin may be able to requalify for DA however.

Up to August 1999, anyone who had an entitlement to DA which is paid by the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs and who had to go into full-time residential care lost their entitlement to AD. Since June 1997, it was paid at half-rate to those in part-time residential care.

However, since August 1999 anyone entering full-time

residential care has retained his/her allowance. In addition, in May 2002 people in part-time residential care who were receiving a half-rate DA became entitled to the full rate.

If your cousin went home for an extended holiday, i.e. for three weeks or more, he could apply for DA. If he did qualify again he would be entitled to retain it when he re-entered residential care.

He would, like other residents, have to contribute part of his DA to the residential unit but would retain a portion of it for pocket money.

Further Information is available from the Citizens Information Centre at 01 6285477.

Question:

I understand that in May 2002 entitlement to a companion Free Travel Pass is being extended to people on Invalidity Pension. I know some Invalidity Pensioners who already have it. How would they already have it if it is only now being extended to them?

Answer:

While previously people on Invalidity Pension could hold a Companion Free Travel Pass they would have qualified for it on other grounds.

Under the Free Travel Scheme which is operated by the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs a Companion Free Travel Pass may be issued to certain people with disabilities who are medically unfit to travel alone. It allows a person, aged 16 or over, to accompany the travel pass holder free of charge when travelling.

Among the groups eligible for the travel pass are:

- recipients of Disability allowance medically accessed as unfit to travel unaccompanied.
- those receiving Blind Person's Pension or satisfying the blindness condition for it and those who are registered as blind.
- those who are certified as wheelchair users and are receiving an eligible social welfare payment.
- those receiving full-time care and attention from someone in receipt of Carers Allowance.

Previously, If you were receiving Invalidity Pension you might qualify for the travel pass if you met other criteria, such as being a wheelchair user as Invalidity Pension was qualifying payment or receiving full-time care from a Carer's Allowance recipient. From 1st May 2002 the conditions have eased. If you are in receipt of Invalidity Pension you are eligible for a Companion Free Travel Pass provided you are medically

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medically accessed as being unfit to travel alone. Application forms are available from your local Social Welfare Local Office.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre at 6285477.

Question:

It was announced in Budget 2002 that the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs Free Schemes were to be incorporated into a Household Benefits Package. Can you please give the details?

Answer:

The new Household Benefit Package was introduced on the 1st May, 2002 and it incorporates the Electricity/Gas Allowance, the Telephone Allowance and the Free Television Licence.

The same groups of people who were eligible for the Electricity/Gas Allowance and the Free Television Licence are still eligible for them under the Household Benefits Package as the same for qualifying apply. However, the eligibly criteria for the Telephone Allowance have been relaxed and are now the same as those for the other benefits. Therefore, if you qualify for an Electricity/Gas Allowance or the Free Television Licence you will also qualify for the Telephone Allowance provided that the telephone is registered in your name.

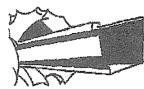
The allowances available under the new arrangement are the same as those available under the old schemes.

A single application form, HB1, is used when applying for any of the benefits in the benefits in the Household Benefits Package. Applicants who are not getting a qualifying payment from the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs or elsewhere and who have to satisfy a means test will have to fill in an additional means assessment form. Application forms are available from your Social Welfare Local Office.

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Maynooth Action strategy – Bike to the Future, a cycling strategy for Maynooth

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Universities

Student cyclists are a characteristic of universities in many historic towns and cities. In the case of Maynooth, however, despite being historic, the number of third-level student cyclists is relatively small.

St. Patrick's College and the National University of Ireland Maynooth have an approximate student population of 550 and 5173 respectively, of whom it is estimated that 50% reside in Maynooth. An increasing number of students drive to university with the result that now there is a shortage of car parking facilities, despite the provision of a significant number of spaces.

In the older part of the campus mainly associated with St. Patrick's College, there are a number of extensive areas available for car parking. In contrast, cycle parking is limited in number, poorly located and old fashioned in design. Parking is limited in number – there are only spaces for 76 cycles beside the main entrance to the university and a further 10 outside Rhetoric House. As proximity to destination is the principal factor influencing the parking of cycles, the location of the cycle stands beside the main entrance, while secure, is too remote from the main buildings. The design is old fashioned in that the frame of the cycle cannot readily be locked to the cycle rack and the frames are open to the weather despite students being on campus for much of the day.

In the newer part of the campus associated with the National University of Ireland, in addition to the main car parks on the eastern and western sides of the campus, almost all buildings have an adjacent car park although cycle parking is often omitted. Cycle stands are provided for approximately 280 bicycles. However, it was also noted that the most common design was the same as for St. Patrick's College and that a number of the racks were not fixed to the ground although there were predrilled holes in the feet. Furthermore, in one location, more than six students had chosen to park their cycles under the building overhang in preference to using a nearby cycle stand. It must be acknowledged, however, that most of the stands were well located - close to the building entrance.

For residents on the National University of Ireland campus, cycle parking was provided at one set of apartments. At the second set of apartments close to the Moyglare Road, cycle parking was also provided but was only accessible either by going over a grassed area or using a walkway where two prominent signs indicated that cycling was prohibited.

Commuter Cycling

As a small town, the number of adults who live and cycle to work in Maynooth is relatively small with not

much scope for expansion. Of greater relevance and potential are the numbers who either are employed Intel, although located in Leixlip, draws its employees from a wide hinterland including Maynooth. The company has provided cycle parking, shower and changing facilities in order to encourage cycling as a means of getting to work and is in the process of developing a mobility plan.

Maynooth Business Park received planning permission in 2000 and is currently under construction. As part of its application to Kildare County Council, an Environmental Impact Assessment was lodged, which considered the impact of transport. As an advanced building project, outfitting details will be specified when individual tenants are secured. In view of its distance from the railway station, it is to be hoped that an enlightened approach to mobility will be adopted especially as ample capacity has been provided to accommodate facilities such as cycle parking within the site.

Leisure Cycling

There are two main groups of leisure (or recreational) cyclists. The first is made up of individual cyclists who meet informally at regular intervals to cycle. Their level of fitness is much higher than the population at large and they are not reliant on infrastructure or facilities about the town but their presence on the roads around Maynooth reinforce the view of cycling as a "normal" activity.

The second group of leisure cyclists view cycling as a family orientated pastime and their ambitions are more modest. Outside of the morning and evening rush "hours", most of the roads radiating out from Maynooth are relatively quiet but the roads linking these radial routes form a ring that is practically traffic free at off-peak times.

Maynooth and its hinterland have much to offer visitors who come for a day trip. In addition to the attractions in the town itself such as St.Patrick's College and Maynooth Castle, there are several more either on or relatively close including Castletown House, Taghadoe Church and Round Tower, Carton House, Connolly Folly, Larch Hill House and Straffan Butterfly Farm. These are all within a few miles of Maynooth and accessible to most cyclists.

While larnród Éireann provides a rail service from Dublin to Maynooth that has recently been upgraded, the transport of cycles is restricted.

In a European context, the European Cycling Federation has proposed a "EuroVelo", a European wide network of cycle routes from north to south – from the Baltic to the Mediterranean – and from east to west - from Moscow to Galway. Some sections, such as the Kingfisher Route in the cross-border counties, have already been constructed. Other parts are at the design or construction stage. It had been proposed to locate a section through Kildare en route to Galway although it has not been possible to ascertain its exact position. Some cycling groups are also in the process

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of developing cross-county routes using lightly trafficked roads.

Royal Canal

One of the attractive features of Maynooth is the Royal Canal, which runs close to the centre of the town. However, unlike elsewhere, no shops, bars or restaurants open onto it - only the harbour area connects the canal to the town and its use by townspeople is largely limited to the area between Bond Bridge and New Mullan Bridge where a hard surface on the canal bank allows use by pedestrians and cyclists throughout the year.

In 1995, the Royal Canal Corridor Study was published. While seen as a model for canals in general, it set out a framework for the development of the Royal Canal from Kilcock to the River Liffey. Although reputed to be a comprehensive document, there was a complete absence of positive proposals in relation to cycling.

In a consultative document "The Future of Irish Waterways" (1999) commissioned by the Heritage Council, a further strategy for the management and development of canals was set out. Although the report highlighted the need to make better use of the canals by catering for walkers and cyclists, the role of cyclists was qualified by need to avoid conflicts between competing users. Since then, as there have been no actions or proposals on cycling, the opening up of canals to cyclists is, at best, a low priority.

Since April 2000, a North-South Implementation Body for inland waterways, Waterways Ireland, has taken over the responsibility for the Royal Canal. It has confirmed its opposition to surfaced cycle paths along canals in rural settings. This is in stark contrast to other European countries, where underutilised or disused canals have been revitalised by the construction of paths for walkers and cyclists.

Political Support

Politicians throughout Western Europe seek to increase the numbers of people cycling in order to decrease reliance on the private car and to increase levels of fitness and general protection of the environment.

However, there are mixed messages coming from successive governments. On the one hand, the Department of Environment and Department of Health are supportive of cycling. On the other hand, the positions of the Department of Education and Department of Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and The Islands (to which Waterways Ireland are answerable) are, at best, neutral on the issue.

Kildare County Council

Enquiries were made to Kildare County Council on the role of the Road Safety Officer. While the Council is concerned with road safety in general, it does not encourage cycling in schools.

With regard to traffic management in Maynooth, although largely ignored, all traffic is prohibited from turning into Pound Lane from the Dunboyne Road and

Moyglare Roads. As cycle traffic does not cause the same congestion as two-way vehicular traffic, the rationale for this prohibition applying to cyclists is difficult is comprehend.

Approximately two thirds of the deaths in the Dublin region involving cyclists also involved HGVs as the driver is unable to see the side of his trailer when carrying out a left hand turning movement. Despite the construction of the Maynooth-Kilcock Motorway, a significant amount of heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) still pass through the centre of the town en route to other destinations.

Leinster Street is designated as the location of a cycle track and route for pedestrians accessing the town. It is also the most important route to the town centre for train passengers. Despite this, the County Council has encouraged developers to construct vehicular entrances onto Leinster Street rather than on Parson Street.

At the junction of several laneways and Main Street, there is a standard triangular "Yield" sign with an additional sign that reads "Pedestrians, Drivers" which gives rise to concerns on a number of grounds. The information is ambiguous – do pedestrians and drivers yield or does the cyclist yield to them? Regardless of which is correct, this sign is found not only at the junction of public roads but also at private entrances. Furthermore, the effect of the proliferation of signs is the deterioration of the general visual streetscape.

With regard to the Parsons Hall cycle tracks, there are no signs indicating the start and finish of the cycle tracks. Also, just before a road junction, the road markings "End" are misleading as the cycle track continues on the other side of the junction.

Accidents

The growth in numbers of children travelling to school by car has largely arisen due to parental concerns about the risk of accidents and personal security. With traffic levels rising sharply over the last decade and accident levels in Ireland above the European norm, the concerns of parents are warranted. However, Safe Routes to School were first introduced not to reduce traffic congestion but to address safety concerns. Therefore, any strategy must address not only the health, but also the safety, of our children.

Accident rates for pedestrians and cyclists are likely to be low but this is a reflection more of the low frequency of cycling and walking than on good driving habits or observance of speed limits. In fact, concerns about speeding on the Moyglare Road are such that Kildare County Council proposes to introduce traffic calming in the short term.

One further point in relation to safety and avoidance of accidents concerns the number of cyclists. At present, as the number of cyclists is relatively low and most are off-road, vehicle drivers do not readily take cyclists into consideration while driving. If the number of cyclists rise significantly, many are likely to cycle on road, which will not make drivers more tolerant, (in fact they are likely to make some drivers more intolerant), but their presence will, at least, be more visible and

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15-20 minutes, even for young children. Obviously, shorter distances will be cycled in proportionally shorter periods. In heavily trafficked streets, a bicycle is often faster and travel time more predictable than in a car, a fact that should not be overlooked in an age when people are under pressure of time.

Why Support Safe Routes To School?

Reduction in Accidents

The first reason for supporting Safe Routes To School is a reduction in accidents. The improvement in Odense has been highlighted above. In the United Kingdom, which introduced Safe Routes To School in the mid-1990s, a cyclist is more likely to be killed there than in the Netherlands, Denmark or Sweden, despite higher levels of car ownership. Also, in the United Kingdom, the cyclist casualty rate per distance travelled is also more than ten times higher than in the Netherlands and British child pedestrian rates are the second worse in Europe. In Ireland, Safe Routes To School is only in its infancy. Health

The second reason concerns the health of our children. The newly published Government Health Strategy confirms that the level of obesity in children is increasing and puts this down to a more sedentary lifestyle with children being less active than previous generations. It also stresses the importance of daily exercise to children, and parents, by encouraging children to walk or cycle, will help to ensure the long term health of our children.

Environment

There are concerns in Europe about rising levels of carbon dioxide. While carbon dioxide emissions across the European community rose by 2 per cent between 1985 and 1997, the contribution by the transport sector grew by 43 per cent. The large increase in car ownership in Ireland and the increased usage of cars is a contributing factor.

The additional traffic generated by school runs is well known to all road users. More children walking or cycling rather than travelling by car will reduce traffic congestion. However, whether this is a short or long-term gain will depend on the growth of traffic.

Sustainability

The principles of sustainability, which have been adopted by Irish government and local authorities, have been endorsed as the basis for future planning and growth. This commitment was set out in a document "Sustainable Development – A Strategy for Ireland" in which transport planning, a reduction in the growth in demand for transport and alternatives to the car are stressed. The European Union is also concerned with sustainable development and has made it one of the three goals of the European Spatial Development Perspective.

Empowerment

Empowering school children to travel without parents or guardians increases their self-reliance and selfconfidence. There is also an inherent feeling that school children are missing out on something that (most) parents remembered as joyful when they were young and part of growing up. Groups of children travelling together also gives them an opportunity to socialise with their friends and discuss the happenings of the day, which is less feasible when travelling in a car with a parent.

Empowering young people to travel by themselves may also have the effect of a significant time saving for a parent. Alternatively, a parent cycling with a child may result in an improved level of fitness for the parent as well as the child.

Educational

A survey of some 107 teachers in the United Kingdom found that 87% thought that walking to school gave children the chance to wake up before they reached the classroom, 93% thought that it made them more aware of road safety issues and 60% thought that it helped them to settle down in the classroom. While the survey was only in relation to walking, similar benefits would result from increased cycling.

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considered part of "normal" traffic.

Irish Cycling

In the past, Irish Cycling (formerly the Federation of Irish Cycling) was primarily concerned with competitive cycling. Within the last few years, however, they have carried out a detailed study of the strength and weaknesses of their organisation and developed a strategy document that sets out their aims and aspirations for the future. They seek to represent cyclists in the wider sense— competitive, leisure, mountain biking as well as interest in cycling related matters such as cycle training, cycle routes etc.

As many of the goals appear to be common to both Irish Cycling and Maynooth Action Strategy, cooperation between the two organisations would be to mutual benefit.

Traffic Management

Traffic management is indirectly relevant to cycling in that the management of motorised traffic will have an impact on other forms of transportation.

When traffic queues build up to a critical level, cars begin to divert and "rat run" through roads and streets that are not designed as a relief. In practice, congestion is worse in Maynooth than that apparent in the centre of the town as cars use the "ring roads" to avoid the centre of Maynooth at peak times.

In the past, protection by the local authority/ Gardaí of "quiet country roads" from rat running traffic was not practical unless roads were permanently closed. Now, technology such as programmable barriers are available which will allow the local authority to more effectively manage traffic and in the future, the Community of Maynooth will have more options in deciding on how traffic is managed.

Planning

Maynooth is located in one of the transport corridors identified for growth in the transport strategy for the Greater Dublin area. It is adjacent to the N4 Maynooth-Kilcock motorway and possesses a recently upgraded rail link.

Kildare County Council is currently in the process of finalising Amendments to the Maynooth Development Plan 2001 as required under Planning Acts. It is proposing to rezone for development a number of parcels of agricultural land mainly to the east and south west of the town

The main projects for which planning applications will be lodged or for which planning permission has already been granted are as follows:

An application for planning permission has recently been lodged with the Council in respect of the site of Kavanagh's Mill. A mixture of commercial and residential units is proposed.

In the vicinity of Leinster Street, a number of key sites are likely to come up for development within the next few years, which will have a bearing on the centre of Maynooth for generations to come. Planning permission has already been granted for lands to the north of the town for residential purposes. All the

above will benefit from a strategy to promote cycling.

"SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL" AND SCHOOLS Introduction

Over the last twenty years, as more children have been driven to school, it has become increasingly dangerous for children to walk or cycle with the result that more and more children are driven to school. This circle MUST be broken.

"Safe Routes To School" is a government-funded programme, the objective of which is to increase the proportion of school going children who walk or cycle to school and to decrease the numbers travelling by car.

Within a Safe Route To Schools project, walking and cycling are both equally valid. However, cycling should be considered more important on account of its potential replacement for the car over longer distances.

Essential Elements of Safe Routes To School
The essential elements of a "Safe Routes To School"
project are as follows:

- Baseline survey of existing modes of transport
- Summary of the schools transport and road safety problems
- Consultation between school authorities and parents and pupils
- Proposed initiatives with objectives and targets
- Programme for implementation

Road safety problems include the identification of gaps in infrastructure and areas along the main routes to school where children have an increased risk of an accident.

History Of Safe Routes to School

Safe Routes To School was initiated some twenty years ago in the city of Odense in Denmark because of concerns about the level of accidents involving school children. Before the project, there were 14.3 accidents per year but after twenty years, there were only 2.7 accidents, a reduction of 82%. This was mainly due to a reduction in vehicle speed, which had the secondary effect of accidents being less severe when they did occur and was achieved at the same time as numbers walking and cycling increased. Today, only 21% of children are driven by car, 14% take the bus and 65% walk / cycle to school. It is their aim to have 100% on foot or bike in the future.

Safe Routes to School has spread to several countries including the United Kingdom, France, Slovakia, Germany, Belgium, Austria, Netherlands, New Zealand and Australia. In the United States, in 1999, the state of California launched a \$20 million Safe Routes To School programme, which was nearly seven times oversubscribed.

In Ireland, pilot Safe Routes to School projects have been funded by the Dublin Transportation Office and organised through the local authorities including Kildare County Council. One such project is currently underway in Newbridge.

Maynooth lends itself to cycling on account of its size, as the travel time between any two points is less than

MAYNOOTH & DRIVE-IN RESTAURANTS

The connection between Maynooth and drive-in restaurants is not apparent at first sight. However, let me explain. According to Jesse Kirby "People with cars are so lazy they don't want to get out of them to eat" – while this is a generality, he should know as he founded a successful chain of drive-in restaurants in America.

In Maynooth, a similar attitude by drivers is commonplace. During Sunday services, on the Kilcock Road, drivers have had to be asked not to park on the grass as the area is maintained by the Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee while on the Moyglare Road cars are parked with all four wheels on the footpath, which is very considerate - of other drivers. While this could be defended in part if no other parking was available, on many occasions, there is either space available or would be if car parking were better organised in the schoolyard adjacent to the parish hall. The same attitude by drivers is apparent on Mill Street where so many vehicles travel up and down the footpath that the Council should install traffic lights to control them. Also, on Main Street, if no parking spaces are readily available, cars are parked in the common area between footpath and laneway so that the route for pedestrians and cyclists along Main Street is blocked. Furthermore, at one public house, vehicles drive up the footpath behind bollards in order to minimise the distance to walk in carrying equipment from vehicle to the premises.

The general behaviour of drivers in Maynooth was particularly obvious last year when, due to the closure of the parish church, services were celebrated in St. Patrick's College. In the initial weeks, most cars were left in the triangular car parking area beside the Aula Maxima. However, two months later, while the car park beside the Aula Maxima lay half empty, the area around the Church entrance was full of cars. It was fortunate indeed that the parish church reopened in February, otherwise, by now, cars would be parked in the church porch!

The behaviour of pedestrians in St. Patrick's College was also interesting to observe. In general, there are no footpaths to separate pedestrians from traffic so pedestrians are entitled to, at least, equal consideration with motorised traffic. However, on hearing an engine, pedestrians tended to move out of the way. You can speculate for yourself whether these pedestrians were drivers returning to their car who wanted to reinforce the primacy of cars over pedestrians or non-drivers who automatically moved aside for fear of being run over!

Alas, we are no different from many other communities in Europe. However, elsewhere communities are refusing to accept such behaviour and support for organisations such as the Living City,

Streets for People and for events such as Car Free Day across Europe is on the increase. So, who are non-drivers? In addition to those who cannot afford a car, there are children, walkers, cyclists, parents with prams or buggies, those who never learnt to drive, those who do not have the temperament to drive, those who are unable to drive any longer, the blind and even drivers - for, after all, even they have to walk to and from their car!

One city where the needs of "all" road users are considered is York in England. In the 1980s, York City Council began implementing a series of radical transport planning measures to reduce car traffic and to assist in making planning and development decisions, they devised the following priority road user hierarchy:

- Pedestrians
- People with disabilities
- Cyclists
- Public transport users
- Commercial and business vehicles
- Car-borne shoppers
- Coaches, car commuters and visitors

Thus, the needs of vulnerable road users were given greater consideration that non-vulnerable groups. Like Maynooth, York is a historic city - it has a cathedral and university and is an important tourist destination. In terms of scale, the two are very different but would Maynooth benefit from similar principles guiding transport policy? Would such policies assist Maynooth in making decisions - for example on moving a bus stop or erecting additional traffic lights?

Unlike the nearby towns of Leixlip or Lucan, Maynooth was fortunate that when the modern town was established in the 18th century, it was laid out with wide footpaths for pedestrians. At the start of the 21st century, it will be unfortunate, to say the least, if the rights of vulnerable road users are ignored. If so, the town and community of Maynooth will be diminished.

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MAYNOOTH ICA Caoga bliain

The Annual General Meeting of the Maynooth guild of the Irish Countrywomen's Association was convened in the ICA Hall Maynooth Harbour on 2nd May 2002. Mary McNamara began her second year as guild president.

Maeve Moloney presented her with a framed photograph as a memento of Daffodil Day. Betty Farrell, Bernie King and Jo O'Connell welcomed to the committee on this auspicious year of our Golden Jubilee. Helen Doyle presented ∈1300 raised by sponsorship to the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Betty Farrell thanks all who supported her Alzheimer's Society Day.

The president presented the Maisie McMyler Cup to Imelda Delaney. Mary O'Gorman and Rosemary Hanley were recipients of other cups. There are still vacancies on Kildare Week courses on 17th-21st June 2002 at the Adult Education College at An Grianan Termonfechin, County Louth, Prospective members of the guild are invited to our next meeting. Mary McNamara and Viva Kerins will participate in courses. courtesy of the guild which offered scholarships. Prize winners were 1. Dorothy Dornan; 2. Rosemary Hanley; 3. Teresa Brennan. A vote of sympathy was passed with Betty Farrell on the death of her sister-in-

As the Maynooth ICA Guild is 50 years old this year any members past or present with photographs or memorabilia are invited to attend our meeting on the 10th June in the ICA Hall, The Harbour, Maynooth, at 8 p.m. onwards or contact Mary McNamara at 01 6290929.

Alzheimer's

Alzheimer's National Tea - Day

I wish to thank most sincerely all those who supported my Tea-Day.

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All greatly appreciated. Amount deposited ∈710.40.

Many thanks to everyone.

Betty Farrell.

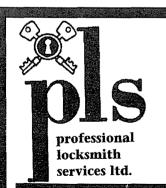
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The Undertaker (by Patrick Murray)

When the undertaker comes around
Wonder of whose dead hits the countryside
Another corpse to the grave bound
In a deep hole long and wide

He wears his black suit and collar neat
The wisest man of all
All the mourners fondly him greet
And hope it's not them next in call

The hearse is driven quietly around To the church with prayers to say As it passes there is not a sound While poor old George is buried today

The Mass is said, the Gospel read For the deceased not long gone The congregation prayers are said Been the Good Lord cherished one

To the graveside people walk behind The hearse driven slow but sure Another corpse the undertake bind With wreaths and flowers around so pure

Ah but one is buried and who is next Is going on in his mind The bold undertaker surely blessed With more money his pocket to find

He will greet all with mannerly ways
As he walks along the neighbours greet
And those near the end of their days
The undertaker you cannot defeat

He is shrewd, cunning and a well-dressed man With a suit as black as coal You better live best you can Or you will be buried in a six-foot hole

More flowers, conversation of grief abide
The undertaker hears it all
Laps all the chatter inside
And who is next in call

You could say he is a messenger
The angels by his side
What are all the prayers for
Is within his mind abide

The undertaker is a good sincere man Money paid for a service done A job he does best he can And it's not all that such fun

> Everyman for his own skill Is true to say for all The undertaker tops the bill With another soul in his call

Haikus (by Bridget Moloney)

Eastern sun rising,
White sphere cuts through rectangle,
Emotions explode.

Stars shine, Helios burns, Girl looks up in awe. A white apparition floats by.

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Seasons (by Linda McCourt)

As magnificent as all the world. every single day, As beautiful as every season, in every tiny way. The summer the envy of all the seasons. The weather that makes us smile. Even the bitter winter has a warmth about it life that's so worthwhile The spring new life and happiness. flowers and nature so sweet. The autumn being swept by a breeze, that lifts the leaves from the trees. Any breeze of any season can sweep my heart away. A love for life that nature brings with every Passing day!

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DRV	Drive files	No,unless you know it's unused		
EXE	Executable files, usually programs	Beware, some are part of Windows, leave alone if unsure		
GIF	Image file	Yes ,if you don't like the picture		
HLP ,,	Help files	Only if you don't want to use the help file again		
HTML	html file for reading in Wed browsers	Read it first		
ICO	Icon file	Yes, if you don't use that icon		
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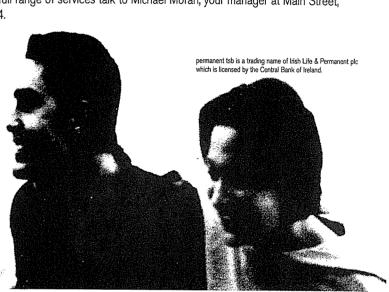
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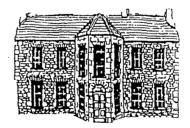
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Maynooth Labour News



Tender Drawings for Bond Bridge:

Tender drawings for Bond Bridge and approaches were presented to the Leixlip Area Committee meeting on 7^{th} May. The Meadowbrook Stream and the Joan Slade river will be culverted from the Greenfield Lane bridge to the Parson Lodge entrance. Cllr. John McGinley has been assured that the cleaning of the Joan Slade will be carried out as part of the contract (cost \in 28,250). The target date for the commencement of the work is next September, however the contract documents have not yet been signed by the County Manager 'as he has to identify a source of funding'. Cllr. McGinley stated that there should be no need for any further delay as funding sources have already been identified.

Tender Drawings for the Meadowbrook Link Road:

As with Bond Bridge, tender documents for the Link Road were presented to the Area meeting. In this contract culverting of the stream will take place between Meadowbrook Court and Meadowbrook Avenue. High walls will be constructed to join existing walls at the back of House No.'s 6 and 7 Meadowbrook Court and 34 and 35 Meadowbrook Avenue, thus creating two new safe green areas. Railings will be provided at the pedestrian openings from the Estate onto the Meadowbrook Road. Walls with railings on top will be provided at the large open areas bordering the Meadowbrook Road. However. the meeting was advised that the contract documents are still with the County Manager for approval, Cllr. John McGinley stated that as this road has been a Council priority for some time any further delay would be totally unacceptable.

Proposal to Ban North/South Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV's) from Maynooth:

Cllr. John McGinley got the following reply from the Council's Senior Engineer to his motion banning North/South HGV's from Main Street, Maynooth when the INTEL Link to the M4 opens. Cllr. McGinley disagrees with these views and would welcome the opinions of the people of Maynooth.

Please ring John at 7026536 or E Mail at jmcginley@eircom.net.

Report for Leixlip Area Committee Meeting 7th May 2002

Motion by Councillor McGinley regarding proposed weight restriction (to through traffic) on R148 Between its junction with Blacklion Road and The Square in Maynooth.

At the last meeting of the Leixlip Area Committee I recommended that such a restriction not be imposed for a number of reasons and gave an undertaking to examine this issue further and report for the Committee meeting of 11th May. We have considered this issue in some detail and for the following reasons, my recommendation not to impose this weight restriction remains:

- The imposition of any weight restriction will result in additional HGV volumes being concentrated through other local routes affecting other local communities. In this case, if imposed, it would be likely that some proportion traffic destined for N7/N8 would choose travel through Celbridge town via the R405 and R403. The completion of the Shakleton Road would encourage such movements and additional truck movements along this route should not be encouraged. Unless a similar ban is placed on many more local roads in the area, other communities may be affected by trucks endeavouring to avoid the 6 Km detour e.g. communities along local roads through Moygaddym Crewhill and Mariaville (Moyglare Road), Donaghmore, Railpark, Barrogstown, Ballygoran and on the Celbridge Road in Maynooth. All of the above routes are less suitable than current route and safety issues would have to be considered.
- There are design issues relating to the necessary signage on the M4. For example, trucks travelling eastbound on M4 would have to be advised by motorway signage that specific movements through the town to the R157/N1/N2 should be diverted through the Celbridge Interchange. In my opinion this signage would be difficult to design, may generate confusion on the motorway; trucks coming off at the Maynooth Interchange in error would have to make u-turns on the Straffan Road to re-enter onto the M4. This issue will have implications for safety both on the M4 in the vicinity of the Maynooth and Celbridge Interchanges, and on the Straffan Road itself.
- 3 Such a weight restriction would be difficult to enforce.

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This is a section of regional road which are strategic routes between towns and provide connections between national routes. The success of our economy is dependent on the road haulage industry and inappropriate restrictions will have an adverse affect on the industry. Such restrictions should only be applied where there are compelling reasons to do so.

In the short-term, it is likely that some of the traffic currently using the route will divert naturally via the Celbridge Interchange (opened October 2002) and reduce flows through Maynooth Town Square.

The reported volumes avoiding the M50 Toll Bridge are unquantified. To an extent this may be attributed to queuing problems at the Toll Bridge. The construction of the second toll bridge is well underway, and this is expected to be completed by October 2003. It is likely this will also reduce some of the movements currently diverting to the Dunboyne Road.

In the medium-term, I recommend the construction of an orbital route from the junction at Blacklion to the Straffan Road, as generally shown (objective T1.5) on the Maynooth Development Plan.

This report has been referred to the NRDO for their comments regarding signage.

Ronnie Lyons (Senior Engineer) 7/5/02

Old Greenfield Environmental Improvement Scheme:

Tenders have now been sought for the Old Greenfield Environmental Improvement Scheme which includes two new houses, a new road at the front of the houses and drainage and new surface on the back lane. This much needed work for the area comes as result of long time pressure from Deputy Emmet Stagg and Clir. John McGinley.

Proposed Closure of Old Straffan Road at the Harbour:

Cllr. John McGinley got the following reply from the Area Engineer:

"It is a handy and less strenuous way of accessing the canal for older people than using the Straffan Road. Also if it is blocked off by gates/barriers it will still be accessible by foot and this will defeat the purpose. If it is blocked off by filling with clay then the turnstile and gateway will be blocked off which at present is used as access to the Harbour Field. Also drainage would have to be installed as at present the path drains freely along here.

An alternative to the above would be to install public lighting to discourage loitering and maintain the area by keeping it clean. This path is cleaned several times a week by this section."

Again Cllr. McGinley would welcome the views of the public.

Improvement Works:

Cllr. John McGinley got the following reply from the Councils Road Design Section to his motion that costings be provided and that a programme be drawn up for the completion of Maynooth Town Improvement Works:

"The following is a break down of the estimated cost to complete the outstanding issues on the Anthony O'Neill town improvement scheme for Maynooth:

Kilcock Road ∈ 285,000

Bridge Area ∈113,000

Carton House ∈71,000

Leixlip Road ∈816.000

We have asked the Finance Department to examine the issue of funding from development levies to complete the work. It should be noted that contract documents and drawings are required prior to tendering for this work. If funding is available this office currently is under staffed and does not have the resources available to complete the work."

Cllr. John McGinley stated that with the major developments at the Mill and at TESCO imminent development levies should be sufficient to fund the work and the question of understaffing should not arise as the work can be contracted out to the private sector.

Main Street Trees:

As a result of Cllr. McGinleys motion the recommended work on Maynooths Main Street trees will be carried out with funding from the Parks Department.

Maynooth Development Plan Agreed:

The Maynooth Development Plan was agreed unanimously at the Council Meeting on 29th April. If residents want any information on it please contact Cllr. John McGinley at 7026536 or E-mail at jmcginley@eircom.net.



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