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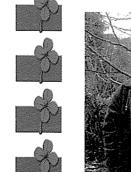


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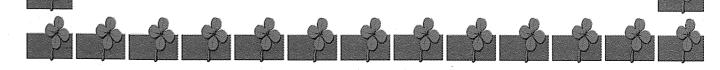


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Editorial

The Newsletter and Community Council office is on the move again. On Saturday 16th February they moved from Convent Road to Unit 5, Newtown Shopping Centre, Beaufield. The new premises may be outside the town centre but with e-mail available it is relatively easy to access the Newsletter. The area is bright, fairly quiet and the facilities are much better for the Supervisor and staff. We wish them all the best of luck with their new working conditions. There will be some new staff members joining them shortly and we would like to welcome them to the office.

It has also been decided to price the Newsletter at $\in 2$ from now on. The increase is the first in a number of years and it is needed to fund the office and the equipment necessary for staff training.

The Community Council will be organising the St Patrick's Day Parade as usual. We hope that the community gets involved this year, as due to foot and mouth disease in 2001 the Parade had to be cancelled. As a result, the town was a very different place last year without the usual hustle and bustle beginning at 8 a.m. The pubs were empty. Let us hope that this year it will be business as usual. Forms will be found inside and we urge you to take part.

But before we celebrate the feast day of our patron saint, March 6th marks another referendum on the issue of abortion. It is nearly 20 since the pro-life clause was inserted into the constitution and there are many young people who have the right to vote on this issue who were not born themselves in 1983. The number of people participating in the democratic process has declined with frightening rapidity over those two decades. It would be a pity if again, a minority of those entitled to vote made such an important decision. We urge those of you who have a vote to go out and exercise this right. It was hard won and there are many countries who would be grateful for such a democratic opportunity.

Finally a word on that patron saint. It is perhaps ironic that Patrick, a foreigner captured as a slave in the mid-fifth century, should become the icon of the Irish. We know very little about him apart from his own brief and somewhat colourless writings. One wonders what the history of Ireland would have been like if that particular raiding party, in search of slaves to support their economy, had raided elsewhere that day. Ironic also that the man chosen to become that icon is just that, a foreigner, rather than the native Colm Cille and the local Saint Brigit. Kildare could have been the religion us capital of Ireland.

Happy St Patrick's Day and if you do not participate. come and watch the parade.

Community Council Notes December Meeting

The February meeting was held on the 11th February in the Glenroval Hotel.

New Office for Community Council

The February meeting was informed that the Community Council were moving to new premises. We are now located in Unit 5, Newtown Shopping Centre in Beaufield.

The move became necessary because we were issued with a demand for an increase in rent. It was decided that we could not afford this and so we had to look for a new office.

Paul Croghan also pointed out that we would have had to make big improvements to bring the old office up to a high standard to meet with Health and Safety requirements. Paul also said that with a new scheme turning over we would now be able to take our full numbers on the Fás scheme.

The new premises has a better layout. The area space is about the same, but is better suited to our needs.

The phone number is the same 01 6285922.

Newsletter

The Newsletter will now cost 2 euro from April 2002. It was felt that this is good value for money, as the Newsletter is now at a very high standard. This is also the first increase in a number of years.

John McGinley pointed out that we need \in 15,000 to keep things going, so we need a steady income. It was also stated by John Doogan that the office is a training base that produces the Newsletter and it benefits all. There was also a call to have a full Editorial Board set up again.

Claire O'Rourke felt that it was important to have an Editorial Board in place. Any person interested in getting involved should get in touch with the office. Also to invite the old board back.

Tidy Towns

Paul Croghan said that there are grants now available. They would be coming up with new ideas regularly, also litter awareness.

Summer Project

Claire O'Rourke told the meeting that there was a very small turnout at their AGM. She said she was very disappointed at this, but that they are going ahead again this year.

They would be hoping for grants from Kildare County Council and the V.E.C.

The Summer Project provides fun and adventure for children for two weeks. So parents please get involved. Contact the office.

Youth Community Forum

Ann Burns said a meeting had taken place between the Youth Community Forum and Maynooth Action Strategy.

She said it is important to find out what facilities are needed by youth groups. She said M.A.S. had sent out a questionnaire to groups looking for information. It was suggested that as these two groups are working on the same problem, they should work together.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

John McGinley, Chairperson of the St. Patrick's Day Parade stated that everything is now in place. Letters have gone out to all groups and clubs in the town. He hoped the parade would be a great success and make a profit. This is an important fund raiser for Maynooth Community Council. He also appealed for Marching Bands and people who would like to get involved.

Maynooth Special Olympics (Brazil)

Ronan Barry said that about 100 people had signed up to volunteer. A Finance Committee has now been formed. We have had our first fund raising event, bag packing in SuperValu, it was a great success. Lots of groups have given us support he said. There will be a Drag match in the G.A.A. on St. Patrick's Day. This even will be organised by the ladies team in the club. Please come along and support.

Traffic Problems in Maynooth

Claire O'Rourke on behalf of the Parents Association Boys National School, said traffic is causing huge problems on the Moyglare Road. Cars are being left parked on the foot path so that people walking have to go around them to get by.

Cllr. Senan Griffin said that a cycle lane was needed on the left side at Kavanagh's to the school. He also felt that the small wall opposite the church should go to make more room for the cycle lane. However, the wall could have a heritage title on it. This will have to be looked at.

Cllr. John McGinley said cars are running the lights on the Main Street and it has become very dangerous.

It was generally felt that more garda presence was needed in the town. It was decided to write to the Gardai about these matters.

Doroghy Doran on behalf of M.A.S. has produced a new draft document, Cycling strategy for Maynooth. It is a large and complex document and considers safety in the town, among many other issues. She looked for the support of the Community Council. This document can be seen in the Community Council office.

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Traffic Calming Moyglare Road

Paul Croghan welcomed the traffic calming measures on Movglare Road. However, he said they are not going up far enough on the road. Senan Griffin said they should be well able to cover the road and it will be the gateway system of road calming that will be put in place.

It was also felt that the two poles outside the Parish Priest's house should be moved. It is very dangerous to have these on the path.

Traffic on Main Street

The question of a round about at the Roost was raised.

Senan Griffin strongly felt that a round about would work well there. He also said that when the Meadowbrook link starts it will take a lot of traffic out of the town

He also said there could be difficulties with having the lights work in conjunction with the lights on Main Street.

Cllr. John McGinley said thee are too many pedestrians at that spot, also too many large trucks as well.

John also said that if we start to look at the possibility of a round about the price of the lights will go up.

Ann Burns stated she would love to see a round about in place and a zebra crossing as well.

Senan Griffin said the lights in Celbridge don't work well and a round about would have worked better there. There are also a set of lights switched off permanently in Celbridge. He also said that Nenagh Town had proved that a round about worked where lights had failed. The Debate goes on.

Bond Bridge

It will be eight months before work starts. The surface is in a dreadful state. John McGinley said this work is being done.

Marie Gleeson PRO

Next Meeting of the Community Council is the 11th March at 8.30 p.m. in the Glenroval Hotel.

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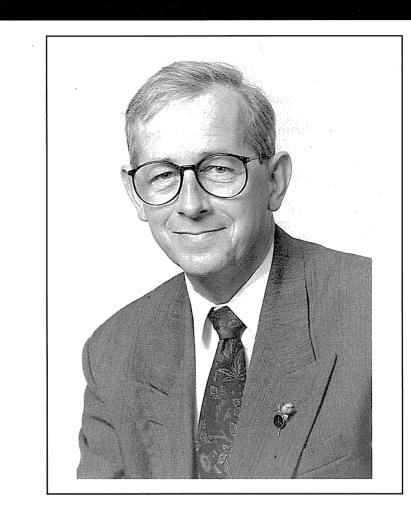
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- Remember to pack any regular medicines you require: even familiar branded products can be difficult to obtain in some countries
- Take a mini first aid kit, including: plaster, disinfectant, tummy pills and so on. If you are going to any under-developed country, it is advisable to consult your doctor as to what pills (and any special precautions) you should take.
- One of the most common ailments among travellers abroad is an overdose of sun. In some countries, it really burns, so take it easy, wear a hat and apply plenty of protective lotion.
- Travelling is tiring and a sudden change of climate more debilitating than most of us admit: allow plenty of time during the first couple of days to acclimatise before embarking on an activity programme that would exhaust a 17-year-old.
- Have any innoculations or vaccinations well in advance of your departure date.
- The other big travellers' woe is 'Delhi belly'. which, unhappily, can apply in most hot countries, including Italy and Spain. Beware the water, ice, salads, seafood, ice-cream and any fruit which you do not peel yourself. Check with your doctor.
- Always wash your hands before eating or handling food, particularly if you are camping or caravanning.
- When flying, wear loose clothes and, above all, comfortable shoes as feet and ankles tend to swell in the air. On long journeys, it helps to drink plenty of fruit juice and remember the warning that 'a drink in the air is worth two on the ground.' If you have a special diet, inform whoever makes your booking: most airlines, especially on long distance journeys, serve vegetarian food.
- Finally, the old favourite don't drink and drive.

Keep fit and have a wonderful holiday!

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In life, truly few pleasures equal the joy of finding a heart that understands

THE DEAR LITTLE SHAMROCK

There's dear little plant that grows in our isle-"Twas Saint Patrick himself, sure that set it, And the sun on his labour with pleasure did smile, And with dew from his eye often wet it, It thrives thro' the bog, thro' the brake, and the mireland. He call'd it the dear little Shamrock Ireland.

Chorus

The sweet little shamrock, dear little shamrock, The dear little, sweet little shamrock of Ireland.

The dear little plant still grows in our land. Fresh and fair as the daughters of Erin. Whose smiles can bewitch and whose eyes can command. In each climate they ever appear in, For they shine thro' the bog, thro' the brake, and the mireland. Just like their own dear little Shamrock of Ireland.

Chorus

The dear little plant that springs from our soil, When its three little leaves are extended, Denotes from the stalk we together should toil, And ourselves by ourselves be befriended. And still through the bog, through the brake, and the mireland. From one root should branch, like the shamrock of Ireland.

Chorus

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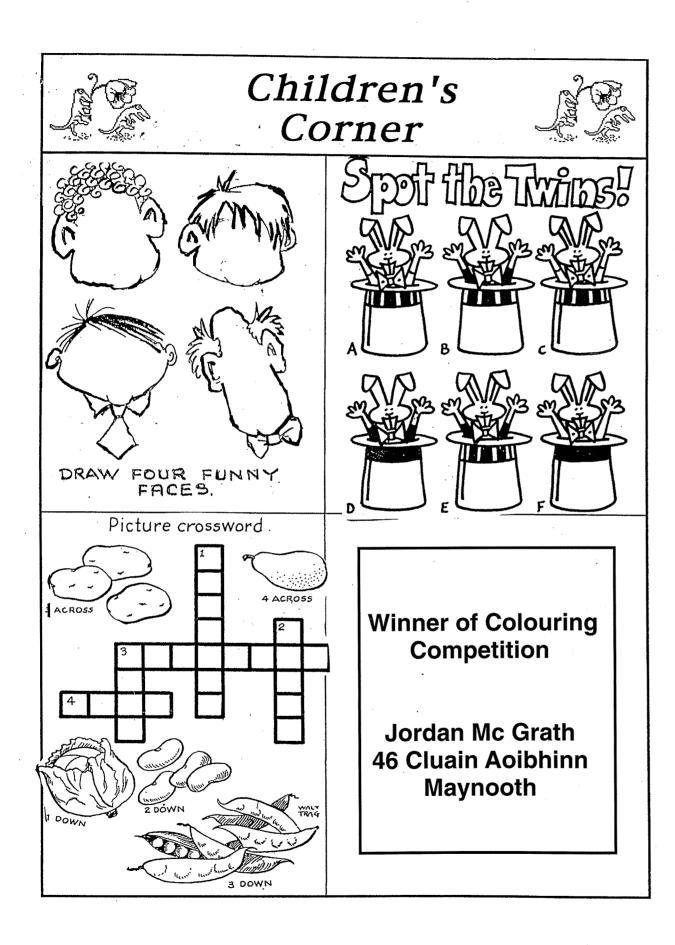


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Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
02/17	Gaelscoil Ui Fhiach	Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	08/01/02	For the construction of two additional temporary classrooms and associated alterations to the existing building, to the existing temporary school Building	Celbridge Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/19	Jerry McMyler	Taghadoe Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	10/01/02	To construct a new entrance to farm yard to provide access to bulk milk tanker truck	Taghadoe Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/34	Donal Kavanagh & Michelle Morley	15 Meadowbro ok Court Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	16/01/02	For a new two storey, four bedroom detached house beside existing house	15 Meadowbrook Court Maynooth Co. Kildare.
02/51	Tony & Mary Bean	'Nuada' Dunboyne Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	0	22/01/02	For a dormer style house and garage	'Nuada' Dunboyne Road Maynooth Co. Kildare.
02/85	Dylan Fitzgerald	26 Parklands Rise Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	26/01/02	To erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house and to widen entrance	26 Parklands Rise Maynooth Co. Kildare.



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Features

Tree Survey, Main Street, Maynooth (Courtesy of Cllr. John McGinley)

Inclusive

From Carton Avenue to the Entrance of St. Patrick's College and to the Bridge on Mill Street.

A and B are on Carton Avenue and are surveyed for comparison only.

Tree No.	Tree	Location	Girth	Health	Comments
A	Tilia platyphyllos	4th tree from gate (R)	305cm		
В	Tilia platyphyllos	3rd tree from gate	274cm		
T1	Tilia platyphyllos		167cm	Healthy	Remove steel bar attached to the bole 4m above ground level. Remove the lowermost branches facing lamppost.
T2	Tilia platyphyllos	CPL	22cm	[.] Healthy	Newly planted
Т3	Tilia platyphyllos		22cm	Healthy	Prune lowermost branches up to 2m to give a clean bole at street level. Corrective pruning to train the main leader into an up right growth habit.
T4	Tilia platyphyllos	Dry Cleaners	152cm	Severe bark wounds on the bole at 2m, 3m, 4m and 5m on the street side.	These wounds are healing. Remove the heavy branch facing the shop front
Τ5	Tilia platyphyllos	Pharmacy	170cm	Severe soil compaction on the kerb side caused by parking. Mechanical damage to bark at 2.5m at the street side.	Bollards are needed to protect the tree from damage by car wheels. Soil compaction is due to vehicles parking.
Τ6	Tilia platyphyllos	Maxwell's/ Mooney	28cm	Soil compaction due to vehicles parking	Remove the large heavy branch facing Carton Avenue. Remove al lowermost branches up to 2m in height.
Τ7	Tilia platyphyllos	Supermac's	174cm	Paved up against the bole. No exposed soil left.	Healthy bole. No mechanical damage. A lot of electricial cabling left, which if not removed will girdle and damage branches.
T8	Tilia platyphyllos	Ulster Bank	56cm	Newly planted.	With steel grating, the ideal soil protection solution. Remove 2 congested branches at 2.5m above ground level.



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Features (Tree Survey contd.)

Tree No.	Tree	Location	Girth	Health	Comments
Т9	Tilia platyphyllos	Hula Bou	170cm	Healthy bole. Soil compaction due to car partking.	Bollards required. Remove a congested branch facing the street at 4m above ground level.
T10	Tilia platyphyllos	Romayos Take Away	197cm	Soil compaction due to car parking. Mechanical damage on the street side 2.5m & 3m above ground level.	Remove dead branchlets 60cm long on the crown. Lighten crown by 20%. Bollards required.
T11	Tilia platyphyllos	Maguire's Solicitors	186cm	This tree is very close to the kerb. Kerbside car parking on the soil.	Lighten dense crown by 30%. Bollard required.
T12	Tilia platyphyllos	AIB	214cm	Cars driving across soil to get into car parking spaces. Healthy bole but some mechanical damage at 2.5m above ground level. Bark looks unhealthy.	Lighten crown by 20%. Bollards required.
T13	Tilia platyphyllos	Barrys	177cm	Soil compaction due to illegal car parking. A very large cavity (40cm deep and 46cm in diameter)	REMOVE THE TREE IMMEDIATELY
T14	Tilia platyphyllos	Estate Agent	171cm	Tarmacadamed up to the bole. Two heavy branches in contact at 5m above ground level.	Possible heat damage to the bark when the tar was laid. Remove the large branch facing the estate agents office.
T15	Tilia platyphyllos	Upstairs Downstairs	179cm	Tarmacadam up to the bole.	Possible heat damage to the bark when the tar was laid. Remove the large branch facing the estate agent agents office.
T16	Tilia platyphyllos	Coffee Shop	35cm	Planted 15cm from the kerb.	Replant 150cm from the kerb. Realign and replant other new trees on this side. Remove the large branch facing the, Rye Water, at the bole.
T17	Tilia platyphyllos	Wine Cellar	30cm	Tarmacadamed up to the bole. Plaanted only 50cm from the kerb. The tree tie was removed too late and this caused considerable girdling damage	Remove three lowermost branches. Remove stake. Replant.
T18	Tilia platyphyllos	Royal City	30cm	Paved up to the bole. Congested branches within the tree guard.	Remove treeguard and stake. Remove large branches uo to 2m to form a clear bole.



Features (Tree Survey contd.)

Tree	Tree	Location	Girth	Health	Comments
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T19	, Tilia platyphyllos	Kevin Mac's	220cm	Surrounded with castlestone paving. Paved right up to bole. Healthy bole. A lot of water shoots on the crown.	Prune to lighten crown by 20%. Remove competing erect shoots and those in contact.
T20	Fagus Sylvatica 'Purpurea'	Entrance Gate	360cm	Marked 0134. The colour of the bole suggests the tree is in decline. The crown was lightened recently when three large branches were removed at 3m & 4m above ground level. Root damage caused by soil compaction 14m in line with the street, 10m in line with the main entrance	The lifespan is limited. Recommend a replacement be planted 10m north from it. Bollards or high kerb required to stop car parking or driving over the low roots.
T21	Fagus sylvatica 'Purpurea'	Main Gate	356cm	Markfed 0135. The bole colour is healthy. There is no visible evidence of disease or cavity. There is severe soil compaction due to cars cutting the corner and driving across roots. 6m in line with the gate, 7m in line with the main street.	Bollards needed or raise the kerb.
T21 A	Acer pseudoplantanus	Green	240cm	Marked as 0136. There is evidence of mechanical damage. Bark removed at ground level. At 6m above ground level, 3 branches were cut some years ago.	Remove the stubs
T22	Tilia platyphyllos	Green	75cm	Severe mechanical damage done to the bole from ground level to 120mm. The wound is is 30cm wide. Kerb side damage. Planted only 120cm from the kerb. Poor fork at 3m.	Planted too close to the kerb, healing. May not survive. Replant if not. Remove branchlets up to 2m to create a clean bole. Remove branch nearest the castle and lightly prune the lateral branches on the remaining shoot to form an upright leader.
T23	Tilia platyphyllos	Green	250cm	Marked as 0137. A healthy tree with a good crown. 100cm from the kerb. Road flooded. Soil compaction runs to 14m along the kerb and up to the bole of the tree. The kerb is level with the road so there is no proftection from vehicles.	Alleviate flooding and erect bollards to prevent vehicles driving over the roots. Otherwise this tree will deteriorate and die.

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Features (Tree Survey contd.)

Tree No.	Tree	Location	Girth	Health	Comments
T24	Rili PLryphylloa	Garda Station	210cm	Healthy bole and crown. The bole is protected at both sides by bollards. Hence, there is no soil compaction.	
T25	Tilia platyphyllos	The Roost	197cm	Soil compacted and depressed by vehicles driving over the soil. Congested crown. A large number of branchlets arising from previous cut ends on 3-4 main branches at 6m above pavement level.	Raise soil level by 150mm. Erect 2 bollards at each corner. Remove and thin out 50% of these erect branchlets. Remove branches that are in contact.
T26	Tilia platyphyllos	Dawsons	190cm	Soil compaction probably by pedestrians. Congestion of branches on the crown. Severe mechanical damage at 1m above ground level on the street side.	Thin these out by 30%. Remove a large branch facing the College Gate at 1.4m above ground level. This tree should be looked at again in 3- 4 years.
T27	Tilia platyphyllos	Leinster Arms	204cm	Planted close to the kerb. Street side mechanical damage at 100mm above ground level to a depth of 10mm. Bark is otherwise healthy.	Lighten crown by 10%, removing the competing upright parallel branches. Remove a short stubby branch approx. 5m above ground level, directly facing the College Gate.
T28	Tilia platyphyllos	Bank of Ireland	159cm	The soil around the bole is compacted and water logged. Very light crown, some dieback on previously cut shoots. The mechanical damage 1m above ground level is healing well.	This tree lacks vigour and looks unthrifty. It has a light head and so is relatively safe. Needs monitoring, a summer inspection will tell a lot more. This tree should be looked at again in 3- 4 years.
T29	Tilia platyphyllos	Square	180cm	Limestone slabs cut to fit right up to bole. The bark is healthy and there is mechanical damage on the bole facing Carton Avenue.	What were the slabs laid on? Remove the stubby branch 5m above ground level facing the square. Raise soil level by 150mm.
T30	Tilia platyphyllos	Brady's Pub	165cm	Waterlogging of the soil on the road side. A low kerb allows cars to drive across into the parking space. A lot of wires intertwined in the branches. Congested crown with multiple branches from the last pruning.	Bollards required. Remove wires intertwined in branches. Beware of likely damage caused by girdling. Thin out the multiple branches from the last pruning by removing 50%.

Features (Tree Survey contd.)

Tree No.	Tree	Location	Girth	Health	Comments
T31	Tilia platyphyllos	Elite	150cm	Vehicles driving over one corner. M4 sign protects the other corner. No visual evidence of disease. Light crown lacking in vigour.	This tree lacks vigour and looks unthrifty. It has a light head and so is relatively safe. Needs monitoring, a summer inspection will tell a lot more. this tree should be looked at again in 3-4 years.
T32	Tilia platyphyllos	Smiths Butchers	120cm	Protected by bollards but there is evidence of bark damage on the corner nearest the parking space. Vehicles driving across it. A lot of damage on the bole on the street side from 2 up to 4m. Bark looks unthrifty and the growth is not vigorous. The crown is light.	Remove 50% of these light branches. This tree should be looked at again in 3-4 yers.
T33	Tilia platyphyllos	Butchers	172cm	Soild compaction on the parking corner. A bollard protects the other corner. Full vigorous crown.	A bollard is required. Prune off low handging branches and a large stub.
T34	Tilia platyphyllos	Library	140cm	The topsoil has become depressed. Good, even crown. Severe mechanical bole damage on the street side from 2m to 3.5m.	Top up topsoil by 15cm, 5cm above the kerb level. A small amount of regulatory pruning is required to remove downward hanging branches. Dress and clean these wounds.
T35	Tilia platyphyllos	Credit Union	146cm	Paving is within 20cm of the bole of the tree. So there is no visible evidence of soil compaction. Even balanced crown.	Lighten crown by removing 20% especially closely set branch.
T36	Tilia platyphyllos	Hand's Corner	170cm	The bark is damaged (15cm x 15cm) at 1.5m above ground level on the street side. Vigorous tree with a healthy crown.	Regulatory pruning to thin out the branches by 30%.

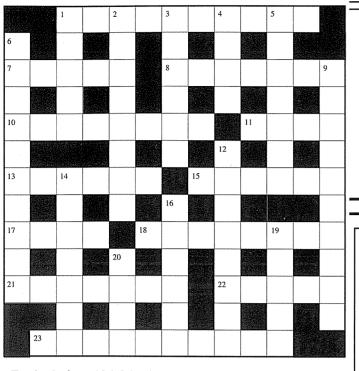








Crossword No: 163



Entries before: 12th March

Name

Phone:

Across:

- 1. Control (10)
- 7. Err (5)
- 8. Reserve (7)
- 10. Be like (8)
- 11. Destiny (4)
- 13. Mad (6)
- 15. Parson (6)
- 17. Weary (4)
- 18. Legal (8)
- 21. Transform (7)
- 22. Items (5)
- 23. Amelioration (10)

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Down:

- 1. Cables (5)
- 2. Resplendent (8)
- 3. Finally (6)
- 4. Playthings (4)
- 5. Outdoors (4-3)
- 6. Unselfish (10)
- 9. Dumbfounded (10)
- 12. Height (8)
- 14. Unfamiliar (7)
- 16. Assemble (6)
- 19. Fool (5)
- 20. Exploit (4)
- Solution to Crossword No. 162

Across: 7 Naive; 8 Elegant; 9 Treadle; 10 Alike; 12 Settlement; 15 Exasperate; 18 Tango; 19 Visitor; 21 Discern; 22 Amiss.

Down: 1 Instrument; 2 Miser; 3 Mend; 4 Defeat; 5 Decadent; 6 Mariner; 11 Enterprise; 13 Employed; 14 Earnest; 16 Ravine; 17 Strip; 20 Stay.

Dorin's Recipes

Carrot and Ginger Soup

- Serves 4-6 2 tablespoons sunflower or Soya oil
- 1 onion, finely sliced
- 1 1/2 lb carrots, finely sliced
- 2 tablespoons finely slivered fresh ginger
- 1 1/2 pints water
- 2 tablespoons ginger wine or 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 tablespoon butter

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

To garnish

A slice of fresh ginger, cut into matchsticks

Method

Heat the oil gently in a heavy saucepan, add the onion and cook over a low heat for about 10 minutes, stirring regularly, until it softens - don't let it brown.

Stir in the carrots and ginger, cover and cook gently for another 10 minutes, stirring occasionally to avoid sticking. Add the water and the ginger wine or honey, bring to the boil, then cover, turn down the heat and leave to simmer for 30 minutes or so, until the carrots are perfectly soft. Let the soup cool for a minute or two, then add the butter and tip everything into a food processor or use a hand-held liquidizer to blend to a puree. To serve, reheat gently and season to taste. Don't be tempted to add cream. Serve in hot bowls, scattered with a few matchsticks of ginger.

Chicken Rissoles in Mushroom Sauce Serves 6

Cooking time: 26 minutes 1 kg chicken mince 60g fresh breadcrumbs 1 tablespoon dried tarragon 1 small onion, finely chopped 1/4 cup mayonnaise

Creamy Mushroom Sauce

40g butter 3 spring onions, finely chopped 300g button mushrooms, sliced 1/4 cup white wine 3/4 cup cream



Method:

Place chicken mince, breadcrumbs, tarragon, onion and mayonnaise into a large mixing bowl and combine thoroughly. Divide mixture into six equal portions and shape into 1 1/2 cm-thick patties. Heat a large

frying pan and brush lightly with oil. Cook rissoles over medium-high heat for 8 minutes each side, turning once only. Cook in batches if necessary; do not overcrowd pan. Remove from the pan and keep warm while preparing sauce.

To make sauce:

Melt butter in the frying pan. Add spring onions and mushrooms and stir-fry over medium heat for 5

minutes or until soft. Add wine and cream: reduce heat and simmer uncovered 10-12 minutes until sauce has reduced and thickened. Serve immediately.

Note:

Take advantage of juices and flavours remaining from cooking rissoles by re-using the frying pan to make sauce.

Rich Beef Casserole

Serves 4 2 1/2 lb boneless beef such as brisket, trimmed and cut into 2 inch cubes 5 oz button mushrooms, guartered if large 2 onions, thickly sliced 2 carrots, thickly sliced 2 sticks of celery, thickly sliced 1 large leek, white and pale green parts only, sliced 3 garlic cloves, peeled 1 bottle red wine Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper Flour for coating 3 1/2 fl oz vegetable oil 1 oz butter 3 1/2 oz tomato puree 16 fl oz chicken stock 3 sprias of thyme 1 bay leaf

Method:

Place the beef in a large bowl with the vegetables and garlic and add the wine. Cover and leave to marinate in the refrigerator for 2 days. Drain the meat and vegetables in a colander set over a bowl. Reserve the marinating liquid. Separate the beef, vegetables and mushrooms. Preheat the oven to 150c/300f/Gas mark 2. Pat the beef dry with paper towels. Season, then coat lightly with flour. Heat a flameproof casserole over high heat and add enough oil to make a film on the bottom. Fry the cubes of beef, a few at a time, until well browned. When all the beef has been browned and removed from the casserole, pour off the fat. Add a little more oil to the casserole with half the butter and reduce the heat to moderate. Cook the marinated vegetables and garlic until soft and lightly browned stirring often. Stir in the tomato puree. Add a ladleful of the marinating liquid and bring to the boil. Boil until reduced to a glaze. Add another ladleful of the liquid and to reduce again. Continue adding the liquid little by little. When all the liquid has been added and reduced, stir in the stock and bring to the boil. Return the beef to the casserole and add the herbs. Cover and transfer to the oven. Cook for 2 1/2-3 hours or until the beef is very tender, stirring frequently. To serve, saute the reserved mushrooms in butter.

Reheat the casserole if necessary and serve with the mushrooms.



Dorin's Recipes cont.

B.L.T. with Cheese Serves 2

Cooking time: 10 minutes 4 thin rashers of bacon 8 thick slices white bread 50g butter 4 slices cheddar cheese 4 cos lettuce leaves, shredded

1 large ripe tomato, thinly sliced 2 tablespoons tomato sauce Freshly ground black pepper Potato crisps, to garnish

Method:

Cook bacon under a preheated grill for 2-3 minutes each side, according to taste. Toast the bread on both sides until lightly browned. Spread with butter, if desired. Place cheese on 4 slices of toast. Cook under grill until cheese melts. Top remaining toast slices with lettuce, tomato and grilled bacon. Drizzle with tomato sauce and sprinkle with pepper. Place one slice on each of 4 serving plates and top with remaining toast slices with the cheese side down. Garnish with potato crisps and serve.

Walnut and Orange Pudding

Serves 4 Butter for preparing the dish 2 oz walnuts 2 oz self-raising flour 1/4 teaspoon baking powder A pinch of sea salt 4 oz butter, softened 4 oz soft brown sugar grated zest of 1 orange 2 eggs, beaten

Toffee sauce

2 oz walnuts 3 oz caster sugar 5 fl oz double cream 2 oz unsalted butter

Method:

Preheat the oven to 160c/325f/Gas mark 3. Lightly butter four individual pudding moulds.

Grind the walnuts in a liquidizer or food processor. Sift the flour, baking powder and salt into a bowl and mix in the ground walnuts. Cream the butter, brown sugar and orange zest together in a bowl until pale and fluffy. Gradually beat in the eggs. Gently fold in the flour mixture until evenly mixed: it should have a soft, dropping consistency. Divide the mixture between the prepared pudding moulds. Bake for about 25 minutes, until the puddings are well risen and firm to touch. While the puddings are baking, prepare the toffee sauce. First, blanch the walnuts: place in a saucepan and cover with cold water. Bring to the boil, then drain. Rub the skins from the nuts, then chop roughly. Place the caster sugar in a saucepan with 3 tablespoons

tablespoons water. Heat gently until the sugar is dissolved, then bring to the boil. Boil rapidly until the syrup becomes a deep caramel colour. Quickly whisk the cream and butter into the caramel. The sauce will be lumpy at first but keep whisking-it will become smooth and glossy. Stir the chopped walnuts into the sauce. Carefully turn the puddings out on to serving plates. Serve with the toffee sauce poured over, ideally with a scoop of caramel ice cream.

Easter Cake

Cooking time: 3-3 1/2 hours Oven setting: 150c/300f/Gas mark 2 6 oz butter 6 oz soft brown sugar 3 eggs, lightly beaten 8 oz self-raising flour, sieved 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg 4 oz sultanas 12 oz currants 2 oz ground almonds For the centre and decoration: 2x 8 oz packets almond paste 12 tiny Easter egg sweets

Method:

Cream the fat and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs a little at a time. Fold in the dry ingredients and then stir in the sultanas, currants and ground almonds. Put half the mixture into a greased and lined 7 inch cake tin. Roll out both packets of the almond paste thinly enough to cut circles round the cake tin : reserve the trimmings. Place one on top of the mixture in the tin. Cover with the remaining of the cake mixture and bake in a moderate oven for about 3-3 1/2 hours. Turn out and cool on a wire tray, removing the paper. Place the second circle of almond paste on the cake. Out of the trimmings make the 11 small balls for the top. Place around the edge of the cake. Little Easter sweets and fluffy chickens can be used as additional decoration.

Tuna Bake

- 7 oz can tuna fish
- 10 oz can condensed mushroom soup 1 oz white breadcrumbs
- 2 oz butter Few mushrooms
- 1 sprig parsley

Drain fish and flake. Heat soup in small pan, add fish and cook for 2-3 minutes. Pour mixture into baking dish. Sprinkle with breadcrumbs and dot with half the butter. Grill for 5 minutes or until golden brown. Meanwhile, melt the remaining butter in a small pan. Wash the mushrooms, add to the butter and cook gently for 5 minutes. Use to garnish tuna mixture, along with parsley. Serves 4.

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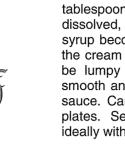


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EARLY IRISH SOCIETY

DIVORCE EARLY IRISH STYLE

The early Irish term for divorce was mutual separation (imscarad), a somewhat softer term. But they had arrangements for mutual, no fault divorce and those in which one of the partners was at fault. There seems to be an understanding that marriage will last a certain period of time but the length is not specified. The commentaries on the law say that the period is seven years. Shades of the seven-year itch! If a woman leaves before this time she forfeits her bride price.

A man had seven grounds for divorce. He could sue if his wife was unfaithful, if she was a persistent thief, if she brought an abortion upon herself, if she shamed his honour (before his enemies for example). He could also sue if she smothered her child or if she was without milk through sickness! The final reason is unintelligible. The early Irish had a tendency to group their information in sets of certain numbers, three, five and seven being the most common. (The church also favoured the number seven i.e. seven deadly sins, seven sacraments etc.)

In the case of a woman she had fourteen grounds for divorce many associated with sexual activity. But she could also divorce him if he took a secondary wife. We have seen already that a man could take a second, concurrent wife if his first wife was incurably ill or if she could not conceive boys. In this case she had the option of leaving or staying with him. She could also leave if he would not or could not support her, if he spread false stories or satire about her of if he tricked her into the marriage by sorcery. A husband was allowed to strike his wife to correct her, if he left a mark she may leave him.

The woman could divorce her husband is he were impotent and the law says 'because an impotent man is not easy for a wife' or if he becomes so fat that they cannot have intercourse. This fixation with becoming fat is mentioned among the Celts by the writer Strabo. He said that the Celts avoided getting fat and that a young man whose waist grew too large was fined! She may also leave if he prefers boys, is he is homosexual or he is sterile. (She must have had a child by a previous husband to know the latter.) If he told stories about their behaviour in bed she could divorce him 'because it not right for a man who tells of bed to be under blankets'. If he were in holy orders she could leave because he would have difficulties in reconciling his obligations to the church and to his wife. Finally there is the obscure mention of the 'man of stone', the grounds for divorce here says 'it is not right for a son to be on the road'. The commentaries again take this to be a reference to a landless man who cannot support is child.

The commentaries also say that if her husband is unaware of his physical defect she gets her bride price back and leaves. But if he hid it from her at marriage then she gets compensation. If she knew and married him then she must find others grounds if she wishes to divorce him. If she did not know that he was homosexual she gets compensation and then she may leave or stay or she pleases.

A woman who leaves her marriage without reason is dealt with severely [an absconder from the law of marriage'. She has no rights in society and she is not to be harboured or protected by anyone of rank. Even if she has grounds she cannot leave before the appointed time (mentioned above). If she goes, she forfeits the bride price. But it is still unusual for women to have such wide-ranging grounds for divorce. It was normal in early societies to grant divorce easily to men but usually it was next nigh impossible for women. It is questionable however whether this was granted to them for their own good or for the benefit of family, succession, and alliances or simply political convenience.

The general principal in divorce was a three-way division of property. One third to the party who brought the land, one third to the one who brought the cattle and the final third to the one who did the work or who paid for the work to be done. If one or both was guilty of misconduct they forfeited a share of the division to the innocent one. When there was mutual consent the division was by law. The first wife also forfeits more is she is guilty of any misconduct.

In the marriage of equal property, where each party brings an equal amount this is divided between them in fixed proportions. Each of them took with them what they brought and the increase. The principle is clear even if the divisions are complex. Everything, including the increase is divided in thirds. One third to the partner who brought the land, one to the partner who provided the cattle and the last to the partner who provided the labour. This is the marriage contracted by the nobility and there could have been a lot of property, movable and immovable, involved. This also included the increase in animals within the marriage. So if the woman had an increase of 50 cattle, she could take these with her. There is no such thing as common property here, anything you had the day you married it was still yours when you divorced. Any misconduct, anything used by the other party had to be repaid. So if one of them had gambled or lost property belonging to the other this had to be given back. There is no maintenane for either party.

In the case of perishable, consumable goods such as milk, meats, corn and textiles these were also divided. The woman takes half of all the clothing and the woven cloth, a third of the wool ready and combed for spinning, a sixth of fleeces and sheaves of flax. All this

Features

Early Irish Society contd.)

activity is labour intensive and therefore considered precious.

The division of dairy products was more complicated. The labour third is further sub-divided in two. The woman takes one sixth and rest is divided between the person who brought the vessels (the woman most likely), the husband and the person who provided the dairy workers. This was also the case with the corn and cured meat. This clearly shows the involvement of women in farming and the work they contributed.

In the marriage of a man's property the division is different. If the separation is by mutual consent the property is divided equally again. The division is by thirds as above but in this marriage it is unlikely that the woman brought much with her so she will automatically take less on her divorce. She may also have an increase is she is a hard-worker. They divide milk, butter, cows, vessels and bacon. This was probably the most common kind of marriage.

A woman is worse off in this divorce as she brings neither land nor cattle. She takes only half of her own handiwork, one sixth of the dairy produce unless she has been a hard worker (and who decides that?) She also takes one ninth of the calves during the marriage contract and one ninth of corn and cured meat in storage. These are the portions of the labout third dependent upon her innocence. If she is guilty she takes precious little. She has no income to speak of she is to be given a sack of corn for each month from the date of parting to the next Mayday. Some scholars say that since this was the time contracts were made, that the implication is that she should marry again. This is obviously not always practical.

In the case of the marriage of a woman's property he receives precious little as he brought nothing with him. The roles are the reverse of the above and he only receives a percentage of his work if he took an active role in managing the estate. If either party was guilty, the other gets the labout third. They each get what they brought with them. He gets a ninth of the handiwork, one ninth of corn, cured meat and oneeighteenth of the dairy produce. In the case of this marriage, if she owns all the property his price is estimated from hers unless he is more honourable or better bred.

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MURDER OF THE MONTH - THE LINDBERGH CASE

Charles Lindbergh became a legend in 1927 when he became the first man to fly the Atlantic alone at the young age of twenty-five. Suddenly the St. Louis pilot was an overnight, international celebrity. It took him thirty-three and a half-hours to make the flight in a plane that he designed himself. He had no radio, no parachute and he had put it together on a tiny budget compared with the others who took part in the competition that he eventually won. The prize was \$25,000 for the flight from Paris to New York.

But Lindbergh was to become famous for more than his solo flight and for a much more traumatic and tragic event. He married Anne Morrow who was the daughter of the US ambassador to Mexico. In 1930 their first child was born and they called him Charlie. They got telegrams from all over the world congratulating them. Everyone was aware of the birth of the child. They also had a steady, recognizable routine. They spent the weekdays at the Morrow home in New Jersey and the weekend at a house near Hopewell that Lindbergh had built for them. But they broke that routine at the beginning of March 1932 when they remained in their Hopewell home until Tuesday 1st March. The baby had a cold and they decided that it was best not to travel until he was better. Lindbergh was a stickler for routine and discipline and insisted that the child be put to bed alone at 7.50 p.m. This was done that night also. The Scottish nurse, Betty Gow, went to see him at 10 p.m. as was normal. The cot was empty.

The nurse assumed the parents had taken him out because he was ill and went downstairs. None of them had visited the child. Lindbergh immediately assumed that he had been kidnapped and asked the butler, Ollie Whately, to phone the local police at once. He himself went outside with a torch and a rifle to search the grounds of the house. The butler then joined him and they drove up and down the drive with the car lights fully lit but they saw nothing. They returned to the house and the nursery where Lindbergh saw an envelope on the windowsill. His wife wanted to open it immediately but he insisted that they wait for the police in case there were fingerprints to be found on it. Lindbergh took control of the situation from the beginning, keeping calm and collected in extraordinary circumstances.

Outside the bedroom window the police found a ladder, the rungs were far apart and the top one was broken. It could only be used by a tall person. When the state troopers arrived with a finger print technician the envelope was opened. The note asked for a ransom of \$50,000 and said that they would hear from them again. It also told them not to notify the police. The signature was an oval within three interlocked

ircles with a hole punched in the middle of each of them. It appeared to have been written by a poorly educated German but there were no fingerprints.

Lindbergh asked the police to keep out of the case and that they would accede to the kidnapper's demand for the ransom. The police agreed but they were still questioning the household, in particular the butler, his wife and the Lindbergh's cook. They suspected that it might be an inside job. The family had broken their routine. Who else knew of this apart from the servants and themselves? Indeed, who else knew that the child was left alone for those hours in particular?

A second ransom note arrived looking for \$70,000. This and other notes could have been forgeries but the police believed that they were from the kidnappers. Lindbergh took an unusual step. He contacted the New York underworld and Al Capone offered to help! He was in prison by this time and the police did not agree to his request to be released for 10 days! Another development was the offer from a Dr. John F. Condon, a retired school teacher of 72 years, to act as a gobetween and to add another \$1,000 to the ransom. He received a letter with the unusual symbol and the police believed it to be genuine. It accepted him as a go-between.

But there were stranger developments elsewhere. A wealthy friend of the Lindberghs, a Mrs. Evalvn McLean, approached an underworld character called Gaston Means. Eventually he said that he knew where the baby was and that the ransom had risen to \$100,000 and that they baby would be killed if the money did not appear guickly. Mrs. McLean gave him the money and waited for delivery of the baby in her summer home.

Condron was also in contact with supposed kidnappers - he had a phone call from a man with a German accent and they were sent a baby suit. They could not be sure if it was Charlie's. Then a meeting was arranged in New York between Condron and someone who said he was the kidnapper. \$70,000 was handed over for an envelope that contained instructions as to where the baby was hidden. The money contained gold certificates that were no longer issued but could be used as currency. The note said that Charlie was on a boat called Nelly at Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. After a search that lasted two days there was no sign of the boat. Then 72 days after he disappeared, Charlie's body was found only 3 miles from his home. At the family's request there was no autopsy and the body was cremated.

Gaston Means was jailed for the swindle of Mrs. McLean. Mrs. Lindbergh gave birth to a second child and the couple left the area.

But the case was not over by any means. In September 1934 one of the gold certificates was used

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Murder of the Month contd.)

to pay for petrol. The attendant took the car number in case he got stuck with it and could not change it. The police tracked the car to a German-born carpenter, Bruno Hauptmann. He had \$14,000 of the ransom money in the house but maintained that he got it from a friend who had returned to Germany. He was a shady character himself, he had been convicted of burglary in Germany, arrived as a stowaway to America and now he was charged with the kidnap and murder. According to the police one of the rungs of the make-shift ladder came from a floorboard in his attic. Condron's phone number was found on a cupboard in his home.

The police were determined to convict and the President of the United States had announced that the kidnapper must be caught. The authorities were under pressure and Hauptmann went to the electric chair on Friday, April 3rd 1936. But was he guilty? There was considerable doubt and his trial and the evidence against him was guestionable.

Apparently a journalist had written the Condron phone number in his house. The police had promised three people cash to say that they saw Hauptmann near the Lindbergh home at the time of the kidnapping. Handwriting experts said that the ransom notes appeared to have been written by him. But they made the comparisons not with the original note but the subsequent notes that could be forgeries. No one pointed out that the crude ladder would not have been made by a carpenter. Hauptmann had a solid alibi his foreman signed an affidavit to say that he was at work until 5 p.m. and the time-sheet also agreed. He could not have made the journey to the Lindbergh in the time left. The foreman withdrew his statement and the time-sheet was somehow 'lost'. Hauptmann hardly spoke English but he was given no interpreter for the trial.

The case was examined by Ludovic Kennedy in a book 50 years later and he destroyed the prosecution's case. Eight years later two expert American criminologists also examined the case. They were defence lawyer Gregory Ahlgren and police chief Stephen Monier. They came to the conclusion that Hauptmann was innocent. They also put together a scenario for what really happened on March 1st 1932.

What puzzled everyone at the beginning was how an outsider knew that the Lindberghs had changed their routine. How did anyone else know that the nursery bedroom shutters were the only ones in the house would not shut? Ahlgren and Monier were convinced that it was an inside job. The two men looked at Charles Lindbergh himself; this would have been unthinkable at the time of the crime. But they found that he was a control freak who found release in nasty and silly practical jokes. He put a colleague in hospit

by putting kerosene in his drinking water. He embarrassed his wife at a party by dribbling water down the back of her dress. But more tellingly, two months before the baby's disappearance he had hidden Charlie in a cupboard and told his wife that he had been stolen. When the baby disappeared at first both his wife and the nurse thought that it was another joke.

Was it a joke gone horribly and tragically wrong Ahlgren and Monier wondered? Did the ladder break as Lindbergh carried the child from the window? Did he plan to appear at the front door asking what the child was doing in the garden? Did the child die in the fall? There was no autopsy, the body had been cremated -no evidence of a fall or other injuries could be found. He arrived home late that evening and his wife thought that she heard his car a half an hour before at 8.10 p.m. but he did not honk his horn and come into the house until 8.25 p. m. Plenty of time to carry out his intended trick. He had time to plant the envelope in the nursery when he was alone there after the disappearance was discovered.

This scenario would explain why a kidnapper knew of the change in routine, why the baby did not cry or the dog bark. Lindbergh's widow said that she never saw him shed a tear over the child's death but he was a control freak.

Bruno Huptmann rejected the offer of the authorities to remit his death sentence for a confession. He turned down a newspaper's offer to give his widow \$90,000 if he confessed. Was an innocent man executed?

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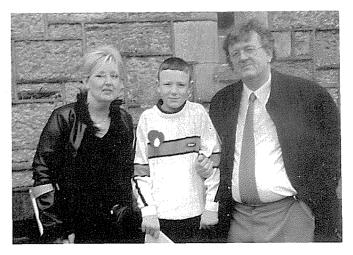
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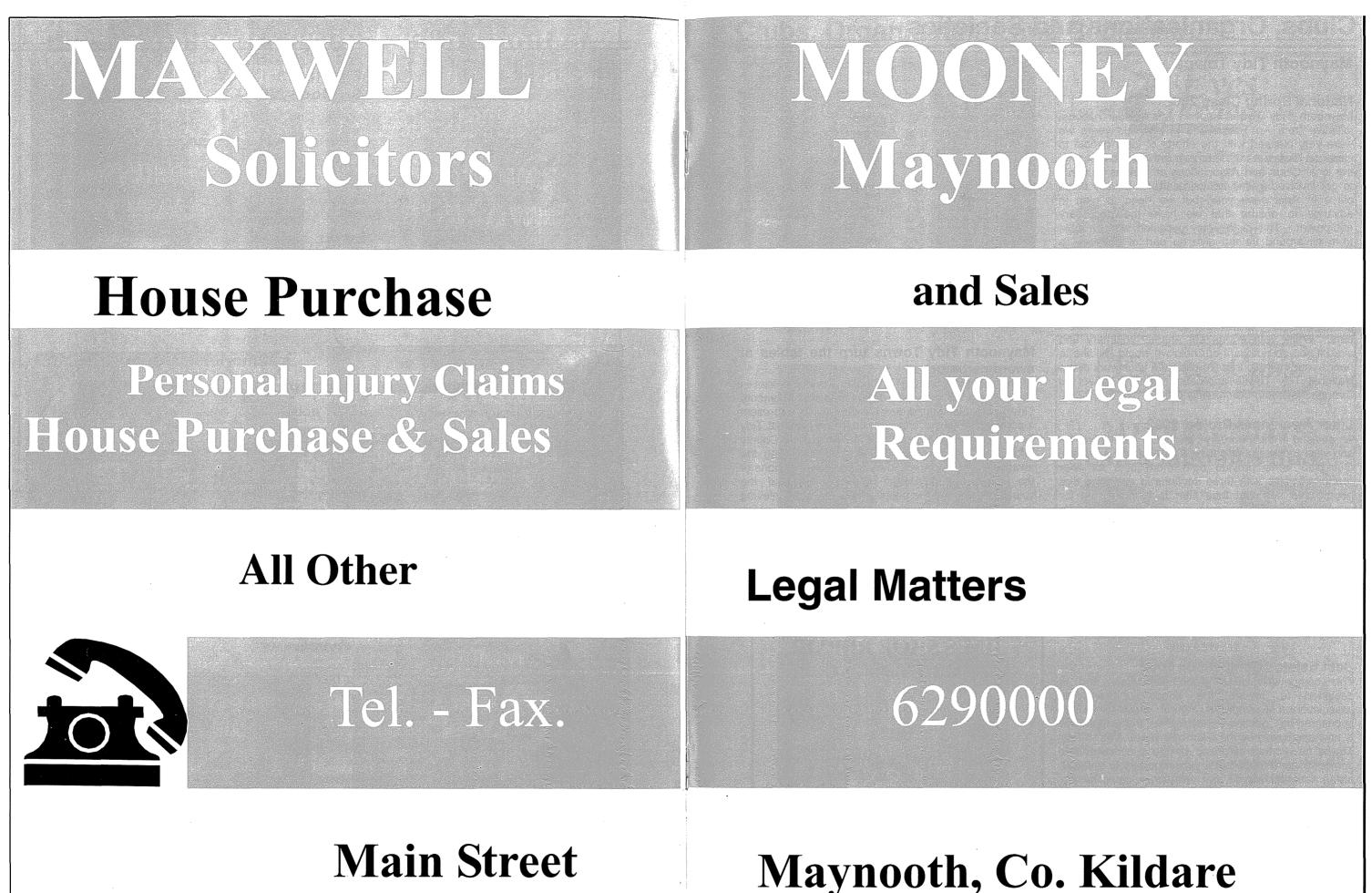
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Maynooth Tidy Towns

National Spring Clean 2002

Maynooth Tidy Towns support this annual national initiative from An Taisce and in previous vears we were very pleased with the efforts of local people to clean up their areas. This year we would appeal to the local Clubs and Associations as well as students to get involved in this annual event. it usually takes place in April each year, but we need to plan in advance to ensure that we have the necessary equipment. This is the only occasion when people from all around Ireland give up part of one day to remove litter from places nor normally cleaned by the Local Authority. It is all about team spirit and a sense of fun, while at the same time helping to remove papers, bottles and cans from our landscaped areas. Maynooth Tidy Towns will get bags and gloves and litter pickers so that nobody needs to get their hands dirty. While your efforts are entirely voluntary and even if you do not want our help we would still like to hear about them so that we can note your work in the National Tidy Towns application plan. Contact us through Maynooth Community Council at 6285922.

Litter Awareness Project 2002

As advised in the February Newsletter we applied for and was successful in getting funding for this project. Our plan is to provide both more bins for litter (preferably bins with three sections in each) so that people can see that their litter is being sorted for recycling. We are hoping to implement this plan on a single pedestrian route in the town on a pilot basis. In addition we want to erect signage encouraging people to use the bins rather than just dropping the litter. We will also be launching a publicity campaign to alert people to this project. This is an anmbitious project that may have to be scaled down depending on the support that we get from the community. If you can help in any way please let us know. Contact us through Maynooth Community Council at 6285922.

Best Estates Competition 2002

This competition takes place each year and is designed to reward the efforts of residents associations in improving their area. Initially sponsored by Coonans Estate Agents, the competition is now sponsored by the Glenroyal Hotel. We in Tidy Towns have been surprised by the success of this competition. We felt that it was important to enter all areas automatically so that our judges could reward effort without fuss.

We now want to introduce the opportunity for residents associations to undertake specific tasks that will help them to succeed in the competition. For 2002, we want estates to develop small areas where they will encourage wildlife to live. You need to leave an area where small animals and birds can create a habitat without being disturbed by people. We in Tidy Towns

need to know what your plans are so that we can include them in the National Tidy Towns Competition Application due to be completed in mid March. We will also be awarding marks for these areas in the Best Estates Competition 2002. If we are not told about your plan we will not be able to give marks for it. Do not delay in advising us. Contact us through Maynooth Community Council at 6285922.

Two awards for Maynooth in Kildare **County Council Annual Environmental** Awards 2001.

Maynooth Tidy Towns won two awards in the Kildare County Council Annual Environmental Awards Competition. We received awards for the Best Town in County Kildare in Category E (Population 5.001 -10.000). We were also awarded the prize for the Best Overall town in County Kildare. The prizes were presented in January 2002.

Maynooth Tidy Towns turn the tables at award ceremony.

At the ceremony in Kildare County Council offices in Naas where we received our latest awards Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee took the opportunity to present a copy of the award that we won in the National Tidy Towns Competition 2001 to the Mayor of County Kildare, Councillor John O'Neill. In presenting the award we wanted to acknowledge the contributions of the Local Authority Staff in Maynooth and the voluntary efforts of the people of the town in achieving the award.

Paul Croghan, Secretary Maynooth Tidy Towns

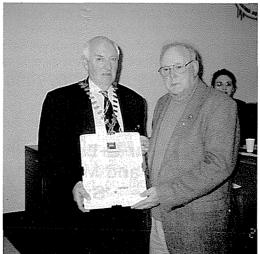


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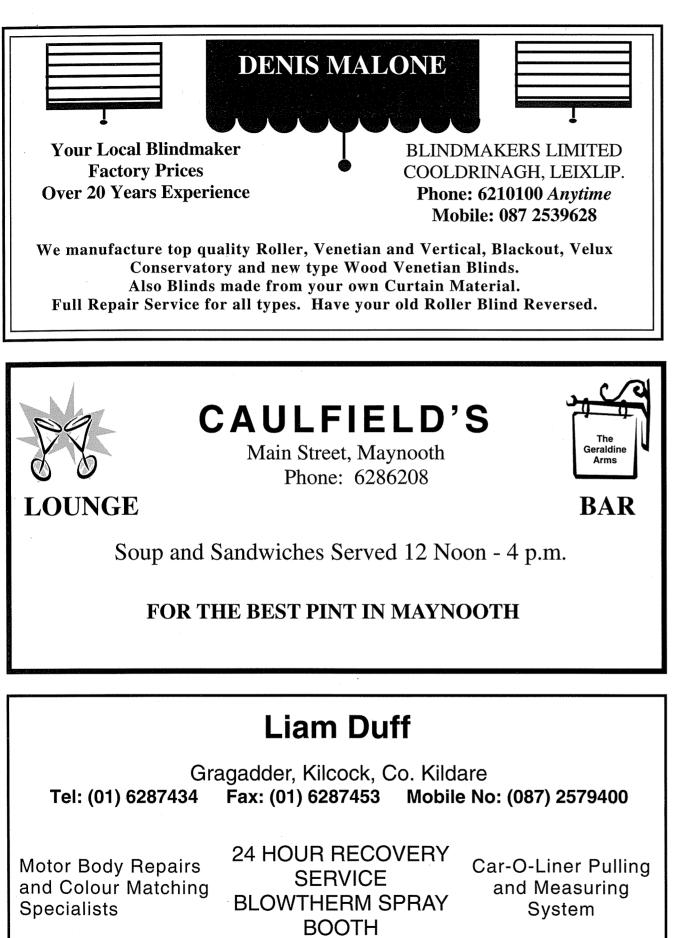
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Most Improved Town in Kildare Award



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SPECIAL OLYMPICS - MAYNOOTH HOST TOWN PROGRAMME

On the weekend of the 1st and 2nd February members of the Maynooth Special Olympics - Host Town Programme Committee and their doughty band of volunteers (especially those valiant Scouts) were bag packing in SuperValu, Maynooth to raise funds for the visit of the Brazilian Special Olympics team in June 2003. As you may be aware this very special event will take place from the 16th to 20th June of next year and preparations are well underway to ensure that this will be a visit that the Brazilian team and the people of Maynooth will never forget.

The bag packing weekend raised a magnificent total of EURI,448 for which we would like to thank the generous shoppers in SuperValu. Sums like this are essential for us to reach our fundraising target and we only have ten more months to achieve our goal. Funding for the Host Town Programme must come from the host town itself as all the Special Olympic funding is used for the actual games, which commence on June 21st 2003. During the four days that the Brazilian athletes spend in Maynooth we will be responsible for providing them with transport (from Dublin airport to Maynooth, to their various training sessions during the day and finally on to their Olympic Village destination), accommodation, food and entertainment as well as providing interpreters and medical back up. General guidelines are that host towns should calculate the cost at approximately EUR318 per athlete and we are expecting a delegation of around 150! The final number of athletes will be decided at the Brazilian national games in June of this year and only then will we know whom our quests will be. It is an enormous undertaking but one that will certainly be most rewarding.

A fundraising group has already been busy at work and many groups and individuals have been generous with their offers of help and of course help is indeed needed. On <u>St. Patrick's Day</u> our local G.A.A. footballers and hurlers are throwing caution to the wind and are 'staging' (well you couldn't really call it playing could you?) a drag match on their pitch on the Moyglare Road after the town parade. Make sure that you come and see these men as you never ever saw them before - let's hope it doesn't rain on their mascara and perms or they don't break a nail when they catch that ball! On <u>Friday 19th April</u> we will be returning to the G. A.A. Club but this time with a <u>Table Quiz</u> so we are giving you plenty of notice to get

those little grey cells into training. This is also the season when many ladies get into training for the <u>Ladies Mini-Marathon</u> on the June Bank Holiday weekend.

Why not consider doing the marathon this year for Maynooth's Host Town Programme? You could improve you fitness and make a huge contribution to the welcome to be given to the Brazilian team.

If you would like any more information or if you would

like to get involved in helping in any way with Maynooth's Special Olympics Host Town Programme please contact Elaine Bean (6291880) or Ronan Barry (087 9419826)



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Parents Association St. Mary's **Boys National School**

We are holding a funding raising night with a difference on Friday the 15th March, this will be mainly ceili music and a night to enjoy by all. Tickets will go home with your children so please check their school

bags, we are charging $\in 10$ per two tickets please return them to the school or to any committee member.

Congratulations to the boys who did so well in the Credit Union Quiz, Good Luck for the next round.

Also congratulations to the boys who made their confirmation on 21st February back in our own church which is looking very well.

Thank you to the Ladies who made the tea for boys and their families after the confirmation it was welcomed by all.

Last month we held a cake sale and coffee morning for the parents of Junior and Senior Infants, the proceeds went to the classes, we would like to thank those who attended.

Claire O'Rourke P.R.O.

MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

Our A.G.M. took place of 6th February in the Community Council Office and was attended by eight people which was very poor considering we register approximately 150 children each year. However we managed to make up a committee, they are as follows:

Chairperson: Secretary: Treasurer: P.R.O:

Lorraine Batler Claire O'Rourke Madeleine Stynes Rose Birmingham

For those of you new to Maynooth, the Summer Project is set up by a committee who take children on outings and have activities at home in Maynooth during the first two weeks in July. The children we cater for are between the ages of 7 years and 13 years, unfortunately there is a charge for these outing so we have to fundraise during the year to help cut down the cost for parents.

We go to places like Clara Lara, bowling and the cinema, at home we play bingo and have guizzes and do many other things.

Don't forget we need children to march in the St Patrick's Day Parade, we would like you to come in fancy dress so start thinking now.

Claire O'Rourke Secretary.



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LARAGHBRYAN CEMETERY **DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION.**

Laraghbryan Cemetery Development Association held its Annual General Meeting on the 28th November, 2001. The following committee was elected:

Chairperson:
Vice Chairperson:
Secretary:
Treasurer:
Committee Members:

Breda Holmes. Larry O'Brien. Marv Kenny. Breda Ward.

Ann Nugent, Helen Johnson, Nora Covne, Betty Farrell, Michael Kelly, Pat McDonald, Dominic Nyland,

The Committee are very pleased that the Cemetery is now in a manageable state, which could not have been achieved without funding from you the parishioners and Kildare County Council. Sincere thanks for your support. The cost of Maintenance last year was in excess of £10,000.

We would also like to thank the following people for their support during the last year: Councillors Senan Griffin and John McGinley; Maynooth office of Kildare County Council; Westside Skips: O'Hagan's Refuse: Willie Kiernan; Garda; Parish Office and Msgr.Alex Stenson.

We now have time to concentrate on the Church Ruin. Last year we ran a Golf Classic which raised £5,000 towards the restoration of the Ruin, due to the fantastic support and sponsorship received locally. We hope this years outing will be just as successful as we need extra funding to gain support from Kildare Council/Historic Monuments Advisory Committee. If things go in our favour, work may commence on the Ruin later this year. If you have any advice or gueries please do not hesitate to contact any of the above members.

Breda Holmes.



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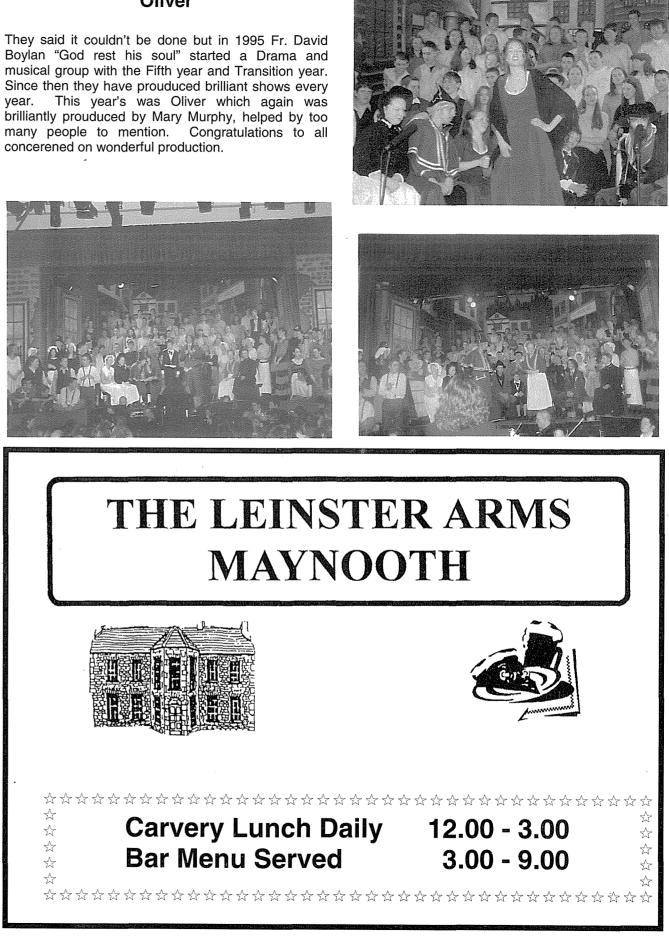
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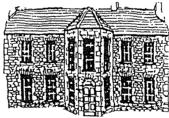
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Stepping Stones Playschool Unit 8 Newtown Shoping Centre Maynooth.

Evelyn McGrath: 0876683533 Frances Lennon: 0868740242.

Evelvn and Frances would like to wish all children and parents a Happy Easter. Many of the children have enrolled for National Schools and we wish them every sucess. Our list for September is full and parents will be notified about places after Easter Holidays. Our parents night was held on Wedensday the 20th of Febuary. It was a great opportunity for parents to experience the fun of playschool and to meet other parents. Thanks to all famlies for contiuned support. The playschool was delighted to have Lyndsey Behanand Joan Whelan on Work experience from Maynooth Post Primary. They hopefully enjoyed their week, the children certainly did and formed new friends. We wish the girls every sucess in upcoming exams and their chosen careers. We wish the Newsletter and Community Council continued sucess in their new premises, They are now our neighbours. Many thanks, Evelyn and Frances.



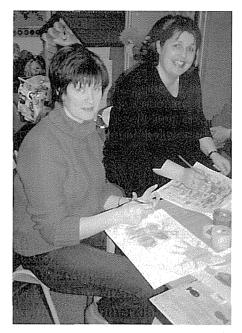
Anjola, Emma, Lindsey, Aoife, Eibhlin Enjoying Lindseys work experience Stepping Stones Playschool



Laura Cunningham, Julia Comerford Parents Night



Margaret Hagan, Liz Brennan, Antonette O Brien Parents Night Stepping Stones Playschool



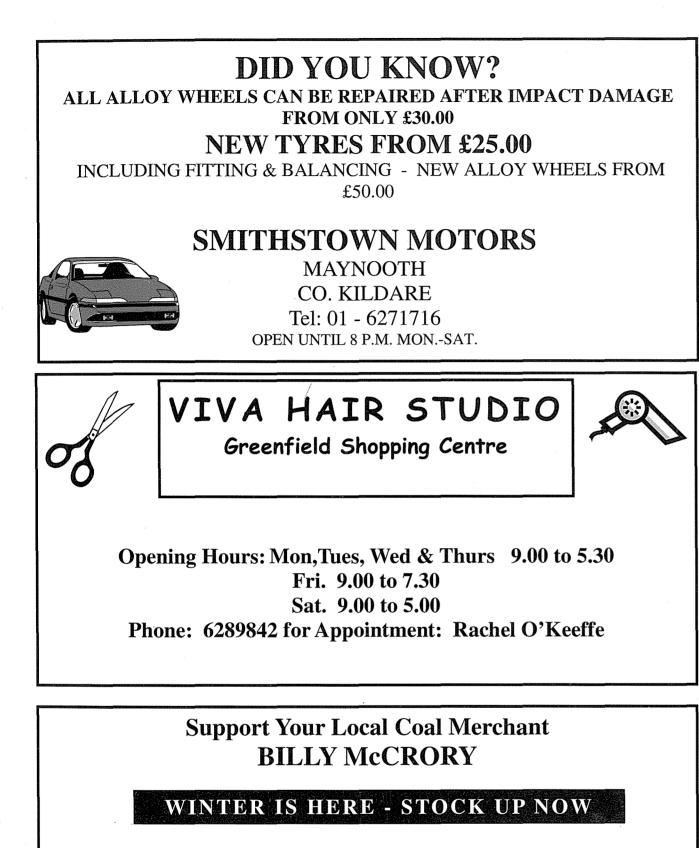
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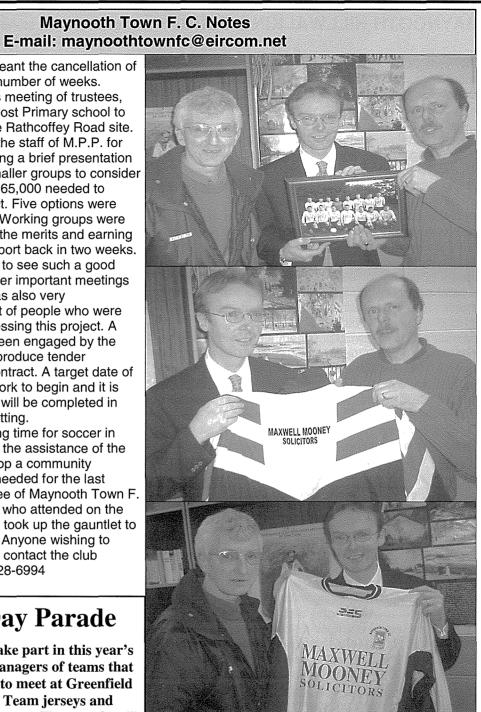
Maynooth Town F. C. Notes

The recent bad weather has meant the cancellation of all of the fixtures over the last number of weeks. However off the field there was meeting of trustees, parents and managers in the Post Primary school to discuss the development of the Rathcoffey Road site. Our thanks to Sean Ashe and the staff of M.P.P. for the use of the facilities. Following a brief presentation the attendees broke up into smaller groups to consider the best options for raising the 65,000 needed to complete phase 1 of the project. Five options were chosen to be explored further. Working groups were formed on the night to explore the merits and earning potential of each option and report back in two weeks. It was a very encouraging sign to see such a good attendance despite several other important meetings taking place that evening. It was also very encouraging to see the amount of people who were willing to get involved in progressing this project. A landscape architect has now been engaged by the club to draw up the final plan, produce tender documents and oversee the contract. A target date of late May has been set of the work to begin and it is expected the phase 1 contract will be completed in about 16 weeks weather permitting. This is an important and exciting time for soccer in Maynooth. It is hoped that with the assistance of the wider community we will develop a community resource that has been badly needed for the last number of years. The committee of Maynooth Town F. C, would like to thank all those who attended on the night and especially those who took up the gauntlet to assist in delivering of our goal. Anyone wishing to assist this development should contact the club secretary Gerry Folan on 01-628-6994

St Patrick's Day Parade

Maynooth Town F.C. will take part in this year's AXWELI St Patrick's Day Parade. Managers of teams that MOONEY wish to take part are asked to meet at Greenfield SOLICITORS S.C. at 10am on the day. Team jerseys and tracksuit bottoms should be worn. The parade will Photo's: Top: Tom Dempesy & Alan Cahill present an finish in Tesco's car park and parents are under 17's team photo to Mr. Max Mooney requested to pick up the younger children from team sponsor. Centre: Alan recives a set of tracksuits. there as the parade ends. Bottom: Tom recivies a new u17's kit.

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27-Jan-02	8,9,13,21	€925	MAGS GANNON	NULA FITZSIMONS	DEIRDRE MORAHAN	
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MAYNOOTH HILLWALKING CLUB.

The year 2002 has been designated by the United Nations as the "International Year of the Mountains" with the objectives of:

A. Promoting the conservation and sustainable development of mountain regions and

B. Ensuring the well being of mountain and lowland communities.

In an Irish context the International Year of the Mountains means the ensuring sustainable use of our mountain areas. All those active in the Irish uplands from recreational visitors to farmers and foresters, must accept responsibility for these areas, and give priority to caring for the environment and the welfare of local communities. Remember we are also looking after a valuable resource for future generations, which of not preserved will be lost forever.

Irelands' mountains may not seem high compared with the world's great mountain ranges (Carrauntoohil, Kerry 1041m., Lugnaguilla, Wicklow 925m., Mount Everest 8,848m., Kilimanjaro 5845m., Mount Blanc 4,819m.) but nonetheless they are a vital resource. They need sensitive and sustainable management and this Year of the Mountains is a timely opportunity to review and highlight their importance and fragility, and to consider new ways forward for their management. It is also an opportunity to celebrate the richness and diversity of mountain areas and their place in our culture.

It is expected that a number of organisations will conduct activities during the coming year to support the UN's goal. Keep an eve out in this column over the next few months and we will highlight such activities as we become aware of them.

Membership in on the increase and a number of people who in recent months attended our Easy Hikes have now taken out club membership and have progressed to higher challenges.

Members of the club have been training during the past month for the Ring of Imaal mountain challenge later this year. Members of other clubs are becoming aware of this training programme and are now joining forces with us.

It is an opportunity to share an interest with a broader range of people. On Sunday 27th Jan. we had to change our hike schedule due to very strong winds and rain and conduct our Easy Hike in the forested area above the scenic area of Lough Dan and Lough Tay. We had two groups walking, the easier one in the forested area while the more hardened side of the Cloghoge Valley despite the winds of up to 35 miles per hour at times.

Sunday Feb. 10th brought us back to Howth, an old reliable and an opportunity to visit the peninsula in winter on an Easy Hike. Believe it or not we found the Rhododendrons as well as other flowering plants in

bloom. The day started damp but before we got to the top of the cliffs it had stopped. It got a little windy later on. We enjoyed a pleasant lunch break at the seashore with the waves crashing through the rocks around us. A good time was had by all. Our harder hike will be in the West Wicklow area of Donard Village. The weather was not so pleasant. Low cloud and rain was the menu of the day with navigation depending on the skills and expertise of the leader. A total of 22 attended both activities.

Feb. 16th/17th saw the club attending a weekend of activities in the Glendalough area consisting of an afternoon of map and compass practical training, a nine mile night hike commenced at dusk and finished before closing time! On the Sunday we had a 10 mile hike in the area also before setting course back for Maynooth. For you calendar keep Good Friday free. We will be conducting a canal walk from Enfield to Maynooth along the Royal Canal. The meeting point will be Maynooth Railway Station at 10.55am. We expect to stop for lunch around the harbour area at Kilcock. Distance will be 17.5Kms/11 miles.

Again, it should be noted that we are in the wetter seasons of the year so it is important that proper footwear and clothing is worn on our activities. A good quality rain jacket is essential as well as over-trousers. We will have to restrict attendance to those properly equipped for the season.

We plan to conduct a number of Easy hikes locally from the end of April/ early May onwards in the evenings, probably one per month or so. Keep an eye out later for further details or check our web page.

Club membership details available on request or from our web site. Please note that weather conditions may restrict our activities. Itineraries are subject to change and anyone interested should check beforehand closer to the activity with one of the contact numbers below.

Special interest walks.

Wicklow Mountain National Park will be holding a number of theme walks during the year. On April 14th and May 12th a Woodland Walk will be conducted. These walks depart from the National Park Information Centre, beside the Upper Lake Glendalough at 11am sharp. It is essential to book for these walks by telephoning (0404)45656. All these activities are provided free by the Ranger service of the National Park, A Mining Walk in the Glendalough area is planned for March but at the moment I do not have a date for it. Other activities later in the year will be notified later. Information has just been received on Walking Festivals planned for the next few months. Over the Easter Bank Holiday weekend the Slieve Bloom Walking Festival will take place centered on Kinnitty, Co.Offaly, Information from 0507-24167.It is likely that members of the Maynooth Hillwalking Club will attend one or both of these activities. Nothing as been formally planned yet. Details of other festivals and hillwalking activities will be notified as we become aware of them.

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(Maynooth Hillwalking continued.)

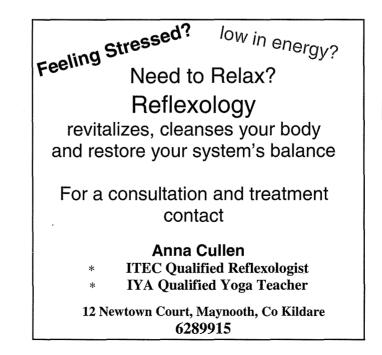
Please Note: Most of our Easy Hiking activities cover at least 8 miles with ascent of up to 1,000ft. Anyone attending our outings can expect to be walking for up to 4 hours and at a reasonable brisk speed. Only attempt our outings if you are fit to maintain this speed and distance. If it is felt that a person would not be able to complete an activity, would delay an activity, or is not properly equipped for the occasion, the activity leaders may have to make a ruling and his/her ruling on the matter will be final. Remember in the mountains in a lot of cases there are no quick exit routes back to the car.

Mountain Safety Note:

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

Keep an eve out in future editions for further information. Contact numbers:- 6285367. 086-2703348 or E-Mail:- maynooth-hillwalkingclub@vahoo.com

Web page:- www.geocities.com/maynooth-hillwalkingclub



MAYNOOTH ICA CAOGA BLIAIN.

Twenty-five members attended the February meeting in the ICA hall on the Harbour. The president Mary McNamara welcomed new members to the many and varied activities. Mary McNamara and Maeve Moloney participated in the Ecumenical Service at Kill Church for the deceased members of the Kildare Federation. Plans for the Golden Jubilee are in train under the chairmanship of Imelda Delanev. Designing and making a banner for the Community Games is a new project on Monday craft night. Do you play Scrabble? Would you like to learn? That is the latest activity for members of the guild and their friends. Contact Newsletter Office at 01-6285922. Are you new to Maynooth or would you like to make new friends, come along of the first Thursday of the month. The guild entered a team in the Quiz in aid of the convent primary school. Members enjoyed the Maynooth Drama Society's and the Oliver theatre nights. First Tuesday night talks at St.Patrick's College continue on 5th March when archaeologist John Bradley talks about his work. The Alzheimer's Society acknowledged E381.39. Helen Doyle is leader of Tuesday walks. Badminton has resumed. Expressions of sympathy were made to the family of Leanne Murphy and the Imelda Delaney.

Marie Hickey's judging of competition resulted in

1. Imelda Delaney. 2. Rosemary Hanley. 3. Viva Kerins. Forthcoming events in the calendar for Spring 2002 are - 20th February: Physical activity leader's course at Kildare. March: Marian O'Donnell's International Night. 22nd March: Daffodil Day in aid of cancer research.

Outing to Rathmines and Rathgar Musical Society's The Pirates of Penzance 8th May: Member's day at the ICA adult education college at Termonfechin.





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Maynooth Golf Society

The Maynooth Golf Society had it's AGM on 10th February 2002 at the Glenroyal Hotel. After reviewing our successful past year's fixtures and finance position, the new officers and committee were elected.

President Vice President Captain Vice Captain Secretary Treasurer Handicap Secretary

Noel Brady John Tiernan S. O'Connell Owen Byrne Tom O'Haire John Saults Gerard McTernan

Committee:

Asst. Handicap SecretaryK. Loftus P.R.O.

- Tom Nolan M. Flvnn
- M. Fahy
- M. Scanlon
- P. Conway
- N. Kavanagh
- J. Byrne.
- D. Nyland

Our first fixture for year 2002 is on Saturday 9th March at The Heath Golf Club, Co. Laoise.

Maynooth Community Games

Maynooth Community Games have got underway for 2002.

The Table Quiz for teams of U14 was held in the Boys National School on Saturday 2nd February. The teams picked are as follows.

East	West	
Michael John Fay	Eimear Connolly	
Sean Damery	Ronan Kelly	
Richard Judge	Ailbhe Durkan	
Laura Judge	Orla Kelly	
Sub: Philip Corbally	Sub: David Thompson	

The boys and girls are practising hard under the guidance of Brian O'Malley. Many thanks to Brian for his continuous help.

We wish both teams good luck in the County Final on the 22nd March.

Event	Date	Venue	Time
Swimming	February 24th	College Pool	3.00 p.m.
Art	March 22nd	Boys National School	2 p.m 5 p.m.
Athletics	April 28th	G.A.A.	
Gynastics	April 29th	Parish Hall	4 p.m 5.30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Entry fee for all events is $\in 1$ per child

Some of the dates for County Finals as follows

Event	Date	Venue	
Art	Saturday 27th April		
Swimming	Saturday 2nd June	Athy	
Gymnastics	Sunday 3rd June	Athy	
Athletics	Friday/Saturday 21st & 22nd June		
County Outdoor Team Finals	Saturday 25th May		

At County Level, an area competitor may compete in two individual events one chosen from Gymnastics, Art, Model Making, the second from Athletics, Swimming, Cycling and Judo, plus a swimming Squad or an Athletic Relay or Gymnastics Team. Judo is defined as an individual event with provincial elimination.

Parents please encourage your children to enter all events for fun and enjoyment.

Anyone wishing to help out the Community Games activities please come along to our meeting on Wednesday 27th April at 8.30 a.m. in the G.A.A. Centre.



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Maynooth G.A.A. Notes

RESUMPTION OF TRAINING

At the time of going to press many of our adult teams were already back training despite all the rain. First out in the winter weather was the ladies footballers who started back training in late January in expectation of their first game in mid February with Maynooth native Michael Kelly back as trainer. Next team back training was our senior camogie team, who were back in early February traing indoors under the guidance of Colm Hoban, Also Kevin Connolly had the intermeadiate footballers back training in early February while the senior hurlers under the management of Kieran Duigans would be back by late February. With the pitch guite wet from all the rain ,it is expected to have all underage teams back training by the first week in March.

PROPOSED NEW CENTRE

The new developments to the clubs facilities are to include, a multi function sports and recreation hall, a avmnasium, new dressing rooms, meeting rooms and a members bar. Also included is the development of the long awaited extra pitches to come on stream when the Maynooth Development Plan is ratified. The complete plan comes with a price tag of 2.5 million pounds. As these new facilities are for the broader community of Maynooth the club would like to see a real community development take place on the Moyglare Road .With the club's plans at an advanced stage in relation to planning and lotto applications, other groups in the town who are looking for some form of a community centre should be coming on board with our project, as it is difficult to see the community been able to sustain more than one centre.

FUNDRAISING CAMPAGIN FOR NEW GAA CENTRE

Maynooth GAA club is to push ahead with an added fundraising drive as part of its funding of the proposed new club facilities. This will include some of the old reliables such as the lotto, race night, golf classic and club social functions. On top of this some new ideas of fundraising are required if the clubs new facilities are to become a reality. A newly established fundraising committee will be drawing up a plan of fundraising for the year to involve everyone associated with the club. Also every player from U9 to senior level will have some role to play in our fundraising campagin.As our new complex is for all of the people of Maynooth every member of the community will be targeted in our fundraising campagin.

FOOTBALL AGM

At a recent meeting of football mentors.Mick Flaherty was elected football chairman. Mick who has played for the club for many years was part of the management team last year for our intermeadiate footballers.He takes up the role this year again as those team manager Kevin Connolly.Kevin who spent his playing career with his native Carbury, is highly respected in football circles.He managed the club's junior footballers when they won the junior championship and will be endevouring to add intermeadiate honours to it in the coming year. Training for the adult footballer's resumed in early february with good numbers turning up.Silverware was scarce in the year gone except for our minors who won their league. Congragulations to team mentors Denis McDermot and Padraig Kearney.

Underage football is buzzing with up to 50 boys, turning out on Saturday mornings with the U11's and U10's both winning their leagues. Also Naiomi Devereaux takes over as football PRO and all team managers are urged to get their match reports to her.

HURLING AGM

The hurling section of Maynooth GAA held their AGM on Thursday last the 7th of Feb in the clubhouse on the Moyglare Road. A large crowd turned out to the hurling AGM to see hurling chairman Martin Connolly and hurling secretary Colm Hobin re-elected unopposed. Martin Connolly in his address thanked all his hurling and camogie mentors and officials, which made his job very easy. The highlight of the year was the senior hurlers reaching the county semi final only to be beaten in a replay by Coill Dubh.The low moment of the year was the fact that we could not field a senior camogie team.But the good news was that this years camogie team was already back training indoors under the guidance of Colm Hoban with Nuala Forde and Pat Comerford also helping out. Finally he thanked grounds chairman Mick Gillick for all his work in the upkeep of the pitches to make them suitable for hurling.

Hurling Secretary Colm Hoban said that with the amount of juveniles playing both hurling and camogie that their was a real shortage of mentors and made an appeal for people to come forward. Unless we find more adults to look after underage teams we may have to cut back on the number of teams that we enter in competitions. He also thanked club secratery Domnic Nugent for all his assistance and support during the year.

Senior hurling manager Kieran Duigans was reappointed for his another term in charge of the senior hurlers. He thanked the meeting for his appointment but said he would like to see other people interested in the position but he was honoured to take up the job once more and would be joined in his backroom team by PE teacher Padraig Forde. He also

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threw the gauntlet down to his players and said that he would not accept any absence from training in the early part of the season. He and his backroom team had put together a programme of ball work and physical work to be run over a month at the end of which he would have a panel of 26 players.--Finally he thanked all those from the club who sympathised with him on the recent death of his mother. Mick Gleeson was re-appointed manager of the junior hurling team. The year gone by was one of mixed fortune for the juniors as they reached the league final only to be beaten by a significant margin by Celbridge. We must he stated look into the way fixtures are run off in the future.

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

Maynooth GAA club held their dinner dance in the Straffan Court Hotel on Saturday the 9th of February. A superb night was had by the 150 people who attended the function with good food ,music and craic . General manager of the hotel Linda McPhilips along with her staff provided all the guests with first class service. Of course some of the staff on the night are also involved in the club with the chef Rory Kelly, been a member of the club's senior hurling panel while a member of the bar staff, Alan Nugent, plays both hurling and football for the club. Guest of honour on the night was County Chairman, Andreas O'Sullivan who congragulated the club on the year gone by and wished them well for the coming year. Club chairman, Fergus Devereaux in his address outlined the club's aspirations on the playing field. He then went on to say that the club had already secured one million pounds from a financial institution towards our new centre and was now awaiting for word from the "National Lottery". Finally he thanked all those who sponsored the club in the year gone by and all those who were involved in looking after teams. Music was by the Untouchables who entertained everyone with their songs and jokes. Full marks to the orgainisers Matt Doran and Madeline Stynes who were told when they were orgainising the event that Dinner Dances were gone out of fashion. Here's looking forward ot next year's dance.

PIERRE GETS TOP AWARD

On Sunday the 10th of February at the FAI awards in the Citywest Hotel. Maynooth man Pierre Ennis received the "U16 PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD. Pierre who presently on contract to Aston Villa was also an active member of Maynooth GAA until he left for Birmingham. A highly skilled hurler he represented both club and county with distinction. He was also a highly regarded Gaelic Footballer who without doubt would have been a household name in this county and beyond if he had pursued a Gaelic Football career. On the occasion of his departure many people said that Aston Villa's gain was Maynooth GAA and Kildare's loss. A member of a well known sporting family who have contributed greatly to the club. Everyone in Maynooth GAA club would like to congratulate Pierre on receiving this award and wish him well in his soccer career.

ST PATRICK'S DAY

At the time of going to press plan's were been put in place for entertainment in the clubhouse on St Patricks Day. It is hoped to get some of our younger members of Scor to put on a show in the afternoon while there would be entertainment that night. Please check the club noticeboard for more exact details.

NEW YEAR LOTTO WIN

Maynooth GAA club had its first Euro winner in its weekly lotto on Sunday the 12TH of January. The lucky winner was Mary Ann Duggan, a native of Allenwood who is married with 2 children, who won the grand prize of 1,400 euro. She was sold the ticket by Maynooth woman May Mahony. The two are both workers in the Z Gum factory, formerly Leaf, in Kilcock where May has been a regular seller to her co workers for many years. The lotto draw takes place in the clubhouse on the Moyglare Road every Sunday night, and the money raised is used to fund club development and also help in the running costs of some 25 teams which the club fields in hurling, football and camogie .

Aidan Sinnott MAYNOOTH GAA PRO

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MAYNOOTH GAA LOTTO RESULTS

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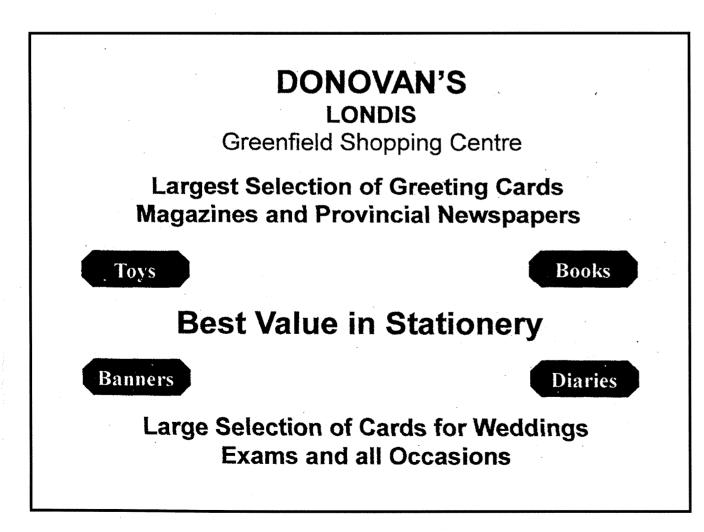
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Mary Ann Duggan C/O May Mahony

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3 FEB	Oisin	S. Delaney	A. Killoran	Anne Feeney	M. Flynn
	c/o Naomi	21 Newtown	c/o May Mahony	c/o D. Nugent	c/o D. O'Grady
10 FEB	F. Ward	G. McCann	T. Sheehan	B. Devereaus	Gerry Mulcahy
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MAYNOOTH FIANNA FAIL CUMANN NEWS



Minister McCreevy T.D.

Unfortunately due to pressure of work, this months article is going to be shorter than usual but this certainly doesn't reflect the amount of work or activity that the Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann are undertaking both during February and indeed also during March 2002.

The following is a short synopsis of the events we are planning and organizing, some of which unfortunately will be over before you get the chance to read this article. However other events will still be forthcoming so good advance notice of them can help ensure your attendance or participation if you wish.

On Saturday 9th February - MINISTER MCCREEVY T.D. AND CLLR. PAUL KELLY attended a Meeting in the Glenroyal Hotel a.m. at which they both met with a number of representatives from both the Girls National School in Maynooth and also the Comprehensive School in Maynooth. Following those meetings, the Minister and Paul also met with 3 representatives of the Maynooth Committee for the Special Olympics, namely, Ronan Barry, Eithne Bean and Melanie Oliver.

As usual, following the above Meetings the Cumann members then accompanied Minister McCreevy and Clir Paul Kelly on a walkabout of both Castledawson Estate and Carton Court Estate, both areas which gave us a very warm welcome on a very cold day. The Minister and Councillor met with members of the Castledawson Residents Association wherein the areas of concern still outstanding were pointed out and discussed. Of course Minister McCreevy and Cllr Kelly will continue to follow up on those outstanding matters.

As Minister for Finance, Charlie McCreevy has had a major input to overseeing the successful changeover from the circulation of the Irish Punt to the Euro and on the same day, he spent his last Irish Punt in Sean Donovans Newsagents, Londis, in the Greenfield Shopping Centre - word has it that he invested in a copy of the Irish Times newspaper and a revitalizing Mars bar!!!! No doubt the Liffey Champion captured the historic moment and will have run a photo in the meantime.

On Wednesday 13th February - the Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann will have held their A.G.M. and we will ensure that the Officer Board will be detailed in the next issue of the Newsletter. I have no doubt that the incoming Officer Board will work every bit as hard and with as much enthusiasm and drive as the outgoing.

On Tuesday 26th February - The Minister for Sports, Tourism and Recreation, Mr. Jim McDaid T.D. will be visiting Maynooth. Following a tour of the Maynooth G.A.A. Club to see the exciting plans they have made for their new facilities. the Minister will return to the Glenroval Hotel to attend a Reception hosted by the Maynooth Cumann at which representatives of all the local Maynooth sporting, tourist and recreational clubs and organization will be attending. All those hard working Maynooth people will have the opportunity to meet with the Minister (abeit briefly) personally and the Minister will also be addressing the attendance. It is planned to have wine, teas, coffees and other refreshments for those attending. The Minister will also be able to turn the sod on the extension to the Glenroyal Leisure Centre on the night.

On Wednesday 27th February - The Cumann will be hosting a Public Meeting to be addressed by Mr. Donncha O' Connell of the Irish Council for Civil Liberties. This should take place approximately from 9p.m. to 10.30p.m. Again, all are very welcome to attend as we would stress this is a Public Meeting and should be both interesting and stimulating.

On Friday 1st March - The Cumann will be hosting our annual "Breakfast with Minister McCreevy", at which our local Councillor Mr. Paul Kelly will also be attending and addressing the audience. This is our 3rd Annual Breakfast which has proved extremely popular and certainly very enjoyable. You may remember last year the Minister was



Cllr. Paul Kellv

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able to announce his funding of £100.000 for the development of Carton Walk.

Also, last year the Cumann donated some of the proceeds of the Breakfast to the " Community Games " and again this year, we plan to donate some of the proceeds of this years Brekkie to another deserving local Community Group - to be announced perhaps at our Breakfast.

On 8th and 9th March - The Fianna Fail Party will be having their Ard Fheis in the City West Hotel, Saggart. Last year was the first year this venue was used and it proved very popular and so we are repeating the exercise. Again, should anyone wish to attend please contact one of the members listed at the end of this article.

The Cumann would like to pass on our very best wishes and congratulations to Mr. Eugene Fitzpatrick who at the time of writing will be soon performing his song in a National Song contest to be screened on Pat Kennys " Late Late Show " at the end of February. Well done Eugene and we've heard the song is excellent.

The Cumann would also like to pass on our congratulations and best wishes to one of our own long-serving members, Mr and Mrs. Michael Caden, who recently celebrated their 80th and 75th Birthdays respectively. Their family hosted a fantastic surprise Birthday party down in the newly opened Johnstown Inn Hotel in Enfield where the food, venue, music and entertainment was excellent. Michael has been in our Cumann for more than 16 years having previously played an equally active part in Dublin.

MINISTER MCCREEVY AND CLLR. PAUL KELLY NOTES

BOND BRIDGE

The Minister recently met with Ms. Sile de Valera T.D. Minister of Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands with a view to discussing the latest in a series of problems and obstacles with regard to the long awaited Bond Bridge issue.

Following from this meeting Mr. McCreevy T.D. received the following letter and information from Minister deValera.

The following are short quotes from the letter, which is available should anyone wish to view it.

Quote.

6th February 2002

" I am advised by Waterways Ireland that Bond Bridge is a 200 year old masonry arch bridge and that they have been involved in discussions with Kildare County Council since 7th June 2000 as to how the road could be widened without damaging the existing bridge.

Kildare County Council hired a conservation architect to look at various options and in a report dated November 2000 it was the opinion of the architect that the bridge should be removed and preserved in order to protect its architectural significance.

At a meeting between Kildare County Council and Waterways Ireland in November 2001, it was agreed that the bridge could be dismantled, subject to an agreed process of recording and preserving the 200 vear old structure plus providing safe storage. Waterways Ireland was also asked to consult with Irish Rail regarding the possible re-erection of the masonry arch bridge in Maynooth Harbour to replace an existing temporary steel footbridge. At no time did it object or prevent the local authority from progressing its plans.

I understand that following recent discussions between Mr. John Martin, Chief Executive, Waterways Ireland and Mr. Niall Bradley, Kildare County Manager, the process to enable the construction of the new bridge was agreed.

I know you will be pleased that this matter has now been resolved satisfactorily.

Yours sincerely,

Sile de Valera.

Unquote.

As mentioned at the start of the article, pressure of time has meant that unfortunately we have to cut our article short this month, however we will make up for that next month. Many thanks again to all who have read the article and to all those who continue to receive us very warmly on our routine walkabouts.

As before, anyone wishing to contact the Cumann can phone either Gearoid Lohan at 01-6289187 or myself Brid Feely on 087-2052649.

Keep safe until next month,

Brid Feelv. Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann Secretary.

Oliver Reilly

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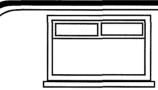


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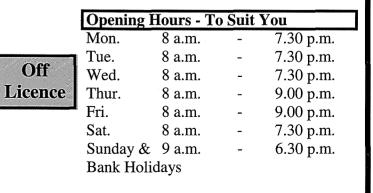
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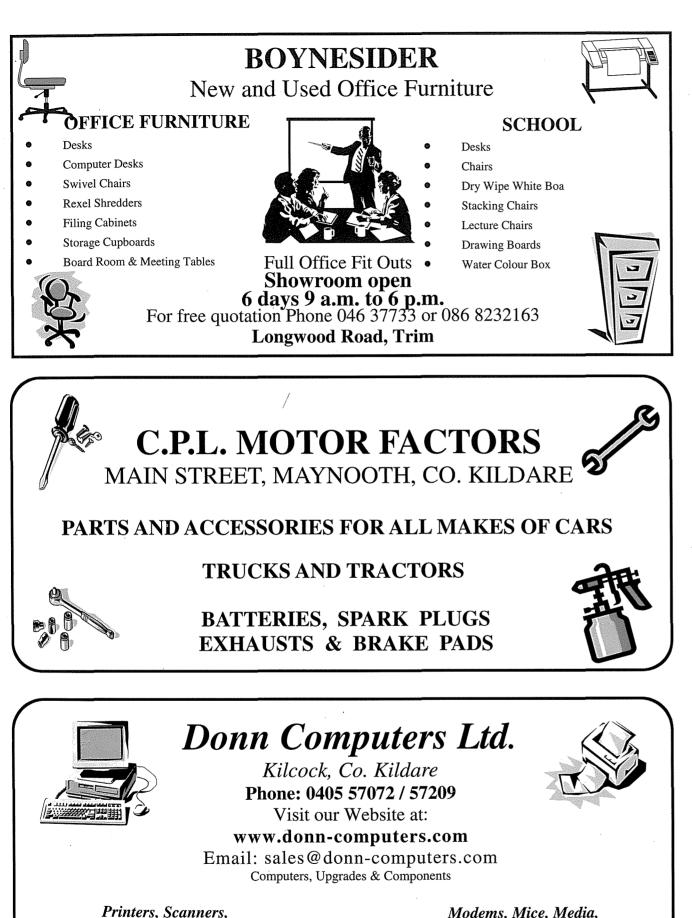
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Bond Bridge Works Given All Clear:

Faced with a demand from Waterways Ireland that Kildare County Council would have to agree to rebuild the old bridge between the Harbour and the Railway Station, before they granted the necessary wayleave agreements, Deputy Emmet Stagg contacted his constituency colleague, Charlie McCreevy, to organise a meeting between himself, Minister McCreevy, Minister de Valera, the Chief Executive Officer of Waterways Ireland and the County Manager for Kildare. The meeting was organised for the 31st January, but we are pleased to say that Waterways Ireland changed their position prior to the meeting.

The revised proposal, which the Council are quite happy with, involves the Council agreeing to remove the old stonework from the bridge carefully, numbering the old stones, suitable storage of the old stones and keeping them in good condition. In effect, the Council were already doing this under their old plan.

Waterways Ireland will now grant the Council the necessary wayleave agreements. The Council will seek tenders for the project in March of this year and the successful contractor will be on site this September.

The meeting arranged by the Minister for Finance proved to be the catalyst in the resolution of this issue and we would like to thank Minister McCreevy for arranging it at Deputy Stagg's request.

Finally, we would like to thank the residents of the area for their continued support in our campaign on Bond Bridge. We are now within sight of the winning post.

Tree Survey, Main Street, Maynooth:

As a result of a motion from Cllr. John McGinley, Costin & Associates, Landscape Consultants, carried out a survey of the Lime trees on Main Street, Maynooth.

There are 36 trees in total and only 4 were found to be healthy. The tree outside Barry's Shop needs to be removed immediately as it has a very large cavity 1.5m above ground. In a lot of cases there is serious soil compacting due to illegal car parking and more bollards are required to protect the trees from damage

rom car wheels. This is most evident outside the Castle where motorists are causing serious damage to the trees and the green. A lot of electrical cable left over from Christmas lights is causing damage to a number of trees and needs to be removed. Most of the trees require pruning. Some trees are planted too close to the kerb and need to be replanted e.g. Coffee Shop, College green area.

John Joe Costin, as usual, produced a very professional report and Cllr. John McGinley will ensure that his recommendations are implemented.

Children's Playgrounds:

As a result of a motion submitted by Cllr. John McGinley, Kildare County Council is at long last constructing children's playgrounds. There is already one in Athy and two more are being built in Naas and Newbridge. The one in Newbridge will be ready in 3 months time and it will be used as the model for others to follow. At the Area Meeting, Cllr. McGinley asked that standard development levies on all new houses be increased to create a fund for such playgrounds so that money would not be an obstacle in future. (The standard development levies cover footpaths and public lighting at present.) He also asked that Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge be given priority for playarounds because of their rapid growth.

Bus Bays at Charter House, Maynooth:

Cllr. John McGinley asked for bus bays in this location in order to improve safety for the school children. The Council has reported that the cost of the works. including land acquisition from Charter House, is estimated at ?45,000. The engineer present stated that a source of funding has yet to be identified. Cllr. John McGinley said that funding could come from the £198,000 already allocated for Town Improvement Works in this area. Cllr. McGinley expressed his anger when the engineer stated that this money was no longer available. He demanded a full written report for the next meeting and that if this funding, £68,000 of which had been a development levy on Tesco, had gone elsewhere, he will be insisting that the Council take out a loan to make good the loss.

Traffic Calming at Parklands and Movulare Road:

The good news is that Cllr. McGinley has been advised that the traffic calming for these two locations will be completed by the end of the February.

Green Area outside Geraldine Castle:

As this area is now a mud bath Cllr. John McGinley has again asked the Council and the Office of Public Works to do something about it without any further delay. Deputy Emmet Stagg also raised the issue with Minister de Valera and she has requested the Office of Public Works to contact the contractors who carried out the work on Maynooth Castle.

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Re-alignment Works for Dunboyne Road in March:

Cllr. John McGinley is pleased to report that the much needed resurfacing and re-alignment (removing the "green area") of the Dunboyne Road, Maynooth will take place in March according to the Area Engineer. The ESB will be removing the pole on the "green area" at the corner in order to allow the 120,000 works to proceed.

Control Monitoring for Pollution Maynooth:

As a result of a motion from Cllr. John McGinley the Council are at present considering quotations for suitable monitoring equipment for Maynooth.

Footpath at Rathcoffey Bridge at M4:

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

"That a footpath be provided across the M4 at the Rathcoffey bridge, Maynooth in order to provide a safe passage for users of the soccer pitches and other pedestrians."

Surfacing of Silken Vale Road:

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

"That an Enforcement Order be issued on North City Builders to get them to carry out the final surface dressing of Silken Vale Road, Maynooth, as agreed at the Area Committee Meeting on 4 May 2001."

Freezing of Water Mains Pipes in Greenfield Estate, Maynooth:

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

"That action be taken by Kildare County Council to prevent a recurrence of water mains pipes freezing in the public footpaths in Maynooth Park, Greenfield Drive and Laurence Avenue, Maynooth."

Maynooth Town Improvement Works:

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion to the Area Committee:

"That costings be provided for the completion of Maynooth Town Improvement Works as outlined in the 1996 Anthony O'Neill Report and that a programme be drawn up for the completion of these works."

Footpath from Beaufield to Cluain Aoibhinn:

Cllr. John McGinley has asked that the footpath from Beaufield to Cluain Aoibhinn be given a proper surface

as it is in a very bad state at present. He has asked that money be taken from his Discretionary Grant funding of £37,000 for this purpose.

Meadowbrook Link Road:

The design drawings for the Meadowbrook Link Road were shown to the Area Committee at their meeting on 1/2/02. Cllr. John McGinley expressed his anger when he noticed that the traffic calming and safety measures agreed for the Meadowbrook Estate were not included. He has demanded that these be included as they were agreed by the County Engineer last summer.

Traffic Calming for Pound Lane and Back Lane:

Cllr. John McGinley has asked that the traffic calming measures previously agreed for Pound Lane and Back Lane, Maynooth be now implemented. This will involve pinch points at the side of No. 28 Leinster Cottages on Back Lane and at the pedestrian path exit from Pound Park at Pound Lane. When the traffic calming measures are in place there will be no need for the "No Entry" signs at both ends of the Lanes.

Woodlands:

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been advised by the Chief Executive Officer of Bord Gáis that if 20% of residents in the estate require a supply of Natural Gas then Bord Gáis will proceed with the project.

24 Hour Garda Station for Maynooth:

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Justice on requests made by Chief Superintendents in relation to the provision of 24 hour Garda Stations since 1990. The Minister, in his response, advised that since 1990 only one such request was made in respect of Ashbourne in Co. Meath.

The towns of Maynooth and Celbridge have a population of 25,000 and are left with no 24 hour cover except for patrol cars which are constantly under pressure. Leixlip which has a population of 16,000 is in a similar position.

In an effort to move towards addressing the policing needs of North Kildare, through the provision of at least one 24 hour Garda Station to start with, Deputy Emmet Stagg is to seek a meeting with the ChiefDeputy Stagg is hopeful that a different Minister for the Arts next May might assist us in finishing the work which was started.

Post Primary Maynooth School Extension:

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Education in relation to the required extension to Maynooth Post Primary School. The Minister, in his response, indicated that following examination of the Developed Sketch Scheme in his Department, a number of issues had been raised with County Kildare V.E.C. which required clarification. Subject to a

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Flood Alleviation Not Being Treated with Urgency:

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Finance in relation to the meeting which the Office of Public Works were to hold with officials from Kildare County Council on the question of flood alleviation works in Maynooth.

The Minister, in his response, indicated that the meeting would be held in February with the main thrust being the provision of additional data and studies.

Given the fact that Kildare County Council submitted reports in October 2001, in relation to the Meadowbrook and Lyreen Rivers, it is simply unacceptable that it takes five months for the Office of Public Works to arrange a meting with Council Officials. It is obvious that the Office of Public Works are not treating this matter urgently as the meeting will only identify the further studies required.

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Deputy Stagg is hopeful that a different Minister for the Arts next May might assist us in finishing the work which was started.

Mavnooth Post Primary School Extension:

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Education in relation to the required extension to Maynooth Post Primary School. The Minister, in his response, indicated that following examination of the Developed Sketch Scheme in his Department, a number of issues had been raised with County Kildare V.E.C. which required clarification. Subject to a satisfactory response the question of authorising the project for Detailed Design would be considered.

Deputy Stagg will contact County Kildare V.E.C. to ensure that a response issues urgently in relation to the issues raised by the Department.

Dunboyne Road – Extension of 30 m.p.h. Speed Limit:

Following requests from residents in Lyreen Park. Deputy Emmet Stagg has requested the extension of the 30 mile per hour speed limit on the Dunboyne Road to beyond the entrance to Lyreen Park Estate.

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THE ARTISTS WAY COMMUNITY **TRAINING PROJÈCT** Is hosting a Lone Parents programme

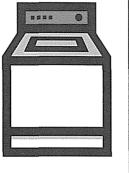
The workshop will provide training in the areas Childcare, Arts & Crafts, Catering, Computers E-Mail / Internet, Job Search Skills and Many More. Accreditation will be to a Fas (FETAC) Certificate level Each participant will reccice a Fas wage Plus a Fas child benefit allowance

Those interested in the above, please contact Anita or Bernie at 01-6103894 / Fax 01 - 6103895 Or e-mail: theartistsway@iolfree.ie All applicants to be in by the 28th March 2002

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Maynooth Community Centre

The recently formed Maynooth Community Facilities Group have taken on the task of bringing about a Community Centre for Maynooth. Arising from a recent open meeting of the Maynooth Action Strategy (MAS) and a meeting of Maynooth Community Council the need for Youth Facilities was identified and our group was formed to look at this deficit in the town. However it guickly became apparent that while there is definitely a need for Youth Facilities there was a wider community need for a centre that would cater for a range of other activities. We therefore broadened our remit to embrace Community facilities which would incorporate youth needs as well.

The steering group consists of 5 MAS members and 3 Community Council members who represent a cross section of community activities. To-date we have made good progress and feel that a momentum is building towards a community centre becoming a reality. We have already met with Minister McCreevy and outlined our proposal to him. His response was very positive and he pledged his support to us as we go forward. At this meeting we also discussed our intention to pursue a site for the centre in the new 57 acre Public Park. This land is located on the Maynooth-Leixlip road and offers great potential as a home for the centre as well as many other recreational pursuits. Cllr Paul Kelly has promised to follow up this option with Kildare County Council and report back to us at the earliest opportunity. We will be meeting with the other Councillors in the coming weeks to seek their support in this project.

We have produced a brief survey form and posted a copy of this to all of the listed and known clubs, groups and associations in Maynooth. The results of this survey will give us a good feel for the level of interest and support for the project. It will also serve to update our database of the various activities in the Town. For these reasons we are appealing to all recipients of the form to return it as soon as possible. For those people

involved in any group etc who have not been contacted we would ask them to get in touch with us at the address below in order that we can include them for the survey and for all future correspondence. We anticipate a positive response to our survey and to quickly move to the next stage of the process soon after the replies are assessed. It would be our intention to have an open meeting at which all interested people can contribute and hopefully involve themselves fully in what will be a real community effort to bring about a really worth-while benefit for all in Maynooth



Sally Ann O'Reilly with her Family on Confirmation Dav



Stephen Travers on Confirmation Day



Grace Oxley on Confirmation Dav

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Community Council & Newsletter Staff

PRAYER TO VIRGIN MARY

(Never Known to Fail)

(This Prayer Must be Published)

O Most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel fruitful vine splendour of Heaven Blessed Mother of the Son of God. Immaculate Virgin assist me in this necessity. O Star of Sea help me and show me here you are my Mother, O Holy Mary Mother of God. Queen of Heaven and Earth. I humbly beseech you from the bottom of heart to succour me in my necessity. There are none that can withstand Your Power O'Show here you are my Mother. O'Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 Times)

Holy Mary I place this case in your Hands (3 times) Sweet Mother I place this case in your hands (3 times) O Thank you for your mercy to me and mine. Amen. This prayer must be said for 3 days, after that the request will be granted.

Birthdays

Happy birthday to Maura Brady (March 10th) and her daughter Sharon (March 31st) from family and friends in

Happy birthday to Conor Saults who celebrates his ninth birthday on March 31st from Mammy, Daddy, Grandad, Aunts, Uncles and friends in Maynooth.

Happy birthday to David and Linda McCourt who celebrates their eighteenth birthdays on March 31st from Ma,

Answers to Brainbox's Perfect Quiz.

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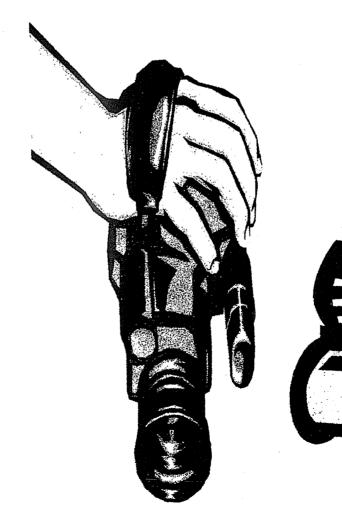
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