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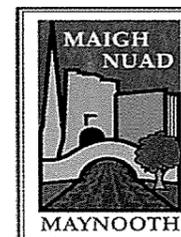
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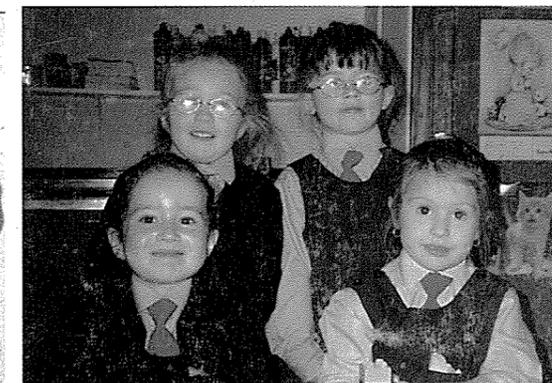
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*Sinéad, Euan, Ryan, Rachida & Laoise  
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## Editorial

Sunday night, the 22<sup>nd</sup> September, heralded the end of an era in Maynooth. The Geraldine Arms, better known as Caulfields Public House, finally closed its doors to the public before its imminent demolition in the next few days. It was a particularly lively weekend with some Armagh supporters drinking there on Saturday and the crowds that attended for the GAA final between Kerry and Armagh on the Sunday afternoon. But the full impact was felt that night when the cameras came out to take the final pictures and customers asked for various mementos of their long years drinking, socialising and meeting within those four walls. What remains of Caulfields will soon disappear to be replaced by a larger, modernised house. It is hoped that the community that was Caulfields continues to flourish and come together again when it hopes to open in early December. Along with Bradys, Caulfields is considered a locals pub but it has welcomed many of the town's blow-ins and made us more than welcome and part of the old town. It was a poignant view to watch the pub empty and for those who saw it through to the bitter end there were many ghosts haunting the premises. All the characters who have passed on who had their own particular stools and special corners – too numerous to mention. But we could not help but remember them on that occasion. This is without doubt the end of an era but the new building will house a meeting room to accommodate the many clubs and societies who are the heart and soul of this public house. So many regulars filled the small remaining space on Sunday night that it was difficult to move and there were those that were close to tears. There will be many who will be scouting the town this week looking for a suitable replacement. Trying to find a replacement pub may prove difficult.

We would like to welcome back our student population and welcome the first years to Maynooth. May they have a fruitful, educational and enjoyable time in our growing town. We note that the schools have also opened and that the traffic levels seem to have grown out of all proportion to the road capacity. It is great news that Kildare County Council have agreed to go ahead with the Meadowbrook Link and Bond Bridge. There was some danger that they would suffer due to the decrease in the country's resources. This should alleviate the traffic congestion but the planned developments at both ends of the town need to be accommodated otherwise we are facing daylong gridlock, bad temper and possible accidents, particularly at the junction outside the Roost pub.

The Newsletter is delighted to announce that a full editorial board is now in existence after a gap of a year. Names will be found elsewhere in this publication. Finally, the Newsletter would like to draw attention to the fact that we only received an article against the Nice treaty. We usually try to achieve balance but no one was prepared to write an article advocating a yes vote. We urge everyone to go out and vote and to consider the issues seriously and not to treat this as a vote on the Government. This referendum is much too serious to have it reduced to an anti-Government vote. The Saturday vote should accommodate those who need to

# Community Council Notes September Meeting

## Maynooth Community Council News

The September meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on the 9th September in the Glenroyal Hotel.

### Maynooth Action Area Plan

Cllr. John McGinley said that the public will have to decide what is the best for the Harbour Field and Geraldine Hall, also the 55 acre park at Carton. He said it is important to have consultation with the public and that submissions should be sent to Kildare County Council. A target of six months was set for completion of plans.

A special meeting was held on the 17th September to discuss the plans.

### Editorial Board

A meeting of the new Editorial Board will take place on Monday 16th September.

### Festival

Chairperson, Hugh Gallagher, said that a Festival Committee will be set up soon. It is hoped to make next year's Festival a huge success. He thanked all the office staff and the Festival Committee. Willie Saults, Treasurer, also thanked everyone involved and said that quite a lot of money was raised for the Community Council.

### Local Matters

Paul Croghan raised the point that the Geraldine Hall is in a very bad state and is now a dangerous building. He said something should be done about it. However it was pointed out by Cllr. John McGinley that it is hoped that Kildare County Council will take over the Geraldine Hall in September.

### Maynooth Centre Partnership

Ann Burns said that Maynooth Centre Partnership and M.C.C. are working together on the prospect of a Community Centre for Maynooth. She said they had been looking at other Community Centres. They wrote to Kildare County Council and also to Maynooth Development Association. She said that they would also be writing to Kelt looking for a grant. Ann said that they felt that they are ready to look at bringing in an architect.

However Cllr. John McGinley pointed out that all the land will be in public ownership and it would be best to wait until the Area Action Plan is finalised.

### Tidy Towns Competition

Paul Croghan told the meeting that Maynooth had gained six more points on last year. He said the Tidy Towns Committee were very pleased with this. He thanked the Tidy Towns Committee, Kildare County Council, Residents Associations and all the voluntary effort put in during the year.

### Residents Associations

On behalf of Moyglare Village Paul Croghan said that the €150 grant received from Kildare County Council was very disappointing. He said the burden of grass cutting was crippling on Residents Associations. He also pointed out that cars are parking on double yellow lines at the Post Primary School. He felt that cars parked there collecting children, are making it very dangerous and could cause an accident. However Cllr. Senan Griffin said that he felt that most cars don't park on the yellow lines. He also said that the school has not enough parking places.

Des Matthews on behalf of Woodlands said that they were also very disappointed with the €150 grant from Kildare County Council. He said grass cutting would cost them €4,000 this year, also insurance is a huge expense.

Sean Cushen on behalf of College Green said that grass cutting has now nearly become a year round job, also that they find it hard to collect the subscriptions from let and rented houses.

Hugh Gallagher Rockfield said that it was very important that all residents pay their subs with the cost raising all the time.

### Drug Seizure in Maynooth

Tom McMullon congratulated the gardai and all concerned with the huge drug seizure in Maynooth.

### Summer Project

On behalf of the Summer Project Committee Claire O'Rourke said that the Summer Project went very well this year. She thanked all involved. The Committee and parents who made it all happen. She also thanked Kildare County Council for €1,000 grant.

**Next Maynooth Community Council Meeting will take place on the 14th October in the Glenroyal Hotel.**

**Marie Gleeson  
PRO**



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02/1639	Desmond Noone	Laragh Demesne Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	23/08/02	(1) to demolish existing single storey dwelling, (2) to build replacement storey and a half type dwelling incorporating single storey garage and utility annex in lieu of the above dwelling to be demolished & (3) to revise site boundaries as per boundaries	Laragh Demesne Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1663	Roger Satchwell	Mariaville Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	27/08/02	to demolish existing substandard gate lodge	Mariaville Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1669	Lisa Halton	Threadstown Laragh Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	28/08/02	to erect a dormer type dwelling house and double garage along with proprietary domestic effluent treatment system, upgrading of existing field entrance to provide recessed vehicular site access and all other associated site works	Threadstown Laragh Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1700	Larry Donald	Electricity Supply Board Lower Fitzwilliam Square Dublin 2	P	02/09/02	sought to locate new spare undergised 250MVA Transformer onto existing foundation in Maynooth ESB Station	ESB Station Maynooth Taghadoo Co. Kildare
02/1708	North City builders	Millrace Manor Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	03/09/02	sought for change of house type on approved site	23 Pebble hill Dunboyne Road Maynooth
02/1724	NUI Maynooth	National University of Ireland Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	05/09/02	for student accommodation on a site adjoining existing student accommodation at the National University of Ireland, Maynooth for the following: 250 study bedrooms in a combination of 1 no. four bedroom and 49 no. five bedroom apartments etc.	NUI Ireland Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1726	Wendy Forster	Barberstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	05/09/02	for two storey house, garage for domestic use and Septech 2000 effluent treatment plant	Barberstown Upper Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1741	Noel Farrelly	Barberstown Upper Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	06/09/02	for dormer bungalow and Septech 2000 effluent treatment plant	Barberstown Upper Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1744	Denis Byrne	60 Celbridge Abbey Clane Road Celbridge Co. Kildare	P	09/09/02	for dormer bungalow, garage for domestic use and septech 2000 effluent treatment plant	Moneycooley Maynooth Co. Kildare

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02/1761	Tom Flood	The Old Mill Old Bawn Tallaght Dublin 24	P	10/09/02	for change of use from shop to betting office	Main Street Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/1772	Glenmoy Developments Ltd.	Grafton Buildings 34 Grafton Street Dublin 2	P	11/09/02	sought for 128 two bedroom own door apartments in mixed two and three storey buildings on the former Presentation Convent grounds	Nagle Court Dillons Row Maynooth
02/1787	Joe Farrell	Mooretown Maynooth Road Celbridge Co. Kildare	P	13/09/02	development will consist of the change of use and conversion of the existing garage to an office, the construction of a new single storey extension to the side and rear of the existing dormer dwelling and the construction of a new single storey etc.	Mooretown Maynooth Road Celbridge

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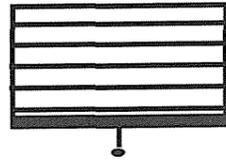
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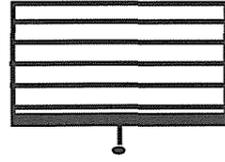








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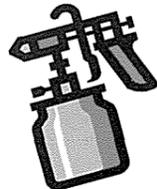


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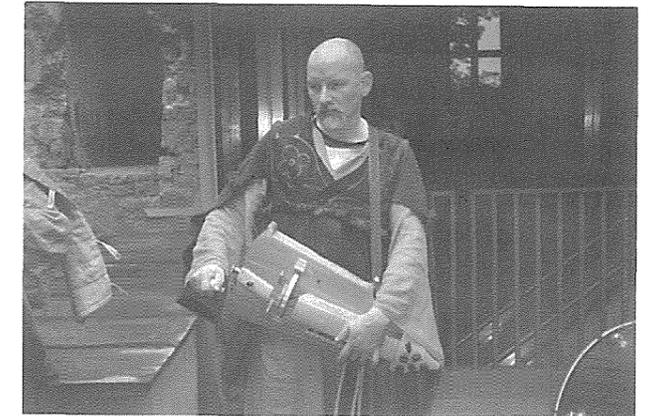
### Bus Shelter

In their wisdom C.I.E. put a shelter outside Caulfields. A set down stop that is used about once a day to pick up passengers while across the road at Uí Buachallas, where passengers congregate for the Dublin bus have to bear the elements. So it was great to see a group from Northern Ireland using the unused shelter on their way to Knock to have their breakfast.

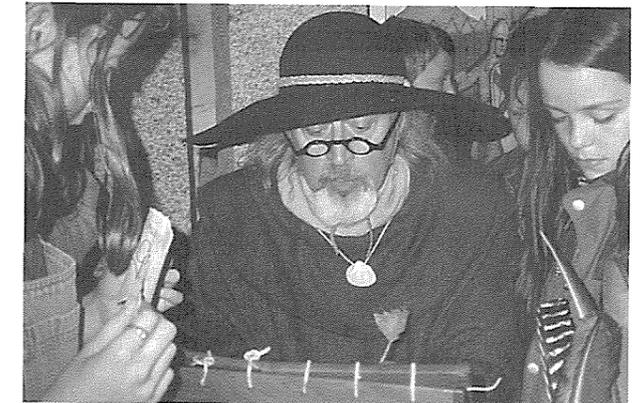


### Medieval Fair

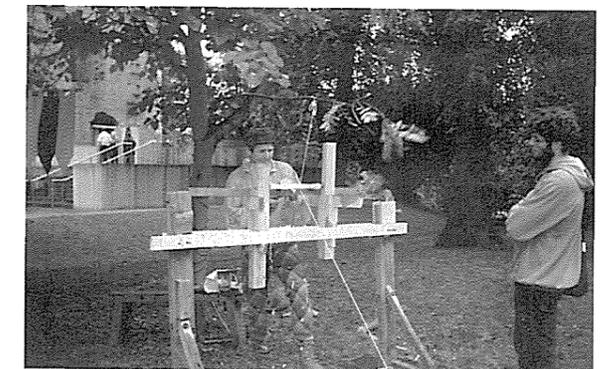
Large crowds attended the Castle for the event on Saturday 7th September. With guided tour and participation in events for all it was an enjoyable experience.



*The original Irish Guitar*



*Signing names in Heraldic Writing*



*A Lathe or Wood Turner of Ancient Times.  
Notice the use of the branch as a spring.*

### Maynooth Newsletter

would welcome new contributors in relation to Articles, Residents Association News, Clubs & Organisations, Family Celebrations, Upcoming Events, Book Reviews, Film Reviews, Restaurant Reviews or any thing you might think would be of interest to our Readers.

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# Clubs, Organisations and Societies

## Maynooth Tidy Towns

### National Tidy Towns Competition 2002

Maynooth has made further progress in this year's competition with our score increasing a further six points up to 206. This is an excellent result despite the fact that we increased by sixteen points and achieved a special merit award in the 2001 competition. Additional points are hard to gain so a further increase of six is no mean achievement. At this stage we will not try to thank everyone for their efforts as the report from the judges is worth reading in itself and it follows these notes. We will of course be acknowledging people on the occasion when we announce the winners of our Best Estates and Shop Fronts Competitions 2002 in mid October. Please take a few minutes to read the report from the judges on Maynooth's performance in the National Tidy Towns Competition 2002.

### Maynooth, Co. Kildare Overall Developmental Approach

Welcome to the Tidy Towns Competition of 2002 and thank you for your application. Your submitted plan is excellent and fully comprehensive. Well done on its completion and good luck with the completion of all in the plan! As a rapidly growing centre many challenges face you over the next number of years. You have identified these and also threats & opportunities for the town. Your plan for the two action areas of the Harbour and Carton Avenue is admirable. Congratulations on your Endeavour Award in 2001 and well done on this years presentation.

### The Built Environment

Maynooth is a beautiful town with many fine buildings along its lovely Main Street. The maturing trees along the street area are much admired for adding a lovely ambience and softening the streetscape. The development at the Square is very good - simple and tasteful. The Coffee Mill and the Roost were very well presented. The Leinster Arms looked well as did the Bank of Ireland. Some newly refurbished buildings were complimented for their retention of the towns heritage. The Railways Station was maintained & presented and the Maynooth Business Part is a very fine development. St Patrick's College and NUI Maynooth were both beautifully presented and complemented on their maintenance. The Church was also admired as was The Citizens Advice premises and Hegarty Solicitors. The adjudicator was pleased to learn of the impending developments at the Kavanagh Mills property and at the Mart. The committee is complimented for their activities under this heading and for the amount of work undertaken in association with other groups. Good luck with work on the Geraldine Hall - a very worthy project, and indeed with all other work noted under this heading.

### Landscaping

A very lovely array of boxes, baskets and tubs were admired along the Main Street during adjudication this year. New tree planting along the Straffan Rd, Kilcock Rd, Maynooth Business Part, are complimented. The Harbour Area looked well except for the presence of litter. The area along the Church and School was well maintained and presented. Your tree survey is an excellent idea. The area at the Joan Slade River is very beautiful.

### Wildlife and Natural Amenities

The amount of natural amenities in and around Maynooth are no doubt home to a great number of species. The development of the amenity walks are an excellent way to introduce the area to residents and visitors alike. The small wildlife areas in your estates are also complimented. The Harbour area was home to ducks, moorhens, heron and swans on the day of adjudication. Providing information to the schools is complimented. Again you have a very extensive active plan under this heading.

### Litter Control

Unfortunately for Maynooth litter control on the day of adjudication was not good. Along Main Street there was a lot of litter especially outside the newsagents. On the Leixlip Rd more litter was noted. Along the road after emerging from the station litter was excessive. In the Harbour Area there was some litter and in the field beside this, litter was excessive. Your activities and plants are very good but perhaps they need to be looked at again.

### Tidiness

There was no major problems under this heading. Be diligent where weeds and litter are concerned.

### Residential Areas

Residential areas were very well presented & maintained. Those noted were: Castlebridge, Railpark, Manor Park, Parson Lodge, Parson Court, Parklands & Old Greenfield. Landscaping was admired in many estates - well done to all involved.

### Roads, Streets and Back Areas

The approach roads from Naas was very well presented. Some walls were admired in many areas. The Kilcock Road verges needed attention and also on the Leixlip road. Many side areas around the Main Street have been refurbished and look very well after being resurfaced. Your five historic walks in the town are an excellent amenity and walking & cycling routes are complimented e.g. on Rathcoffey Road.

### General Impression

The general impression of Maynooth is very favourable - good luck in reaching your targets over the coming years.

# Clubs, Organisations and Societies

(Maynooth Tidy Towns Contd.)

RESULTS			
	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	39	37
The Built Environment	40	31	31
Landscaping	40	24	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	21
Litter Control	40	22	24
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	25	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	21
General Impression	10	7	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>200</b>

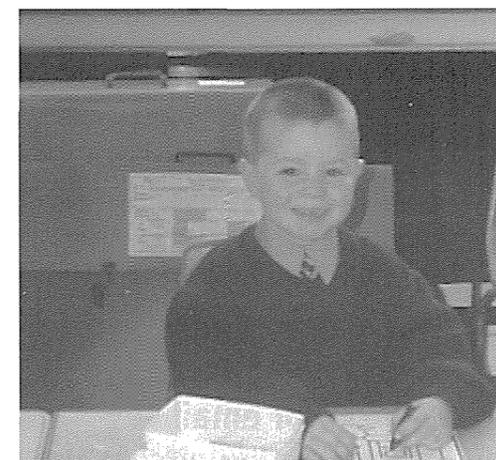
## Maynooth Tidy Towns

### Best Estates and Shop Front Competitions 2002

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# Children's Book Festival

in

## Maynooth Community Library

### ⇒ Tuesday 29th October:

11.00-12.30pm Edel McDonnell

Music Workshop 7-12 years

### ⇒ Wednesday 30th October

11.00-12.30pm Clodagh Kelly

Scary Mask Workshop 4-6 years

2.30-4.00pm Clodagh Kelly

Scary Mask Workshop 7-12 years

### ⇒ Thursday 31st October:

2.30-4.00pm Terry Hasset Henry

Witches & Wizards 7-12 years

### ⇒ Friday 1st November:

11.00-12.30pm Karen Donnellan

Musical Tots Pre-Schoolers

2.30-4.00pm The Basher Bacon Roadshow

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## Features

### Children's Book Festival Kildare Libraries

#### Mask Making

Ghosts, ghouls or scary monsters !!!!! Give your imagination free reign - Join Emma Forde or Clodagh Kelly and have some fun while making your very own "Scary Mask".

Emma hails from Kill and is a graduate of L>S>A>D> where she worked with various mediums i.e. paint, ceramics, textiles. Clodagh lives in Leixlip. She studied printmaking in college.

#### Music Workshops

Musical Tots workshops, for pre-school children and their parents, will be facilitated by Maynooth based, Karen Donnellan. The workshop aims to show how music can help to develop language co-ordination and social skills. Older children can go on a Musical Adventure with Edel McDonnell. Come and explore musical elements such as pulse, and rhythm, melody and tempo. Edel is recent graduate of the Royal Irish Academy of Music in Dublin.

#### Ghoulish Tales

Well known author Terry Hasset Henry will read Witches and Wizards Tales to coincide the latest Harry Potter film The Chamber of Secrets. Come dressed as your favourite Harry Potter character.

#### The Basher Bacon Roadshow

TV puppeteer Dominic Moore brings his show The Bacon Basher Roadshow to Kildare for Children's Book Festival. Join Basher in his wonderful wacky world, where with his own unique style of banter, Basher introduces us to beautiful damsels, obnoxious sisters, indescribably evil villains and horrifying monster.

The Basher Bacon Roadshow, while incorporating comic sketches, frightening adventure, ludicrous predicaments and quick fire snappy dialogue throughout, retains a strong story-line with a robust moral tone.

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### INTRODUCTION

Sir Ernest Shackleton the great polar explorer at Kilkea House, Athy, Co. Kildare in 1874. Shackleton was renowned for his courage, extraordinary leadership skills and his contribution to geographical discovery during the era of Antarctic exploration in the early years of the 20th century.

The Endurance expedition 1914-1916 has become one of the greatest epics of human survival, while Shackleton has become famous for his triumphs of honesty and humanitarianism.

Writer Mary Russell's approach to travel and exploration reflects the philosophy of Shackleton. Like Shackleton, her courage and interpersonal skills have seen her through many difficult situations. Mary Russell is a serious traveller. She has cycled through Syria, dog sledged through the Finnish Arctic and scrambled on her hands and knees across the Sahara. Like Shackleton, Russell's physical journeys have been immense, but fundamentally, the inner journey interests her most.

To celebrate County Kildare's association with Shackleton, and to coincide with the Ernest Shackleton Autumn School, Kildare Library and Arts Service will host a series of writer's workshops countrywide in September/ October. The workshops, facilitated by Mary Russell will examine themes of travel, exploration and endurance.

### WORKSHOP DIRECTOR

Mary Russell was born in Dublin and studied Arts at University College Dublin. She soon began writing for the Irish Times and for RTE. Her career in travel writing escalated with a four-part series on solo women travellers for the Guardian Newspaper.

In 1981, Mary travelled to Lesotho, the first of many such journeys. The following year, Mary cycled through France, from Le Harve to Marseilles. She caught a ship to Algiers, continuing to the Sahara Desert where she spent time with the Saharawi - a desert people displaced by the invasion of their country by Morocco. Other journeys followed ...to the Arctic, South Africa, Hungary and the Eastern Caribbean.

In 1998, Mary was invited to contribute to Penguin's Amazonian, a collection of new travel writing, by women. Following on from this, Irish publishing company, Town House commissioned her to write a travel book, which looks, not only at the places she has so far visited, but also at her reasons for going to these places. The Arab world, with all of its complexities continues to entice Mary, with more recent travels taking her to Israel, Syria and Iraq.

#### Literature

#### Creative Writing Workshops

Sir Ernest Shackleton the great polar explorer was born at Kilkea House, Athy, Co.Kildare in 1874.

## Clubs, Organisations and Societies

**Children's Book Festival Kildare Libraries cont.**  
 Shackleton was renowned for his courage, extraordinary leadership skills and his contribution to geographical discovery during the era of Antarctic exploration in the early years of the 20th century. Writer **Mary Russell's** approach to travel and exploration reflects the philosophy of Shackleton, her courage and interpersonal skills have seen her through many difficult situations. Mary Russell is a serious traveller. She has cycled through Syria, dog sledged through the Finnish Arctic and scrambled on her hands and knees across the Sahara. Like Shackleton, Russell's physical journeys have been immense, but fundamentally, the inner journey interests her most.

To celebrate County Kildare's association with Shackleton, and to coincide with The Ernest Shackleton Autumn School, Kildare Library and Arts Service will host a series of **creative writing workshops** in libraries countywide in September/October. The workshops, facilitated by Mary Russell will examine themes of travel, exploration and endurance. **Journeys of a Lifetime** by Mary Russell was published in June 2002. According to The Irish Times the book is 'vivid, self depreciating and often hilarious'.

For details contact Maynooth, Celbridge, Naas, Newbridge or Athy libraries, or the arts service. Booking Essential.

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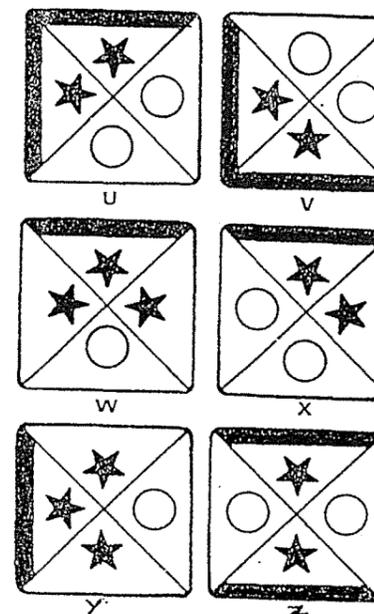
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I rest on my bed tonight  
 With my thoughts flowing free  
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 The night passes slowly by  
 Deep in my private solitude  
 My heart with a yearning cry  
 With all my wholesome truth  
 I pray at this very night  
 That my mind will drift away  
 To end all my weary plight  
 And deep in sleep I stay  
 I will arise the following morn  
 Awoken to a brand new day  
 So until the next day reborn  
 That my life will be ok

By Patrick Murray (Celbridge)

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 Parents little hearts clearly won  
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Patrick Murray

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# Clubs, Organisations and Societies

## Special Olympics In Maynooth

Thursday August 15th dawned bright and sunny - a miracle in itself given the trend of this summer! The prayers of the Maynooth Special Olympics Host Town Programme's had been answered and everything boded well for their Golf Classic on the magnificent O'Meara course in Carton Demense Golf Club. The reception, assistance and interest of the Mallaghan family and their staff was truly amazing and as a result the atmosphere for participants and committee was absolutely perfect. The fantastic organisational abilities of Doreen Duignan meant that the whole event ran without a single hitch. Between the beautiful sunshine and the excellent meal which followed in Moyglare Manor all involved had a wonderful day. The money raised means that the Maynooth committee are well on their way to ensuring that the Brazilian Special Olympics team will have a memorable reception during their four day stay in Maynooth from 16th - 20th June 2003.

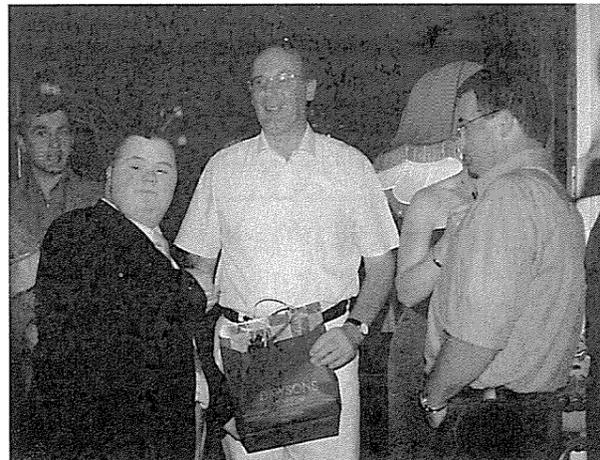
The committee now must turn their minds to the organisation of these four days and the serious attention to detail that is required. It will take a lot of community participation to make this venture a success. Families will be needed to adopt an apartment in St. Patrick's College where the Brazilian athletes will stay, entertainment events have to be organised, training locations must be finalised, transport needs to be co-ordinated and the list goes on! We are starting with the recruitment of volunteers who will give of their time (and energy!) during the stay of the Brazilian team and will help with the preparations. A recruitment drive will take place on Friday 20th and Saturday 21st September at the shopping centres at Tesco, Greenfield and the Glenroyal. We appeal for volunteers from all walks of life and we are making a special appeal at present for volunteers from the medical and para-medical professions. Medical backup is vital as the safety and well being of the athletes is of paramount importance to the Special Olympics Movement. If anyone in the community has a medical/para-medical background we would be only too delighted to hear from you. Contact Ann (6289705) or Annette (6290031).

Martin Brady of the Leinster Arms is still doing very well on his sponsored weight loss and by the end of September all will be revealed. Martin deserves every credit for this very personal fund raising activity - not every one would put themselves so publicly on the line - or on the scales as is the case here!

A delegation from the Maynooth committee was invited to meet the Brazilian Ambassador, Mr. Armando Sergio Frazao, in the Brazilian Embassy in Europa House, Harcourt Street, Dublin on Thursday, 29th August. The Ambassador was very enthusiastic about Maynooth's preparations to welcome the

Brazilian team and he is very keen to be involved in every way possible. The delegation were most impressed by the Ambassador's genuine warmth and his commitment to helping Maynooth to extend the friendliest hand imaginable to his fellow countrymen and women.

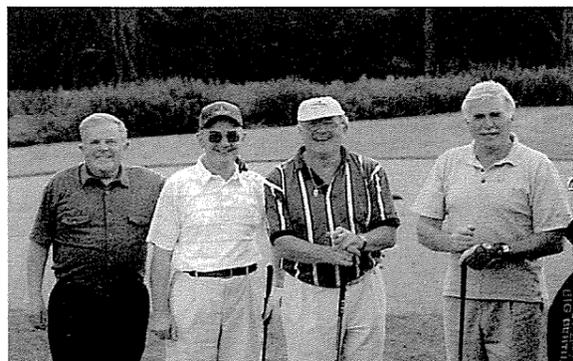
Watch out for a few more up-coming events! The Keeble School will be performing in the Aula Maxima, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth on Fri. 18th October and Bourbon Street will be entertaining us with their Big Band style music in the Glenroyal Hotel on Sat. 19th October. Keep and eye out for further details!



John McElligott receiving his award for closest to the pin



Marie Gleeson, Carmel Buckley, Brazilian Ambassador Armando Sergio Frazao, Melanie Oliver, Elaine Bean & Doreen Duignan in Brazilian Embassy



Msgr. Alex Stenson & Teammates during Golf Classic



Mark Smith Gold Medal Winner presenting bouquet of flowers to Doreen Duignan organiser of Golf Classic



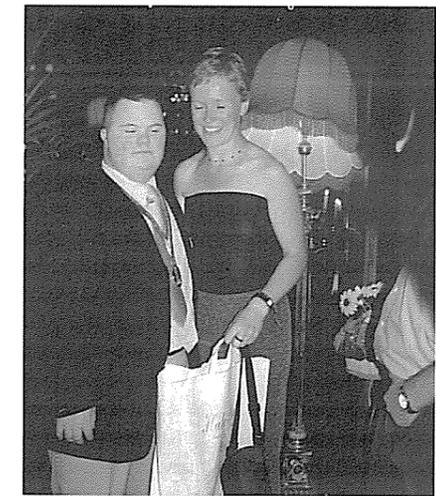
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Summer is gone, and the Autumn is drawing nearer. Looking for something different to do? somewhere you can go for a bit of fun, meet some new people, and keep fit all at the one time???? Well, here's the answer. Why not join us for a night of Ceili and Set-dancing on a Monday night in the Boys National School Hall on the Moyglare road.

We come in all shapes and sizes and from a variety of different backgrounds and cultures, but it doesn't matter when you get up on the floor. Even if you think you have two left feet that won't stop you! We grab a partner put on the music and sure there's no stopping us!! You think you would like to "Dance around the house and mind the dresser", well come along to the Adult Ceili and Set-Dancing classes also on a Monday night in the Boys National School Hall and book your spot on the floor. What a better way to keep fit than swinging your partner around the floor and learning a few steps as well. We certainly have a bit of fun. So come along any Monday night and see for yourself. We even stop for a cup of tea and a few biscuits. Make new friends, and have a bit of craic!!!

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## Dorin's Recipes

### Pumpkin Soup

2 lb pumpkin  
Sea salt, freshly ground black pepper and cayenne  
4 oz butter  
1 large onion  
2 pints milk  
Sugar  
5 fl oz cream  
Garnish: finely chopped dill or chervil  
Cooking time: 45 - 50 minutes



#### Method:

Cut the pumpkin into small chunks. Cut off the peel and remove the seeds and stringy parts. Put the pumpkin in a pan containing just enough boiling, salted water to cover the chunks. Bring to the boil and simmer for about 15 minutes, or until the pulp is tender. Drain, and either rub the pumpkin pulp through a coarse sieve or mash it in a liquidiser. Melt the butter in a pan and fry the peeled and finely chopped onion for about 5 minutes, or until soft and transparent. Add the pumpkin puree and heat through for 10 minutes, stirring frequently to prevent burning. Gradually add the hot milk, and season to taste; heat the soup through. Strain the soup through a sieve. Return it to the pan and heat again. Correct the seasoning and blend in the cream without letting the soup reach boiling point. Pour into soup bowls and sprinkle with the herbs.

### Pumpkin Pie

1 lb pumpkin puree  
1/2 lb shortcrust pastry  
1/2 pint cream  
3 eggs  
1 tablespoon grated lemon peel  
5 oz caster sugar  
1/2 teaspoon sea salt  
1 teaspoon ground ginger  
1/2 teaspoon each of ground cinnamon and ground cloves  
Cooking Time: 1 1/4 hours  
Oven Temperature: 180c, 350f, Gas mark 4



#### Method:

Make the puree by cutting the pumpkin into chunks, removing the skin and seeds and boiling in lightly salted water until tender. Drain, rub through a sieve, then set aside to cool. Roll out the pastry and use it, to line a 9-10 inch flan ring set on a baking sheet. Bake this blind in the oven, at a temperature of 200c, 400f, mark 6 - until brown. Beat the cream lightly with the eggs, lemon peel and sugar. Stir this mixture into the pumpkin puree and add the salt, ginger, cinnamon and ground cloves. Combine thoroughly, then spoon the filling into the pie shell and bake until set and brown.

**Serving:** you can serve this pie cold with a bowl of whipped cream or the cream may be piped on to the pie and garnished with walnut halves.

### Baked Marrow

1 medium - sized marrow  
8 oz lean pork  
1 small onion  
1 oz butter  
2 tablespoons chopped parsley  
2 oz white breadcrumbs  
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper  
1 egg  
Cooking Time: 1 hour  
Oven temperature: 180c, 350f, Gas mark 4



#### Method:

Peel the marrow, cut it in half lengthways and scoop out the seeds; or cut a slice off at one end and leave the marrow whole, scooping out the seeds with a long handled spoon. Put the pork through the fine blade of a mincer or get your butcher to do it. Peel the onion and chop it finely. Melt the butter and fry the onion for 5 minutes until it is soft, but not coloured; then add the minced meat and seal over a high heat for a few minutes. Remove the pan from the heat, blend in the chopped parsley and breadcrumbs and season the stuffing with salt and pepper. Beat the egg lightly and use it to bind the stuffing. Spoon the stuffing into the two marrow halves and put them together. Tie in place with two or three pieces of fine string and wrap the stuffed marrow in buttered foil. Place in a roasting tin and bake in the oven.

**Serving:** Cut the stuffed marrow into thick slices and serve with buttered rice and a tomato sauce.

**Variations:** Baked marrow can be stuffed with any type of forcemeat, herb - flavoured sausage meat, cheese, rice and tomatoes or minced beef.

### Cold Stuffed Peppers

4 green or red peppers  
1 lb cooked chicken  
4 sticks celery  
4 salad onions  
5 fl oz mayonnaise  
2 1/2 fl oz double cream  
1 tablespoon tomato paste  
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper  
Tobacco sauce  
Garnish: grated orange rind



#### Method:

Slice off the stalk base from the peppers and remove seeds and membranes. Blanch the peppers in the boiling water for 5 minutes, then leave them upside-down to drain and cool. Remove the skin and bones from the chicken and dice the flesh into tiny pieces. Scrub the celery sticks and chop them finely; clean and slice the salad onions. Blend the mayonnaise with the cream and tomato paste, and season to taste with salt and pepper and a few drops of Tabasco. Fold the chicken, celery and salad onions into the mayonnaise mixture, and spoon this stuffing into the drained peppers.

## Dorin's Recipes Contd.

**Serving:** Sprinkle the stuffing with finely grated orange rind and serve the peppers as a light, main course with a salad of dressed watercress.

### Sweet - Corn Toasts

1/2 lb corn kernels  
2 tablespoons corn oil  
1 onion  
2 tablespoons flour  
4 fl oz mixed milk and cream  
1 teaspoon French mustard  
Tabasco sauce  
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper  
1/2 lb cooked ham  
8 slices Gruyere cheese  
8 slices bread (for toasting)  
Cooking time: 30 minutes



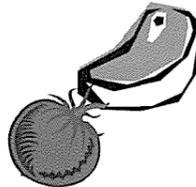
#### Method:

Strip the kernels from the cooked corn cobs, or you can use drained kernels from a can. Heat the oil in a pan and add the finely chopped onion, fry over a moderate heat for five minutes. Stir in the flour and cook through, then gradually add the milk and cream, stirring all the time until the sauce is smooth and free from lumps. Add mustard, tabasco, salt and pepper to taste. Fold the corn kernels and diced ham into the sauce, and simmer for 5-10 minutes. Make the toast and spread the corn mixture over each slice, topping it with a thin slice of cheese. Set the slices under a hot grill until the cheese is bubbling-brown.

**Serving:** serve the toast at once, as a complete meal.  
**Variations:** substitute crisps, crumbled bacon, diced chicken or smoked haddock for the ham.

### Pork with courgettes

4 lean pork steaks  
Sea salt, freshly ground black pepper and paprika  
1 onion  
2 tablespoons oil  
3/4 lb tomatoes  
3/4 courgettes  
1 tablespoon tomato paste  
1 teaspoon sugar  
5 oz chicken stock  
1 oz butter  
Garnish: chopped chives  
Cooking Time: 65 minutes  
Oven Temperature: 160c, 325f, Gas mark 3



#### Method:

Trim excess fat from the pork steaks and season them with salt, pepper and paprika. Peel the onion and chop finely. Heat the oil in a pan and seal the pork steaks until they are brown on both sides-about 2 minutes on each side. Lift into a lightly buttered ovenproof dish. Fry the onion in the oil until golden, then spoon it over the steaks. Skin and roughly chop the tomatoes and lay them over the onion. Slice the washed and dried courgettes thinly and arrange over the tomatoes. Blend the tomato paste and sugar with the chicken

Blend the tomato paste and sugar with the chicken stock; pour over the contents of the casserole until it comes just below the courgettes. Cover the dish with a lid and bake in the oven for 50 minutes. Remove the lid from the dish, brush the courgettes with the melted butter and return to the oven for a further 15 minutes, or until the courgettes have browned.

**Serving:** garnish with finely chopped chives and serve straight from the oven with buttered noodles or rice.

**Variation:** sprinkle the courgettes with finely grated cheese instead of brushing with butter, and continue baking until the cheese has melted.

### Cheesy French Beans

1 lb French beans  
2 tablespoons oil  
1 garlic clove  
Sea salt  
3 oz Cheddar cheese  
Paprika  
2 tomatoes  
Cooking Time: 30 minutes  
Oven Temperature: 190c, 375f, Gas mark 5



#### Method:

Wash, top and tail the beans. Put in a pan of boiling lightly salted water and cook for 5-7 minutes. Drain, then refresh in cold water. Brush an ovenproof dish with a little oil, cut the garlic in half and rub over the dish. Lay the well-drained beans in the dish, brush them liberally with oil and sprinkle with salt. Slice the cheese thinly and lay over the beans, sprinkle with paprika and top with tomato slices. Cook near the top of the oven for about 20 minutes, or until the cheese has melted.

**Serving:** serve on its own with hot garlic bread, or as a light supper dish with boiled cold ham or gammon.

**Variation:** young courgettes, in half lengthways, may be used instead of French beans.

### Broad Beans with Basil and Lemon

6 tbsp lemon juice  
4 tbsp sunflower oil  
3 tbsp chopped fresh basil or 1 1/2 tsp dried  
2 small onions, skinned and thinly sliced  
1 lb frozen broad beans  
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste  
Lettuce leaves, lemon slices and basil sprigs, to garnish.



#### Method:

Whisk the lemon juice, oil and basil until smooth. Add the onions and mix well. Cook the beans without adding water for 10 minutes or until they are just tender. Drain. While still hot, add to the lemon mixture. Season and leave until cold. Cover and chill for 2-3 hours, stirring occasionally. Arrange a few lettuce leaves on a serving dish and spoon the beans over. Garnish with lemon slices and sprigs of basil.

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## Clubs, Organisations and Societies

### Maynooth Boys School Parents Association

We would like to welcome back all the boys and their teachers, especially the Junior Infants. We hope that you all had a good summer despite the weather.

As the traffic on the road in front of the school can be very heavy at school opening and closing times, we ask all parents who are in cars to be extra vigilant and only to park in the designated areas. The boys who do Traffic Warden and the traffic calming ramp should also help.

We would ask the bigger boys not to hang around down the town after school as it is safer for them to go straight home.

For the boys cycling to school, please use the cycle lanes provided and where there are no lanes or where it is not otherwise safe to cycle, please walk with your bike.

**Don't forget your helmets.**

**Claire O'Rourke  
PRO**

### St. Marys Boys School

The boys and parents alike who availed of the School Bus Service run for many years by Monica and the late Tom Salmon would like to offer their deepest sympathies to Monica and her family on this sad occasion.

My own involvement with Tom started in 1991 when he started our local school run.

The children all loved him and he had a great time for them all. He paid extra special attention to the little ones just starting school.

Tom will be remembered for a long time to come by all the children and he will be missed. As one parent put it "There will never be another Tom, one of life's gentlemen".

May he rest in peace

Claire O'Rourke

### Inklings

**Innocence of evil, knowledge of truth and the love of true friends are the three greatest blessings that God can bestow.**

### Maynooth Swimming Club

Welcome back everyone, fortunately Stewarts Swimming Club is remaining open to the public and will only close for a short time for renovations in December.

The first term consisting of 8 weeks commencing on September 7th will run until October 26th 2002. All fees to be paid on or before the 28th September please.

The fees for the term are as follows:

One child	€ 50.00
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Parents who receive the duty roster for the term are asked to ensure that they take their turn or swap it for that of another parent on the list.

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At our AGM last June the following committee members were appointed:

Treasurer	Marleen Durcan
Assistant Treasurer	Joan Fitzgerald
Rosters 1st bus/PRO	Patricia Moynan (6286865)
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### MAYNOOTH HILLWALKING CLUB

By the time this article will have come off the hot press our first AGM will be over. By then we should have a new committee with more members involved with the Club. Since our inauguration our numbers have swelled to the present 32. We have several nationalities in our group covering a wide age group and different levels of fitness. People have different expectations of what they want to achieve, but we try to please people most of the time. More and more people are gaining in experience and confidence with club activities and it is hope for next year more people will get involved in club activities. If this happens we will be able to offer more to Members and visitors.

If you are thinking about joining or trying one of our introductory activities, now is the time to do so. The autumn and winter months are not always favourable to our activities, (not that the Spring and Summer was anything to write home about). Although we continue with our activities throughout the winter months, we are curtailed somewhat to shorter activities due lack of daylight time available. There is also a greater risk of having to change our plans at short notice due to weather. We also tend to concentrate on the Dublin and Wicklow mountains, coastal regions and of course our canals. We will continue to do wide variety of events during this period.

We had a Moderate hike for members in the Glendalough area on Sunday 25th. August. A group of eight trekked along the hills and valleys of this picturesque region. It was a real summers day with sunshine through the event.

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September we completed an Introductory Easy hike in the Dublin Mountains above Balinteer and Stepside along the Wicklow Way a distance of 9 miles with an ascent of 600 ft. The event was well attended with 9 visitors.

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September we had very pleasant trek for two groups around the Blackstairs in the area of Mount Leinster. Unfortunately the visibility was poor. We were in fog for the first half of the events and did not see very much. Nonetheless everybody enjoyed themselves. We will have to go back next year to admire the scenery. Again it was well attended.

Two of our members and one non member who has attended our easier activities numbers have completed the famous pilgrim route "El Camino de Santiago de Compostela" via the Route Frances during the past few months. This trip started in the holiday resort of Biarritz and following a train journey into the Pyrenees mountains they commences the trek from the French village of St Jean Pied de Port. For the following 5 weeks they trekked along the route previously taken by generations of pilgrims from all over Europe since the 10<sup>th</sup> Century. Monasteries, churches, shrines, towns and villages, hospitals and refugios (hostel like accommodation), built down through the centuries still exist and some were used by our able bodied pilgrims. The total distance was 740 kms. Having reached Santiago de Compostelo

they then decided to continue to Finisterre, a further 75 kms. ( which was regarded as the end of the known world pre Columbus ), which is associated with the pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostelo. **Well Done All.**

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

#### Mountain Safety Note:

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

Keep an eye out in future editions for further information.

Our new Club Telephone is 086-3984172

E-mail :-maynooth\_hillwalking\_club@yahoo.com

Web Page:-www.geocities.com/maynooth\_hillwalking\_club



**Katie, David, John & Alyssa  
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## Features

### Riverbank Arts Centre

#### JAMES McKENNA (1933-2000) A Retrospective

A retrospective exhibition of the work of **James McKenna** will be opened by **Brian Fallon** (Art Critic) at the **Riverbank Arts Centre** at 3.00pm on Sunday 15th September 2002, and will continue until the 25th October.

James McKenna spent the last eleven years of his life in County Kildare. Sadly, he died a year before the Riverbank Arts Centre opened its doors, too late for him to see its principal gallery named after him-the McKenna Gallery.

McKenna, artist, sculptor and playwright was a pioneering spirit who was instrumental in the foundation of both the Independent Artists group and The Sculptors' Society of Ireland. His contribution to the arts, and distinction as a sculptor were recognised when he was awarded membership of Aosdana in 1983. The works included in the show, reveal the versatility of the artist and include works in bronze, plaster, stone, and wood, as well as works on paper, exploring Irish myth, history and the human form.

This retrospective aims to represent, in a modest way, the breadth of James' talents as an artist, from some of his earliest pieces in the late 1950's to works produced shortly before his death in 2000. Much of James' work was too large or too fragile to be moved, but the works included in this exhibition serve to remind us that he was an unusual and original talent, and deserves to be remembered and treasured within the canon of Irish art. **Des Egan (Poet)**, will give a talk entitled **The Achievement of James McKenna** on Thursday 19th September at 8.00pm in the Riverbank Arts Centre.

The exhibition will be on view in both galleries, and is accompanied by a catalogue. Opening hours are 10.00 to 1.00, and 2.00 to 5.00, Monday to Saturday. For additional information, contact Catriona Fallon on (045)448314, or by e-mail on artscentre@riverbank.ie

**The Riverbank Arts Centre gratefully acknowledges the support of The Arts Council, Kildare County Council, and FAS.**

#### Riverbank Event Guide for October

Tuesday 8th Michael Buckley Jazz Quartet 8pm  
 Wednesday 9th Foster & Allen 8pm  
 Friday 11th Conal Gallen (Comedian) 8pm  
 Saturday 12th Yasmina (Eastern Dance)  
 Tuesday 15th EAR (Electric Acoustic Revue) 8pm  
 Friday 18th Sean Keane (singer) 8pm  
 Saturday 19th Jack L (singer) 8pm  
 Sunday 20th Paddy Cole 8pm  
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 21st, 22nd, 23rd, The Complete Works of Shakespeare Abridged (Drama Deal) 8pm  
 Thursday 24th Flash Harry (tribute Queen Band) 8pm  
 Saturday 26th Music Network ( Alexei Nabioulin) Pianist 8pm  
 Wednesday 30th Mary Mary's Last Dance (Drama)

8pm

For further details and information please contact the box office @ 045 431109/433480, or email boxoffice@riverbank.ie.

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#### Bleach spots

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Treat non - colourfast fabrics with a pre - wash dye remover. For white or pastel - coloured fabrics, treatments for colour - run accidents can effectively bleach the whole garment a uniform pale colour.

Sew an appliqué over the spot.

Dye the garment a darker colour or tie - dye it.

#### Candles

To make a candle burn longer and drip less, give it a light coat of clear varnish.

Melting some wax into the holder and quickly jamming the candle onto it is the usual way to get a candle to fit snugly. A cleaner method is to wrap the base of the candle with string or strips of paper towel, making sure they can't be seen.

To remove melted wax from candle holders easily, place the holder in the freezer for an hour or two, and then chip the frozen wax off.

#### Cigarette smoke

If you are allergic to cigarette smoke, don't provide ashtrays for visiting guests. Politely explain your problem, and don't be afraid to ban smoking in your house or office.

#### If you live with a smoker

Buy special ashtrays that absorb smoke and stale smells, or invest in free standing air purifiers. Better yet, install a permanent air ioniser or smoke filter and clean or replace its filtering mechanism regularly.

Decorate your home with potpourri and houseplants (try the chlorophytum, or spider plant, said to be a natural air purifier)

#### For temporary tobacco smells

Burn scented candles or incense; they will clear and perfume the air. Put solid room deodorisers near air vents or windows.

When your guests have gone, open all the doors and windows and make sure you empty all ashtrays.

#### To combat smoke in the car

Empty the ashtray after each use.

#### Fire safety

Fit smoke alarms on each floor of your home and in rooms where a fire is likely to start, such as the sitting room or bedroom. Don't fit one in the kitchen as steam or cooking fumes may set it off.

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### October in the garden



#### Bright Ideas for Darker Days

#### Planting the Winter Garden

You're less likely to spend time in the garden in winter, so it's important to site winter plants carefully in order to enjoy them to the full. Try planting a specimen tree with brilliant white bark at the end of the garden - but ensure that it's framed within a window view. Tiny winter flowers such as Iris, Crocus and Snowdrops should be given pride of place in a tub or bed outside a patio window where you can enjoy them from your armchair. And precious scented shrubs are best grown near a front door where their perfume will greet you whenever you enter or leave the house.

#### Planting Pointers

Autumn is a good time for planting hardier plants, as well as the spring bulbs. The soil is warm enough to encourage good root growth, so plants will establish quickly. There's also less chance of them becoming stressed by drought conditions, though if the season proves to be dry, regular watering is necessary. Confers and some of the more tender evergreens may need protection from icy winds in their first year, so check before buying and delay their planting until April or protect them with a windbreak of polythene or fine netting.

When choosing trees and shrubs, opt for several that have more than one season of interest - i.e, flowers in summer, berries in winter or good autumn foliage.

Choose types that will suit both your soil types (acid/alkaline) and the planting position.

Check that the eventual height and spread of trees and shrubs will be a suitable size for your garden.

Give plants a good start by removing all weeds and digging in lots of garden compost or other organic matter.

Dig a hole large enough to fit the plant comfortably and add a handful of bonemeal at planting stage to encourage root growth.

Water in and firm well.

Stake trees and tie in wall shrubs and climbers and check regularly that they haven't been lifted by the frost or winds.

#### Garden Havens

Feeding the birds is child's play.

Providing food and shelter for birds and animals is a great way to fill your garden with colour and life. An easily-made nest box will help encourage new and fascinating visitors to your trees and lawns.

Birds need food regularly and once you start feeding them in the winter its important not to stop suddenly, cutting off the food supply they've been taking for granted. If you keep up the routine, its more likely that they will choose your garden as a nesting site, due to the ready availability of food.

A well stocked garden with berry-bearing shrubs, hedges-which also provide nesting sites - lawns and compost (both of which yield worms and other small grubs) and flowers with attractive seeds will also provide plenty of natural sustenance.

Bread can also be put out for the birds, provide that it is soaked beforehand. Porridge oats, dried fruit, cake and cooked potatoes are trusty alternatives.

Never give birds food containing either salt or desiccated coconut as both are fatal.

Birds will perish without water, so if there is no natural source in frosty or icy weather, provide some for them. Almost any sturdy container will do - a dog's bowl or an upturned dustbin lid are two old favourites.

#### Early Birds

Aristotle, (384-322 BC), may well have been the first serious bird watcher, carefully recording his observations.

The first bird book is thought to have been printed in the mid-16th century, in the north of England, and perhaps the first record of birds using an artificial nest site occurred in June of 1782 when Thomas, brother of naturalist Gilbert White, nailed scallop shells under the eaves of his Lambeth house.

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### Citizens Information Centre.

#### Question

I understand that the top-up to the maintenance grants available under the Department of Education and Science schemes of student support has increased. Could you please give the new rates and any changes to the scheme?

#### Answer

Under the Special Rates of Maintenance Grants for Disadvantaged Students Scheme (2002) it is possible to get the equivalent of a "top-up" on the ordinary maintenance grant giving a full Non-Adjacent Rate of 4,000 and a full Adjacent Rate of 1,600. The applicant must qualify for the ordinary maintenance grant for the academic year 2002/2003 and total reckonable income in the short tax year 6th April to 31st December 2001 must not exceed 9,190 (£7,237.71) net of Child Dependant Allowances (CDA) and standard exclusions.

For students, including mature students, assessed on parent(s)/guardian income, on 31st December 2001 the parent(s)/ must have been

- in receipt of an eligible (long term) social welfare payment or
- in receipt of Family Income Supplement (FIS) or
- participating in a designated programme such as Community Employment of Back or Education Allowance.

The previously existing condition that they must be in receipt of a child Dependant Allowance has been removed.

For students assessed on their own income, on the 31st December 2001 the student must have been in receipt of an eligible (long term) social welfare payment (Long Term Unemployment Assistance is no longer excluded) or FIS or participating in a designated programme.

For students assessed on the income of their spouse/partner, on the 31st December 2001 the spouse or partner must have been in receipt of an eligible (long term) social welfare payment or FIS or participating in a designated programme and in receipt of a full-rate Qualified Adult Allowance or similar entitlement in respect of the student.

Further Information from Citizens Information @ 01 - 6285477.

#### Question

A friend of mine, who spent part of his childhood in care, heard that the Department of Health and Children have set up a project to help people, who were in care as children, to access the records which the Department holds on them. How can he access his records?

#### Answer

Among the records the Department holds, are records relating to institutions and to children who were in the

care of the institutions. In order to establish what precisely these records contain a project called Access to Institutional and Related Records (AIRR) was set up in July 2002 to index these records.

This project will identify files relating to such institutions and also relating to nursing, fostering, boarding out and hiring of children. Once these are identified they will be indexed in electronic format.

Applications for details of personal information held should be addressed to: Freedom of Information Unit, Floor 2, Hawkins House, Dublin 2.

In order to process requests for records under the AIRR project, the Department needs as many relevant details as possible relating to the period in care together with full name and date of birth. Proof of identity may be required.

As soon as possible after receipt of a request, and initial search will be carried out under the requester's name. The Department will inform the requester if any relevant personal records are located. Records located during the AIRR project may be released directly to the requester or through an advocacy agency.

If you have already applied to the Department under the Freedom of Information Act for records, your details have already been added to the AIRR project search list and there is no need to re-apply.

Further Information from Citizens Information @ 01 - 6285477.

#### Question

I heard that there has been an increase in the monthly threshold for the Drug Payment Scheme. Can you please give details of the scheme?

#### Answer

Since 1st August 2002 under the Drugs Payment Scheme and individual or family will have to pay €65 (previously €53.33) per month for all approved prescribed drugs, medicines and appliances for use by that person or his/her family in that month.

Family expenditure covers the nominated adult, his or her spouse/partner and children under 18 years or under 23 if in full-time education. A dependant with a physical or mental disability/illness living in the household who is unable to fully maintain himself/herself, may be included in the family expenditure regardless of age.

You should register for the scheme by completing the registration form which is available from pharmacies or from the Health Board. A plastic swipe card will be issued for each person named on the registration form.

This card should be presented whenever you are having prescriptions filled. You should use the same pharmacy throughout the month.

You should not have to pay more than 65 in any calendar month to the pharmacist. If you do, for any reason, pay more than 65 in any month then you can apply to your Health Board for a refund.

You can claim tax relief on medical expenses (in excess of 125 for one or 250 for a family in tax year

## Clubs, Organisations and Societies

(Citizen's Information cont.)

### Question

My 16-year-old son is about to start his first job. He will be working 12 hours a week and will be paid about €5.00 an hour. Will he have to pay tax and PRSI?

### Answer

Whether he will have to pay tax or PRSI will depend on how much he will earn during the tax year. The tax credit for a single person for the tax year 2002 is €1,520. There is an additional PAYE tax credit of €660. Your son will therefore have a total income tax credit of €2,180. Your son will be earning approximately €3,000 per annum. The tax due on €3,000 at the standard rate of (20%) is €600. As his tax credit of €2,180 is greater than this he will not have to pay tax. However, he should obtain a Certificate of Tax Credits from the tax office. Ask the employer or his wages clerk to which to the tax office he should apply.

Most employees pay Class A Pay Related Social Insurance (PRSI) which comprises a Social Insurance Contribution of 4% of gross income and Health Contribution of 2%. Those earning less than 356 per week will not have to pay the Health Contribution. As your son will be earning less than 287 per week will not have to pay the Social Insurance Contribution either. However, his employer will have to pay the employer's portion, as the weekly pay will be more than 38. Your son will have therefore be covered for all Social Welfare Benefits.

Future information is available from the Citizens Information Centre @ 01 - 6285477.

### Local Artist Brian Tuohy

will be holding a solo exhibition of acrylic, watercolour / pen & ink paintings in  
**Maynooth Library**  
during the month of October  
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The exhibition will consist of approximately 15 paintings most of which will feature landscapes of Co. Kildare including scenes of Maynooth and the surrounding areas. The exhibition can be viewed during normal Library opening hours.

For further information I may be contacted at 6285993.



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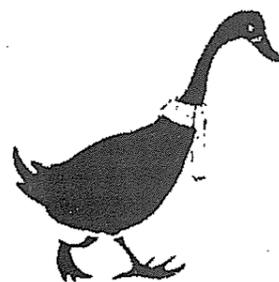
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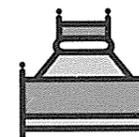
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The Maynooth guild of the Irish Countrywomen's Association met at the ICA Hall Maynooth Harbour. Mary McNamara gave the guild a progress report on the preparations for the Golden Jubilee of the guild in November. Former members are invited to contact Mary at 6290929.

Thank you to the wonderful team spirit of the Intel personnel who graciously decorated our premises. Phil, from the Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme (VTOS) in Leixlip, gave a very well-received resume of the various options available to persons wishing to return to education and access the workplace.

Members remembered the recently deceased relatives of members: Paul Walsh brother of Mary Flynn, Connie Harpur's father and Felicity Satchwell's aunt..

Please note the A.G.M. will be held on Wednesday 6th November 2002 at 8 o'clock in the G.A.A. Centre. Please come along and help the children of Maynooth to continue enjoying Community Games.

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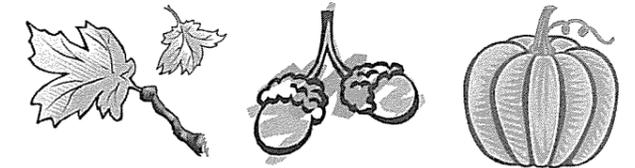
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### Early Irish Society (Contd. from last month)

We have seen some aspects of the legal system over the last while and we will continue to discuss the various vagaries of the land law. Needless to say this society was very dependant on land and farming for survival and much of the law is taken up with regulating land and animals. There are silly myths abounding today as to the communal nature of early Irish farming society but this is just myth. Most land was in private ownership and although there was use of commonage this cannot be used as a claim for communal land or, as some have maintained, a pre-communistic society. Early Irish society was strictly hierarchical and non-egalitarian. Arguments over land in particular must have been the staple diet of the early Irish lawyer! This seems to have been a highly litigious society – perhaps we have inherited their weaknesses as well as their strengths.

It is illegal by and large to make entry into other people's property. The rules of trespass apply in this society also. This is seen as a very serious offence. One cannot make entry when an agreement has been made or when the occupier has agreed to go to court. It is an offence to make an entry with the wrong number of livestock or over the mound of a church. It is against the law for a man to trespass on the land of a relative when they have agreed to divide the said property.

It is legal to enter land that has been abandoned or the property of a lawless man. An abbot can also make a forced entry into a church to evict the monks! If they put up a fight they can be pulled out by the hair on the top of their head – the distinctive, unique Irish tonsure.

One of the legal procedures was *tellach* (entry, literally putting-into). The law states: 'Tellach is a legal sacrament: it effects what it signifies'. This was a procedure by which a man, or indeed a woman, could make claim a hereditary land that was occupied illegally (in their opinion) by someone else. This was often initiated by those who were of *dubfine* (dark kin); people whose relationship to the rest of the kin was uncertain. This was a ritual-based process that took place before a judge if the person who was already on the land agreed to arbitrate. There is a full legal text, written in verse, devoted to this complex, formal procedure. The person claiming the land begins the procedure by entering the land with two horses. He also has a witness and sureties with him: these act more or less like his legal representatives. He crosses the mound at the boundary of the property. This is his *céttellach* (first entry) and he then leaves. The person who holds the land can go to court after 5 days if he so wishes. But if the occupant does not act; after 10 days the claimant can enter the land again. This is called the *tellach medónach* (the middle entry). He takes with him now, 2 witnesses and 4 horses – they are allowed to graze on the land. This indicates a step towards claimed ownership. The man claiming now retreats

again and gives the man occupying the land 3 days to go to court.

Finally, 20 days after the first entry, the third entry is made. The people with him have increased again and he takes 3 witnesses and eight horses. The horses are fed and stabled on the property. (It has been noted by Fergus Kelly, the noted Brehon Law scholar, that few people would own 8 horses, there would be a need for support from family and friends.)

The outcome of all this activity is not entirely clear. It seems that the occupier had no time left to go to court and that the claimant could take the land if the occupier refused to go to arbitration. To show that he now owned the property, the claimant had to spend a night on the land, light a fire and to look after the animals there for that one night. This established his ownership.

One can only imagine the type of incidents that occurred on these occasions!

It is noteworthy that there is a special method by which a woman can proceed. This proves to us that women owned and felt that they were entitled to the ownership of land. This flies in the face of some of the strong legal statements about female incompetence in law that we have seen heretofore. What is also extraordinary is that there is a lead case quoted in this context, this is relatively unusual. The term used for the female form is, not surprisingly, *bantellach* (female entry).

The judges quoted in these cases are legendary and probably never lived in reality but their fame gives this procedure great weight. The first judgement is made by the male judge Sencha. He is the noted judge of the Ulster Cycle who adjudicated on many delicate cases. His judgement was that female entry should be carried out in exactly the same way as the male one. He was rewarded by blisters appearing on his cheeks – a visible sign of his bad judgement! This is reasonably common in early literature, blisters or facial blemishes occurring as a signal of flawed reason. We are of course reminded of the mark of Cain in biblical tradition.

His blisters are cured by none other than a female judge called Brig. She cures him by laying down the correct procedures. This is an unusually powerful position for a woman within the legal profession. Female judges are not common, indeed they are very uncommon. But another leading case in this context also involves a legendary woman, Ciannacht. (There is also a population group of this name, the Ciannachta, demonstrating her importance. It is not that unusual to name groups after famous women.) She describes how different female entry is from that of the male. She makes her own entry accompanied by a number of female witnesses, women of unblemished character. She makes the entry over the burial mounds of the land that she is claiming. She also takes two ewes with her. The case could go to court after 4 days, and then she makes the second entry after 8 days with double the number of people and sheep. Then again the occupant has the chance

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### (Early Irish Society Contd.)

entry with witnesses and ewes (numbers not included). She may have had one man with her on this occasion – this is not entirely clear. The man made his claim by feeding the animals, she makes her claim by bringing a knead-trough and a sieve for baking – the characteristically typical instruments of a woman of the house. Like the man, if the occupier makes no response at this point the property becomes hers.

Another short passage on female entry tells of a woman called Seither who 'made entry into holdings'. Her family accepted this entry 'because it is a habitation of return' - it would come back to her family after her death. This was of course the norm within this society. Women usually did not have permanent ownership of land, only a life interest.

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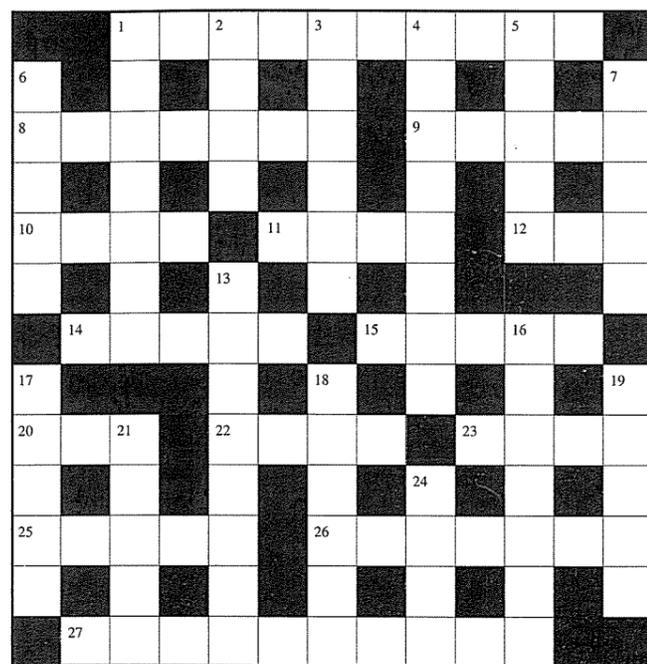
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## Crossword No: 5



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### Across:

1. Intentional, fully considered (10)
8. Physical attack (7)
9. Prank (5)
10. Advance with interest (4)
11. Unaccompanied (4)
12. Closest blood relation (3)
14. Make late (4)
15. Monument or landmark (5)
20. Taxi (3)
22. Elegantly simple (4)
23. Finely powered earth (4)
25. Under the finger perhaps (5)
26. For a particular purpose (7)
27. Very convincing (10)

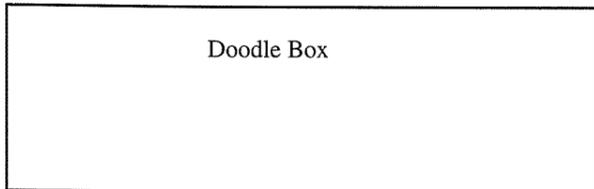
### Down:

1. Unhealthy condition of body or mind (7)
2. High noise (4)
3. Press this for instant (6)
4. Based on reason (8)
5. Ponder (5)
6. Ever day (5)
7. That smelly animal is drunk (5)
13. Illegal smoke with health benefits (8)
16. Daily schedule (7)
17. Sharp in effect (5)
18. Inclination to vomit (6)
19. Fashion or trend (5)
21. Nasty (5)
24. Half the circle (4)

### CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS NO 4

**Across:** 1 Perfection; 8 Castles; 9 Annoy; 10 Laid; 11 Urge; 12 Eel; 14 Rebel; 15 Serve; 20 Man; 22 Earn; 23 Thin; 25 Sober; 26 Stencil; 27 Permanence.

**Down:** 1 Passive; 2 Rule; 3 Ensure; 4 Traveler; 5 Ounce; 6 Scalp; 7 Cycle; 13 Telegram; 16 Vehicle; 17 Amuse; 18 Prison; 19 Ankle; 21 Noble; 24 Vein.

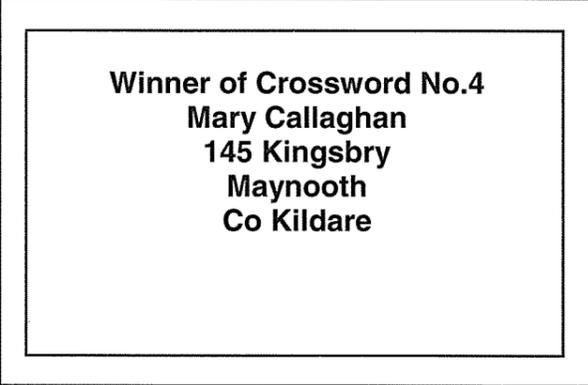


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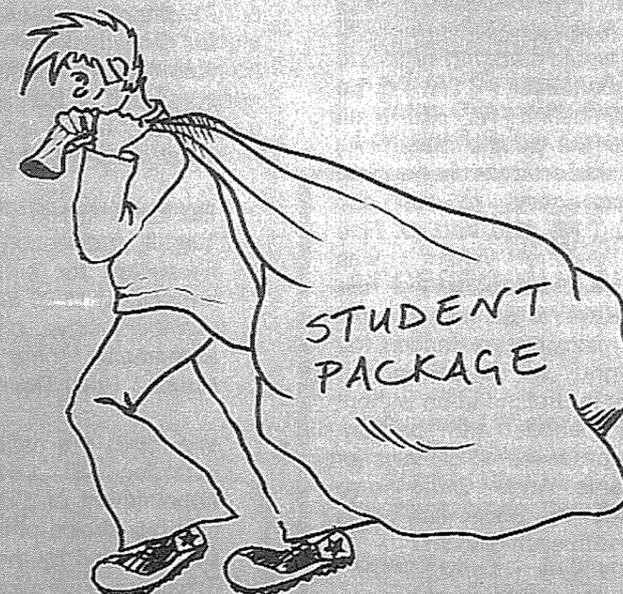
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## Features

### FOR DEMOCRACY AND EQUALITY: VOTE NO TO NICE

Ireland, with North Kildare, voted No to Nice last year by 54% to 46% but the Government, under pressure from the Big EU States is now making us vote again on the same Treaty. This decision displays a fundamental disrespect for our democracy and constitution, which is only matched by the hypocrisy of some of its leading supporters and apologists. The newly-appointed minister for Europe, Dick Roche, said as Dail backbencher last year, "to attempt to rerun a referendum as a means of reversing the democratic decision taken by the people would be rightly regarded as an affront. Something fundamental will have to be changed in the Nice treaty before we can even contemplate putting it before the people again". As we are faced with the exact same referendum how can this man have the 'brass neck' to run the Government's campaign? And we also had ex Fine Gael leader John Bruton declare "When I was Taoiseach and President of the Council of the European Union, I made it clear to all with whom I dealt that I would not accept, in any circumstances, the removal of Ireland's right to a European Commissioner". Nice provides for Ireland to be without a Commissioner for long periods and be unrepresented on the body that proposes all EU laws for as much as a quarter of the time. Yet Mr. Bruton is so gung ho in favour - no wonder the public has come regard politics and politicians with such disdain!

No to Nice ensures Equality in Europe for all

Supporters of Nice claim to care about the applicant countries but actually Nice is about shifting power in the EU from the Small States to the Big States BEFORE the EU allows in the extra 10 East and South European states. Nice divides Europe into first-class and second-class Members, breaking up the EU partnership of legal equals. It removes the veto Small States have at present on the French-German scheme for an inner EU State, with its own Constitution, Army and harmonised taxes for the eurozone (which would destroy the basis of what's left of our Celtic Tiger economy) and enables them to use the EU Commission, Council, Court and Parliament to call the shots for all the smaller states, whether new or old. So rather than restricting applicant countries, a final No to Nice will enable them to enter the EU under its present rule of legal equality for all states and then allow them join with Ireland to defend this principle in the debates prior to the 2004 EU Constitutional Treaty now being planned.

#### What happens if and when we say No to Nice for the second time?

- We remain full EU Members, 1st class citizens at the heart of Europe.

Denmark said NO to the Maastricht Treaty. Britain, Denmark and Sweden said NO to the euro. They are not marginalised. They are not isolated (Denmark took over the EU presidency this summer). They are not financially ruined.

We are proud to be the only democratic country with a vote on the vital treaty and we have gained new respect from the peoples of Europe, as distinct from the EU and Big States establishment.

- EU Enlargement CAN get ahead. Former French President V. Giscard d'Estaing, Chairman of the EU Constitutional Convention, says, 'If the Irish vote NO the solution will not be to ignore the vote, but to handle the situation. Probably it requires taking what is needed from the Nice Treaty to carry through the enlargement.'

EU Commission President Romano Prodi said, 'Legally ratification of the Nice Treaty is not necessary for enlargement. It's without any problem up to 20 members, and those beyond 20 members have only to put in the accession agreement some notes of change, some clause.' (Irish Times 21st June 2001)

- We retain the national veto in 30 policy areas, including EU Structural Funds and the appointment of EU Commissioners and ensure that our choice of an Irish Commissioner cannot be overruled by the Big States, as per the Nice Treaty.
- We scupper Nice plans to direct responsibility to the EU for the 60,000 soldier Rapid Reaction Force which would make the EU an alliance for mutual OFFENCE outside the EU.

Finally, last comments from a Dutchman

The following is an extract from a letter published in the Irish Times, 9 September 02, from Tjerk Westerterp, (Former Secretary of State, Foreign Affairs),

"May I, as a former member and Vice-president of the European Parliament (1967 to 1971), respectfully call on the Irish voters to withstand this massive pressure and vote No? Why? In my opinion the Nice Treaty is - on balance - a bad treaty. The heads of state and of government failed when they negotiated this treaty. Especially, the negotiators did not succeed in realising their aim, which was to prepare the institutions of the European Union for the forthcoming extension of our Union with 10 or more new member states. They also failed in closing the so called democratic deficit of the Union, which consists of insufficient European parliamentary control and legislative powers, now that the influence of national parliaments in the European Union have dwindled.

As Dutch Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (1971-

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### Vote No to Nice Contd.)

1973) I was co-signatory of the Treaty of Accession of the United Kingdom to the European Community. So I hope it is clear I am not opposed to the further extension of the European Union. However, if this extension with a number of former communist countries will be realised without a fundamental democratic reform of the Union, I fear the actual democratic deficit will remain "for eternity".

The Irish people have the unique opportunity to possibly prevent this from happening. May the Irish voters take this important fact into account at the second referendum. I was proud of the Irish people having voted in majority No at the first referendum on Nice. As a Dutchman and citizen of the European Union, I sincerely do hope that we may continue to be proud of Ireland. A No vote will not be a vote against Europe. On the the contrary!"

So, it's over to us. KEEP THE FAITH - VOTE NO!

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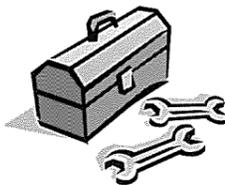
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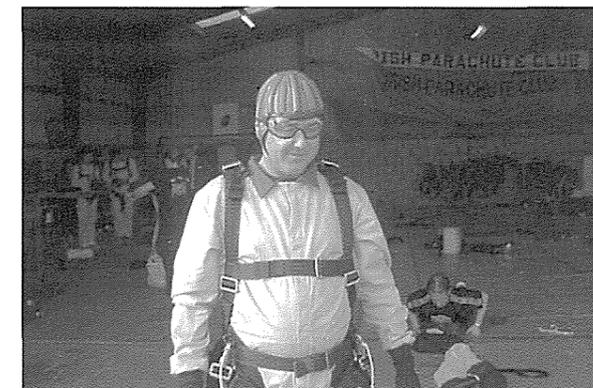
As the new season gets under we work towards ironing out some of the issues that we met with pitch and training areas. Following some issues with the grass cutting in the Harbour Field it is now nearly back to the condition it was in at the end of last season. The club has maintained the playing area in the Harbour for the last 7 or so years and it is hoped the the state it got into during the summer months is not a sign of things to come when our new playing surfaces are ready.

A second pitch has been opened in the Dublin Rd for 11-a-side schoolboy game. This second pitch will be a short term solution to the shortage of playing surfaces until our new pitches are up and running. We would ask all to be patient and work with us to overcome any difficulties in the short term. A visit to the Rathcoffey Road site will show there is a massive facility waiting to come on steam.

On the fundraising front Sunday 15th of September seen Morgan Lettice complete a sponsored parachute jump from 10,000 feet. Morgan raised in excess of €1,100 (less the expense of the jump) towards our development fund. Our thanks to Morgan, his wife Mary and all those who supported him. The experience was one that few get a chance (or are mad enough) to complete. On the fundraising front Sunday 15th of September seen Morgan Lettice complete a sponsored parachute jump from 10,000 feet. Morgan raised in excess of €1,100 (less the expense of the jump) towards our development fund. Our thanks to Morgan, his wife Mary and all those who supported him. The experience was one that few get a chance (or are mad enough) to complete.

Our next fundraiser will be a street collection on the 12th & 13th of October. We are in need of volunteer collectors especially on the Sunday when most of the adults involved in the club will either be playing or taking our youngsters to matches. If you can help out contact any member of the club or Gerry Folan on 6286994 or John Doogan on 6289720.

We continued to be amazed at the numbers of younger children coming forward to play soccer. At the recent first training session for under 8's a total of 43 players turned up. That is sufficient for 4 teams at that age level. The club will strive to accommodate them all. It is our hope to enter an under 7's team in



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1-Sep-02	6,12,16,20	€2,500	DONAL NAUGHTON	PAT MONAGHAN	MICK Mc GOVERN
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## Party Political

### Fine Gael Notes

#### Bond Bridge & Meadowbrook Link

During the early summer, it looked as if the reconstruction of Bond Bridge and the new Meadowbrook Link were going to be casualties of cutbacks by Kildare County Council (KCC). The County Engineer estimated that the cost of both projects was in the region of €7.5 million. KCC did not have the funds to carry out these works.

Cllr. Senan Griffin, who gave a firm commitment to the residents of Newtown, Woodlands, Castledawson, Parson's Hall, Newtown Court, Cluain Aoibhinn, College Green, Beaufield and Meadowbrook to have the bridge made safe for all users and improved access to the Motorway via the Meadowbrook Link. In honouring that commitment, Cllr. Senan Griffin arranged a number of meetings with Council officials and members of Michael Dunne's family. In the course of these discussions, Michael Dunne was very co-operative in making sure that KCC were in a position to proceed with both projects. Cllr. Senan Griffin played a very positive role in progressing the projects and as a result, the County Manager was in a position to proceed to tender stage for both projects. Cllr. Griffin complimented Michael Dunne and his family for their very positive approach in finalising the Meadowbrook Link. Cllr. Griffin is hoping that work on the Meadowbrook Link will commence in the next few months.

Cllr. Griffin has reminded KCC that proper safety measures / traffic calming measures will have to be put in place within the present Meadowbrook estate. These measures should include the provision of barriers and speed tables. Cllr. Griffin has requested the raising of the wall and closing off to Meadowbrook Drive. Cllr. Griffin has demanded all works within Meadowbrook Estate be carried out in conjunction with the new link road and furthermore that the new road remains closed until all work is completed.

#### Amenity Lands:

Cllr. Senan Griffin has requested KCC to expedite the transfer of amenity lands to the Kildare VEC and Maynooth GAA Club. Residents of Maynooth should be aware that an area action plan for the Harbour Field and surrounding lands to the fire station is currently being considered by KCC. It is important that any proposals or suggestions are forwarded to the County Secretary in Naas as soon as possible. A similar plan is being prepared for Carton Avenue. Proposals are welcome – please feel free to send a copy to Cllr. Griffin (griffins@eircom.net).

#### Joan Slade River / Lyreen:

Four years ago Cllr. Senan Griffin requested KCC to clean up the debris on the Joan Slade River, especially along Parson's Street. The O.P.W. are currently carrying out this work and the stream is now looking

better and the water is flowing more freely, which should greatly reduce the chance of future flooding at this location. Fine Gael and Cllr. Senan Griffin thinking ahead of the rest.

#### Parklands Footpath:

KCC are shortly expected to lay a new footpath along by the grass margin at the entrance to the Parklands Estate. The finance for this project was provided by Cllr. Senan Griffin's KCC allowance at an estimated cost of €11,000. As a result of a proposal made by Cllr. Senan Griffin and accepted by KCC, the ESB will also install three public lights near the doctor's surgery at the Estate entrance.

#### Trees:

Cllr. Senan Griffin has requested that overhanging trees in Kingsbry, Rail Park and Leinster Park be pruned back. Cllr. Griffin has also requested that the replacement trees in Cluain Aoibhinn be planted during the current season.

#### Yellow Box Junctions:

As a result of numerous requests by residents, Cllr. Senan Griffin has asked that a yellow box junction layout be provided as an interim measure on the Straffan Road, Rail Park, Parklands, Old Greenfield, Silken Vale and at the Railway Station.

#### Brevin Waste Facility:

Planning permission for the Brevin Waste facility proposal at the Dublin Road was refused by KCC on September 5<sup>th</sup>. It is now expected that the EPA will also refuse proposals for an extension of this facility.

#### Maynooth Post Primary School:

Congratulations to all the Leaving Certificate students on their examination results. Deputy Bernard Durkan and Cllr. Senan Griffin have requested the Minister for Education and Science to expedite the construction of the school extension. Maynooth Post Primary School is one of the primary growth schools in the country and the provision of extra classrooms and a full size gym are of the utmost importance.

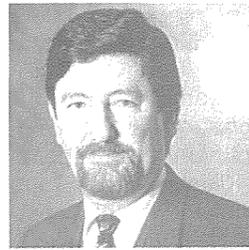
### Inklings

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## Maynooth Labour News



Emmet Stagg, T.D.



Cllr. John McGinley

### Bond Bridge and Meadowbrook Link Road Going to Tender:

Good news for the people of Maynooth as the County Engineer has advised Cllr. John McGinley that the County Manager has agreed that both the Bond Bridge and Meadowbrook Link projects would go to tender before the end of September when the contract documents are completed.

On receipt of tenders the County Manager will put a funding package before the full Council for approval. Cllr. McGinley believes that Councillors will approve the package as the old Council had already approved the taking out of a loan for the Bond Bridge project as far back as 1998. As the safety of the many pedestrians who use the bridge is the main issue Cllr. McGinley will continue to monitor progress on this much needed new re-aligned bridge.

The Meadowbrook Link Road is also essential as it will take the Dublin/Rathcoffey traffic out of Main Street, thereby, making life much easier for all the people of Maynooth. If there are no further hold-ups this new road should be open by next summer.

### Action Area Plans for The Harbour and Carton Avenue:

In our notes in the August edition of *Maynooth Newsletter* we drew attention to the fact that the Maynooth Development Plan calls for Action Plans for the Harbour Area and the new 55 acre public park adjacent to Carton Avenue. The process for the Action plans was discussed at the Leixlip Area Committee Meeting on 6 September.

Cllr. John McGinley proposed "That a notice be publicised requesting initial submissions for the two Action Area Plans needed in Maynooth and likewise for the Action Area Plan for The Wonderful Barn in Leixlip"

This will probably be done by mid September and community groups and individuals will be given four weeks to make their initial submissions.

Cllr. McGinley asked for initial submissions so that a first draft can be drawn up based on these. The draft will then be sent to all concerned seeking further comments. It was agreed that the target of completion by Christmas was too tight and that it was better to get it right. A new target of six months for completion of all three plans was agreed.

Noel Sheridan, Senior Planner in Kildare County Council, is in charge of the project, however, it is the Councillors who will make the decisions, as with the Development Plans. Cllr. John McGinley advised him that he should meet the local groups most directly concerned i.e. Maynooth Community Council, Maynooth Action Strategy, Maynooth Development Association, Maynooth Community Centre Partnership, Royal Canal Amenity Group and Parson Lodge Residents' Association.

Consultants, CAAS, have been engaged by the Council for the Carton Area Action Plan and the Council will be doing the Harbour one themselves. Community Groups and individuals should feel free to make their submissions directly to Cllr. John McGinley, 50 Greenfield Drive or E Mail [jmcginley@eircom.net](mailto:jmcginley@eircom.net).

### Great News As Westside Waste are Refused Planning Permission:

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley are very pleased at Kildare County Council's comprehensive refusal of planning permission for 3 light industrial units and a waste processing centre at Blacklion, Maynooth. Cllr. John McGinley is particularly pleased that the No.1 reason for the refusal was as result of the Clause that he got inserted in Page 31 of the Maynooth development Plan i.e.

"In particular uses such as intensive waste processing and recycling which are deemed to be incompatible with the neighbouring residential areas will be prohibited and any existing incompatible uses will be encouraged to relocate."

The proposed facility would have been located just north of Parklands Housing Estate and west of Blacklion Housing Estate and would have caused noise and odour nuisance to existing and future residents of these areas. The proposal would also have had a negative impact on the Royal Canal which is at the southern boundary of the

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site. Given that permission has now been refused Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley have again called on Kildare County Council to close down the existing illegal waste separation facility on the site and to use their full powers under the Planning Acts.

Also, a decision on the company's application for a Waste Management Licence from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is imminent and if the licence is refused the EPA is obliged to force the closure of the existing operation.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley would like to congratulate the Parklands Residents' Association on their success in having the planning permission refused.

### Old Greenfield Environmental Improvement to Start end October:

Cllr. John McGinley has been advised by the Council's Director of Services that a recommendation has been made on the appointment of a contractor for the construction of two new houses and associated environmental improvement works in Old Greenfield. An application will be made to the Department for sanction in week beginning 9 September and it should then be possible to appoint a contractor within a few weeks, depending on how quickly the application is processed. It is hoped to begin the works by the end of October. Cllr. McGinley is pleased that the long drawn out battle to have this essential work carried out is now finally over.

### Provision of Litter Bins in Housing Estates:

Following requests from residents Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of Kildare County Council:

"That the Council adopt a policy of emptying the litter bins under the Litter Bin Grants Scheme."

Through this scheme the Council assists residents' associations, community groups, Tidy Towns Committees and similar organisations by giving a grant of up to 75% (Max. €750) towards the cost of bins. Unfortunately, the Council have a policy of not emptying the litter bins provided under this scheme, which means that there is very little take up, especially by residents' associations. If Cllr. McGinley's motion is agreed residents' associations should find it easier to avail of the scheme

### Runway Lights at The Square, Maynooth:

There has been an underground cable fault here for some time and it is causing the lights to malfunction. Cllr. John McGinley has asked the ESB to repair the fault and to pay particular attention to the re-instatement works following the digging.

### Public use of the Car Park at the Harbour:

Waterways Ireland and the Royal Canal Amenity Group will be attending the next Leixlip Area Meeting on 4 October to discuss the public use of the car park, the provision of public lighting, the pollution of the canal and other items of interest.

### Provision of a Swimming Pool Complex for North Kildare:

Cllr. John McGinley has been advised that the long awaited feasibility study on a Swimming Pool Complex for North Kildare will be presented to the October Area Meeting.

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### Maynooth Twins Celebrate 73rd Birthday

Special birthday wishes are extended to twins Tosheen Farrell and Reasa Ranson formally Brigid and Theresa Maguire who celebrated their birthdays on 19th September. The twins are daughters of the late Edward and Nan Maguire. The twins were born and reared in Dillons Row, their father a baker by trade cam from Kells, Co. Meath and married local girl Nan Doyle. Nan's father was a cobbler in the town at that time and was affectionately known as the "Waxie Doyle".

When they completed their education in the Presentation Convent, they both were employed in the Spa Hotel, Lucan. From there Reasa immigrated to Birmingham where she met and married Dublin man, Peter Ranson. They are looking forward to celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary next March along with their three children and their families. Tosheen met and married Leixlip man, the late Nicholas Farrell. They took up residence in O'Neill Park in 1951 and went on to rear 10 children, 6 sons and 4 daughters. Their knowledge of the old Maynooth and the people who resided therein is in abundance. It is a treat to listen to them when they do have the opportunity to get together and talk about their childhood. We wish them many more birthdays together.

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