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Editorial

The Newsletter celebrates its 300 edition this month. It is heartening to see the magazine's success again after the difficulties that were experienced this time last year. Its improvement is thanks to the new printer Tony Mullen and we would like to express our thanks to him to for help and support over the year. We hope that our readers are happy with the publication. We would also like to thank the Supervisor and participants in the CE project and the support of FAS. It would be very difficult to produce the Newsletter without them. We are shocked to hear of the CE projects who have been closed down in the North Kildare area and sympathise with the participants and sponsors.

The Newsletter welcomes the cleanup in the Meadowbrook and Parson Street area that prevented a repeat of the dreadful flooding two years ago but other parts of the town were not so lucky. The Moyglare Road has become badly flooded at the point where the side entrance to the College meets the road. The University has denied all responsibility but the recent building program in that area must have some bearing on the situation. The Fire Brigade worked hard during that night of torrential rain and we would like to express our appreciation.

If you find time on your hands over the holiday period try our quiz. There will be a prize for the highest number of correct answers.

Finally, we would like to wish our readers and advertisers a Happy Christmas and New Year and to thank them for their support. Thanks also to all who contribute to the publication - without your input this magazine would not survive. Happy Christmas!

Christy Kavanagh

The Maynooth Community Council and the Maynooth Newsletter have heard with deep regret about the sudden death of Christy Kavanagh who worked with us for a number of years. We would like to extend our sympathies to his wife Irene and his children, Maria, Paul and Emer.

Ar dheis de go raibh a anam.

Community Council Notes October Meeting

Maynooth Community Community Council News

The November meeting of the Community Council took place on the 11th November in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Co-options

There has been a number of co-options to the council, Angie Tracey, Joe Geraghty & Bernie Doyle all from Beaufield Estate.

Swimming Pool complex.

Councillor John Mc Ginley said that on the 6th December, the Celbridge, Leixlip and Clane area meeting will take place. This meeting will decide the suitability of a Swimming Pool Complex for Maynooth. Leixlip and Celbridge are also contenders for the complex.

This would be a huge boost for Maynooth as the complex would also include a gym and many other facilities.

Planning Permissions.

Concerns were raised about new planning applications. The inclusion of so many apartments in the applications was causing most concern.

Cllr. Senan Griffin was very concerned and said that further development will have to be modified. He said the town is chock-a-block.

It is hoped that all Heavy Goods Vehicles will use the new Celbridge Link Road.

It was also noted that development on the Dunnes land will go ahead, also that the Dunne family has given land free of charge to accommodate the building of the Meadowbrook Link Road and Bond Bridge.

It was agreed to write to Kildare County Council about further planning for Maynooth. Muireann Ní Bhrolchain raised the issue about student population in Maynooth. She said she was very concerned about the lack of facilities for students in the College. This is causing serious problems for staff and the town. There is also a huge parking problem.

Paul Croghan said that people looking for accommodation on rent allowance were finding it very hard to get accommodated.

Also 20% affordable Housing was raised and Cllr. John Mc Ginley stated that approximately 160 houses could be provided on the present planning.

Paul Croghan said that larnród Eireann are proposing payment for parking at the station. There are no plans to extend the service. It was agreed to write to larnród Eireann objecting to this charge.

Moyglare Road Flooding.

The flooding on the Moyglare Road was raised. It was felt that a permanent solution should be found to stop this happening and that Kildare County Council should instruct the College to do this work. Also that more traffic calming ramps were needed on the road.

Carton Avenue Grass Cutting.

Paul Croghan felt that there was no funding to do grass cutting on the avenue. There is also no money from local development levies. He also said that Kelt had given some funding to the grass cutting project. Cllr. John Mc Ginley stated that if the community wants the grass cut, Kildare County council will do it.

Festival.

Muireann Ní Bhrolchain said that she was convening a meeting of all interested groups and it is hoped that a Festival Committee will be formed.

Traffic Lights at B.O.I.

Claire O' Rourke said that the traffic lights at the Bank of Ireland are very dangerous for pedestrians and that more time should be given to cross. It was also stated that it would be safer to move the crossing to the Roost.

It was with great regret that the meeting heard that our long standing Lord Mayor Owen Byrne is in hospital. Best wishes was sent to him from Maynooth Community Council.

Cllr. John Mc Ginley said that Owen has always led the St. Patrick's Day Parade. He wished him well. Cllr. Senan Griffin also sent best wishes to Owen.

Congratulations to Christina Saults, the Supervisor of The C.E. Scheme in our office on her conferral.



Next meeting of the Maynooth Community Council will be held on the 9th December 2002 at 8.30 pm in the Glenroyal Hotel.

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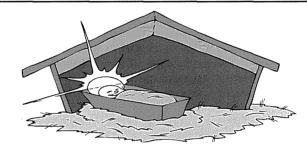
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File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
02/2005	Joe Farrell	Mooretown Maynooth Road Celbridge Co. Kildare	Р	21/10/02	development will consist of the change of use of the existing garage to an office, the construction of a single storey extension to the side and rear of the existing dormer dwelling and the construction of a new detached single storey garage etc	Mooretown Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/2006	Wille Graham	345 Old Greenfield Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	21/10/02	2 four bedroom dormer bungalow	Old Greenfield Greenfield Maynooth
02/2010	Newtown Park Stud	Newtownmacabe Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	22/10/02	to build a new stud farm complex, consisting of the following: (a) Demolish entire cattle wintering shed adjacent to silage pit. Demolish two hay-sheds and small wintering yards etc	Newtownmaccabe Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/2035	Brian & Sharon Lee	817 St. Patrick's Park Celbridge Co. Kildare	Р	24/10/02	for a bungalow and Septech 2000 effluent treatment plant	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/2060	Kevin Regan & John Maloney	Unit 1 Fagans Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	24/10/02	for the demolition of existing single storey commercial building and for the erection of a three storey building to accommodate 12 two-bedroom apartments, associated car parking and site works using existing access road off Convent Lane etc	Convent Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/2094	Rossmore Properties Ltd	Turnings Straffan Co. Kildare	Р	01/11/02	for development of roadway and ancillary site development works for an industrial estate	Mooretown Maynooth Road Celbridge
02/2099	Deanery Management Group	The Deanery Aghards Celbridge Co. Kildare	Р	04/11/02	4 two bedroom apartment units in one two-storey building with private garden areas (sheds), all to match existing structures	The Deanery Aghards Maynooth Road Celbridge
02/2104	M & D Cullen & Eamon Maguidhir	Main Street Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	04/11/02	small extension to existing bedroom annex of dwelling and a mews dwelling	Main St & Back Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/2116	Paul O'Leary	13 Rockfield Grove Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	06/11/02	new two storey bedroom, bathroom and kitchen extension over existing playroom and utility room to side and rear of house	13 Rockfield Grove Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/2128	Dawn Byrne	1 Castle Dawson Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	07/11/02	to erect two storey detached dwelling house, the formation of new pedestrian and vehicular accesses and the carrying out of all other associated site works in the side garden	1 Castle Dawson Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/2133	John Mayock	Baltracey Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	07/11/02	for dormer style bungalow (283sq.mts) in lieu of previously approved single- storey bungalow on planning ref no. 00/1798 on revised site	Baltracey Maynooth Co. Kildare.
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02/2151	Rossmore Properties	Turnings Straffan Co. Kildare	P	08/11/02	development of roadway, ancillary site development works for an industrial estate and proposed boundary wall and railings	Mooretown Maynooth Road Celbridge
02/2163	Kevin Donovan	Newtown Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	12/11/02	for 2 two-storey houses	Newtown Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/2190	John Maher & Padraig Sheridan	c/o Sinead McConigle, Kiolpa Suite 15 Mespil Business Centre Mespil House Sussex Road Dublin 4	Р	14/11/02	for a 25m antennae support structure, antennae and radio links, equipment containers, security fence and access track for Kiolpa Group at Roestown TD to form part of the cellular digital communications network	Roestown TD Maynooth Co. Kildare

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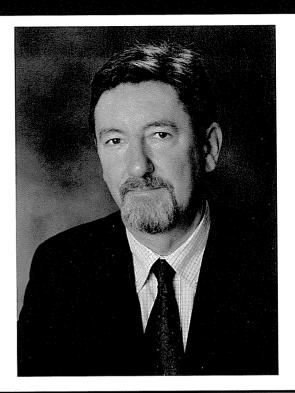
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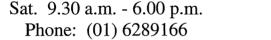
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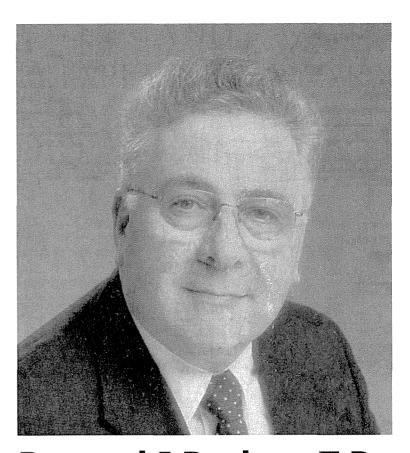


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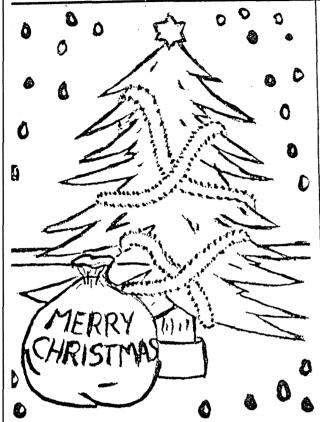
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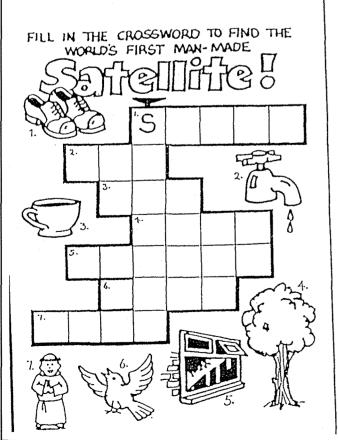
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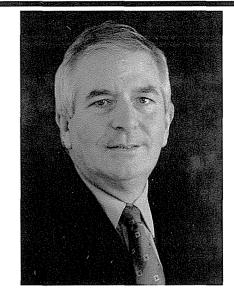
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Poets Corner

Winter Garden

My leafy laden garden Looks up at me With sullen silence Aged roses pout With jaded colours Like smudged lipstick

Tangled growth mocks me
My lawn mower rests
Against the ivy wall
Long handle; empty box
Yawns back at me
Like a sleeping sentry

The leaves fall
On unkept lawn
I think about the rake
I do not have
and leave it all to
The scattering wind

Liam Murray

Sir Winter

I heard Sir Winter coming.

He crept out of his bed
and rubbed his thin and freezing hands:

'I'll soon be up!' he said.

'I'll shudder at the keyhole and rattle at the door, I'll strip the trees of all their leaves And strew them on the floor;

'i'll harden every puddle that Autumn thinks is his – I'll lay a sparkling quilt of snow on everything that is!

'I'll bring a load of darkness
as large an any coal
and drive my husky dogs across
the world, from pole to pole.
'Oho! How you will shiver!'
And then I heard him say:
'But in the middle of it all
I'll give you
CHRISTMAS DAY!'

Jean Kenward

Our Christmas Robin

A Robin perched on a holly tree Christmas morning bright and early Plucking berries as its eyes could see It feasted on them daily

Chuttering as loud as it could It seldom felt no danger A tiny creature feeling so good Never minding any stranger

A songster of many it is indeed As all birds are of plenty Once it had its daily feed Its tiny stomach was never empty

Fly with me my little one To a place full of holly Until your berries are all gone On your Christmas time so jolly

Patrick Murray

Woodlanders

The day is wet - we can't go out To play about the green, I'm sure I don't know what we'll do We've seen what's to be seen.

Do tell us Daddy, I'm sure you know For you are very wise You never mope about the house Give way to tears and sighs.

Do tell us Mammy, and we will do Whatever you may say We want to know so badly How-to-pass-the-day.

Now we'll have a story
For there is time for fun Oh no we wont, we've got to play
For here comes the sun

Anon.

SENATOR KATE WALSH PD

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Crossword No: 7

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Entries before: 20th Dec 02

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Across:

- 1. There a different age every 25 years or so (10)
- 8. Unpopular type of doctor (7)
- 9. Make a effort (5)
- 10. Placed on a surface (4)
- 11. Trap returns for section (4)
- 12. Female sheep (3)
- 14. Olympic prize (4)
- 15. Call to an end (5)
- 20. Rule prohibiting certain actions (3)
- 22. Give us one, maybe (4)
- 23. Develop mature (4)
- 25. What we shouldn't do (5)
- 26. Hollywood loves this charm (7)
- 27. Unyielding or unstoppable (10)

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Down:

- 1. For real (7)
- 2. Hammer this part of finger (4)
- 3. Religious ceremony (6)
- 4. Ratified agreements (8)
- 5. Very over-weight (5)
- 6. All grown up (5)
- 7. Speak (5)
- 13. Small bundle or collection (8)
- 16. Severe (7)
- 17. Run away to be wed (5)
- 18. Money limit (6)
- 19. The pen is considered mightier than it (5)
- 21. Show pain or Distress (5)
- 24. Notoriety (4)

CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS NO₆

Across: 1 Literature; 8 Players; 9 Erase; 10 Ache; 11 Cars; 12 Hat; 14 Prank; 15 Cramp; 20 Pot; 22 Vine; 23 Asia; 25 Spear; 26 Guitars; 27 Adrenaline.

Down: 1 Leather; 2 Toes; 3 Rascal; 4 Treasure; 5 Reach; 6 Spray; 7 Hefty; 13 Universe; 16 Message; 17 Spasm; 18 Enigma; 19 Waist; 21 Trend; 24 Mini.



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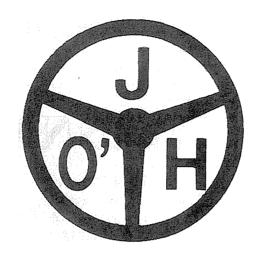


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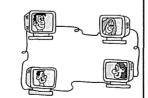
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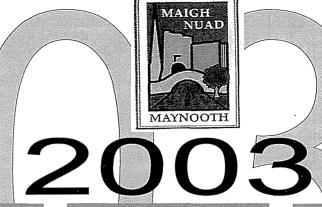
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The Night Before Christmas



'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse; The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that St. Nicolas soon would be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds, While visions of sugarplums danced in their heads;

And Mama in her kerchief and Lin my can

And Mama in her kerchief and I in my cap,
Had just settled down for a long winters nap—
When out on the lawn there rose such a clatter,
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash. The moon on the breast of the new—fallen snow, Gave a lustre of midday to objects below.

When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer,
With a little old driver so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.

More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted,and called them by name—
"Now, Dasher! Now,Dancer! Now,Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! On, Cupid! On,Donder and Blitzen!

To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall!

Now, dash away! Dash away! Dash away all!"

As dry leaves before the wild hurricane fly,

When they meet with an obstacle mount to the sky,

So up to the housetop the coursers they flew,
With sleigh full of toys— and St. Nicholas too;
And then in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my head and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicolas came with a bound.

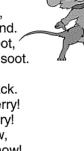
Down the chimney St. Nicolas came with a bound. He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot, And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot.

A bundle of toys he had flung on his back, And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack. His eyes how they twinkled! His dimples how merry! His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry! His drawn little mouth was drawn up like a bow, And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow!

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath.
He had a broad face and a little round belly
That shook when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly.
He was chubby and plump—a right jolly old elf,

And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself.
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings then turned with a jerk,

And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim as he drove out of sight,
"Merry Christmas to all and to all a Good Night!"
CLEMENT CLARKE MOORE c.1882









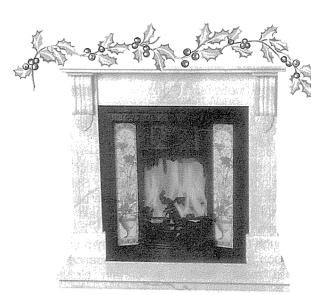
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Question.

I am currently receiving a Mobility Allowance from the Health Board. I am also hoping to buy an adapted car and have applied to the Health Board for a Motorised Transport Grant. If I get the grant will I continue to receive the Mobility Allowance?

Answer

Up until recently you would have continued to receive the Mobility Allowance. However, this has now changed.

Mobility Allowance is paid monthly by the Health Board to a person with a severe disability who is unable to walk and would benefit from a change of surroundings. You must satisfy a means test and must be aged between 16 and 66 when applying. The maximum payment is \in 126.00 per month.

The Motorised Transport Grant is paid by the Health Board to a person between the ages of 17 and 65 with a severe disability, towards the purchase or adaptation of a car where such an adapted car is essential for the person to obtain or retain employment. Self-employed persons who meet the criteria may also be eligible. In exceptional circumstances, it may be paid to a person with a severe disability living in a very isolated area, even though they may not be in employment.

The person must hold a full driving licence and must satisfy a means test. In certain circumstances someone else may be approved to drive for the person with the disability where he/she is not physically or medically capable of driving. Up to 75% of the actual cost may be granted the maximum grant available is $\in 4,370$.

Since 1 July 2002, if you are receiving a Mobility Allowance and receive a Motorised Transport Grant you will no longer be paid the Mobility Allowance as the payment of a Motorised Transport Grant is subject to the condition that the Health Board will not be called upon at any future date to contribute towards the running costs of the vehicle. You will not be eligible for the Mobility Allowance again until three years after the date of payment of the Motorised Transport Grant.

Further information is available from your local Health Board or The Citizens Information Centre @ 6285477.

Question.

I intend retiring from work. If I take up employment again at some time in the future, will I still have to pay tax and PRSI?

Answer.

If you retire from work and subsequently take up employment your earnings will be taxable along with other income regardless of your age. In addition to the usual personal tax-free credits, people over the age of 65 are entitled to an Age Tax Credit of \in 205.00

(2002) for a single person and \in 410.00 for a married couple.

If you are under the age of 66 and earning over $a \in 38.00$ a week in insurable employment you pay PRSI at either Class A or a modified rate, depending on your occupation. If you are aged 66 or over you do not pay PRSI regardless of your income.

Since 1st July 2001 if you are aged 70 or over you do not pay the Health Contribution unless you are in receipt of a Social Welfare Widow's or Widower's Pension, Deserted Wife's Benefit/Allowance or One-Parent Family Payment or you are a Medical Card Holder.

Further information is available in the latest edition of Comhairle's publication 'Entitlements for the Over Sixties'. Copies are available free of charge along with other information from the Citizens Information Centre @ 6285477.

Question

My husband and I have been asked to rent out a room in our house to a friend of mine. Will the income from the rent be taxable?

Answer

Under the Rent a Room Relief scheme, where you rent a room (or rooms) in your principal private residence and the gross rent received, including sums arising for food, laundry or similar goods and services, does not exceed $\in\!7,620.00~(\in\!5,587~(\pounds4,400))$ for the tax year 2001) this income will be exempt from income tax. Where more than one individual is entitled to the rent, the exemption limit is divided between the individuals concerned.

If your room rental comes within the scheme it does not affect your entitlement to mortgage interest relief or to capital gains tax exemption on selling your home.

This rental income is not liable to PRSI or the 2% Health Contribution but it must be included on your annual income tax return.

Further information is available from your local tax office and from the Citizens Information Centre @ 6285477.

Question.

I was on certified sick leave from work for two months. Does absence on sick leave change my entitlement to annual leave?

Answer.

Annual leave entitlement is based on time worked. In this sense absence from work and in your case, absence due to certified sick leave, can reduce your entitlement to annual leave but it should not in your case.

Your rights in relation to holiday entitlement are set out in the Organisation of Working Time Act, 1997. This Act provides for a basic annual leave entitlement of four weeks for each leave year with pro-rata entitle

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ments for periods of employment of less than a year. (Your contract of employment may provide for more than the statutory four weeks.) In order to qualify for four weeks' annual leave an employee must have worked for the same employer for at least 1,365 hours during a leave year.

Sickness during the leave year will reduce the hours you worked and therefore may affect your entitlement to annual leave. However, if your working week is, for example, 40 hours you will reach the required 1,365 working hours after just over 34 weeks working. Your absence, in this instance, would need to be 18 weeks or more before it affected your annual leave.

Further information is available from The Employment Rights Unit, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Davitt House, 65a Adelaide Road, Dublin 2 Tel: (01) 631 3131 or LoCall 1890 201 615 and from the Citizens Information Centre @ 6285477.

Maynooth Gaelic Football Under 13

North Kildare League

Maynooth Under 13 Gaelic Footballers season came to an end when they were defeated by the league winners Clane in Clane. Despite failing to win any of their league games the team played very well in a very competitive league. Other teams in the league included Celbridge, Confey, Ballyna, Naas and Kilcock. Despite the results team trainers Denis Dempsey and Kieran Finnegan were happy that the team tried their best in all games. They were also delighted with the support of the parents at the games. Nobody doubts how important it is for the children to see their parents present at the games.

The Maynooth Club wishes to congratulate Clane on winning the league and all the other teams who took part.

The Maynooth panel of players were as follows:

Ciaran Egan, Alex Cash, Same Hare, Owen McNutt, Darragh Dunning, Owen Curran, Sean Durkan, Joe Dempsey, Joseph Glynn, Peter Warren, Thomas Donellan, Chris O'Connell, Cian Byrne, Francis McDonald, Conor O'Brien, Cormac O'Reilly, Ben Finnegan, Sean Barrett, Sean Moore, Chris Moynan, Keith Leonard and Michael Murphy.

Kiernan Finnegan.

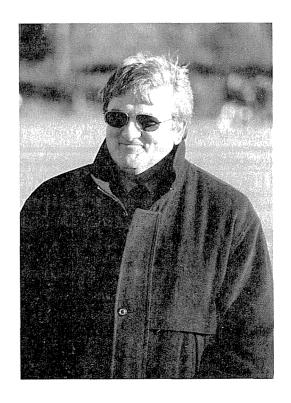
PETER COAKLEY

Peter Coakley was born in Kerry. This did not stop him however declaring himself a Clareman, having spent most of his youth in Miltown Malbay,in West Clare.

The youngest of a family of 4, he attended Saint Flannans College, Ennis followed by Saint Patricks Training College, Drumcondra, Dublin

He began his teaching career in Saint Marys BNS,in Haddington Road ,Ballsbridge.He subsequently taught for a number of years in Lucan.In 1998 he was appointed as teaching principle in Skryne, Co. Meath. He took up his appointment in Maynooth in June 2002. He played Gaelic club football with Miltown Malbay,Ballymun Kickhams (Dublin), Leixlip & Confey (Kildare). He also won the Dublin Senior Football Championship with Erins Hope whilst in training college. He represented Clare at Minor U21 level. He was a keen golfer (before becoming a school principal he has very little time for this now!) with a 11 handicap. He is married to Deirdre, has a son Neil 13, and 2 daughters Meabh 11 and Brona 8.

We would like to congratulate Mr Coakley on his appointment as principal of BNS Maynooth, and hope he spends many happy years with us. We also extend this welcome to his wife and children.



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Early Irish Society – feasting and celebrations

As the Christmas/New Year period is generally regarded as the major festive event in the Western World let us turn away from the more serious business of distraint and legal procedures and turn to Irish festivities. In the early Irish period Christmas was considered primarily as a religious feast and there is little or no reference to it in native law or saga literature. Religious texts contain certain informa29tion but this is relatively scant also. There are two different terms in use - Notlaic Mór (great Christmas) and Notlaic Stéille (lit. Christmas of the star). The latter refers to the Epiphany. The treatise on Sunday, the Cáin Domnaig, says that they should generally be treated as a Sunday but the restrictions that existed on cooking are lifted as it is a time of feasting within the Church, Christmas was celebrated with special food and drink and even a slave in chains is entitled to special food. But Easter was the major Church festival when beer was allowed.

Before the arrival of Christianity the major Celtic festivals were fourfold and connected with farming and the cycles of nature. We know most about *Lugnasad* (The Festival of the God Lug) celebrated on the first of *Lúnasa* (August) and it still survives in a christianised version as in the pilgrimage to Croaghpatrick or the Fraughan Festival in Glencullen. Fraughan is the anglicised version of the Irish word *fraochán* (bilberry) and it is one of the first berries to ripen.

The other celebrated were *Imbolc*, now St Brigit's Day, *Beltene* (Mayday) and *Samain* at the beginning of November. All these still survive in christianised form and Halloween is one of Ireland's most successful exports! The seeds of our present day celebrations have a long pagan past behind them. This was a major time of feasting (*feis*, *fled*) and of public assembly when it was believed that the doors and barriers between this and the Otherworld opened and a two-way passage was possible for a period of time. The sagas mention that the feast lasted for 7 days when humans and the dead could interact.

These festivals are often associated with food production. In a society where famine, bad weather and warfare were common, fertility of the land was of paramount importance. Even the sagas associate the feast with huge amounts of food. Generosity gone mad is a proof of great wealth.

There is some evidence for the seating arrangements for important celebratory events. The 12th century manuscript, the Book of Leinster, contains an illustration of the *Suidigud Tigi Midchúarda* (the seating of the house of the mead-circuit). The page is soiled but it is clear that each profession had a place and an appropriate cut of meat. Pork is the chosen food for feasting along with *mid* (mead), *cuirm* (beer) and *fín* (wine) also mentioned. A poem in the Metrical *Dindshenchas* (Lore of famous places) entitled *Temair* describes the seating arrangements there and says:

King and chief of the poets,
Sage, farmer, they received their due,
Couches that torches burn not,
The thighs and the chine-steaks.

Leech and spencer, stouth smith,
Steward, portly butler,
The heads of the beasts to all of them
In the house of the yellow-haired king.

The shins were the share of the noble musician,
Of the castle-builder and artificer, round the bowl;
The cup-bearer, the lusty foot servant,
Both consumed the broken meats.

Feasting and celebrating was a common pastime amongst our Celtic ancestors according to many Continental Roman and Greek writers and historians. There is described a ritual that took place regarding the position of the most important warrior and his entitlement to the best part of the pig.

The saga material is full of references to feasting; the story of Cú Chulainn's visit to the Otherworld Serglige Con Culainn (The love-sickness of Cú Chulainn) begins with the Ulstermen gathering for the yearly Samain festival. It says:

The men of Ulster ... used to hold the festival every year; nor was there anything in the world that they would do at that time except sports and marketing and splendours and pomps and feasting and eating; and it is from that custom of theirs that the festival of Samain was descended, that is now held throughout the whole of Ireland.'

The famous tale *Scéla Muicce Meic Dathó* (The story of Mac Dathó's pig) tells how Mac Dathó called the men of Ulster and Connacht to a feast. They were arguing over the possession of a dog. The pig mentioned in the title is described as follows:

'Threescore milch cows had been feeding it for seven years ... there were sixty oxen drawing that one pig, besides their other food.'

Mesca Ulad (The intoxication of the Ulstermen) has a wonderful description of a feast, the Ulstermen again: 'The Ulstermen arrived at the festival assembly, so that there was not a man from a village in Ulster that did not come there ... provisions of food and ale were poured out for them, so that the allowance of a hundred of food and ale reached every nine of them. The drinking house was afterwards arranged by Conchobar according to deeds and parts and families; according to grades and arts and customs with a view to the fair holding of the banquet. Distributors came to distribute and cupbearers to deal and doorkeepers for door keeping. Their music and their minstrelsy and their harmonies were played. Their lays and their poetry and their eulogies were chanted for them; and jewels and valuables and treasures were distributed to them.'

Perhaps the best comes from *Fled Bricrenn* (Bricriu's Feast):

'A cauldron full of generous wine, with room enough

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for three of the valiant heroes of Ulster, furthermore a seven-year-old boar, a cow-lord full seven-year-old ... add to this five-score cakes of wheat cooked in honey. Five-and-twenty bushels, that is what was supplied for these five-score cakes – four cakes from each bushel. Such is the champion's portion of my house.'

Feasting is also associated with the death of a hero in certain circumstances but that is a story for another day.

Among the famous festivals mentioned in the annals and texts are primarily the *Óenach Tailten* (The fair of Tailtiu), celebrated at *Lugnasad*, and the Festival of Carmun. The latter is described in a poem, again from the *Dinnshenchas*, and it may have taken place in the Curragh of Kildare. It lasted a week, every third year, and it was also associated with *Lugnasad* and it included the familiar pastimes of horse racing, music and storytelling. The poet tells us:

There they would discuss with strife of speech The dues and tributes of the province, Every legal enactment right piously Every third year it was settled.

The tales of the household of Tara, that is not scanty, The knowledge of every cantred in Erin, The chronicle of women, tales of armies, conflicts, Hostels, tabus, captures:

Tales of death and slaughter, strains of music; Exact synchronising of the goodly race; His royal pedigree, a blessing through Bregmag His battle and his stark valour.

Legal matters were discussed and settled, there was buying and selling of food, animals and foreign goods. It is also said that there were two assemblies, one for men and another for women but that they did not mix. This may be poetic licence and there is no way of knowing if it is historically accurate.

Another important calendar and natural event is the solstice about the 21st December, famous for the sunrise at Newgrange (in Irish *Brú na Bóinne* – the hostel of the Boyne) shining down the passage. This has been interpreted in many different ways but the tomb may still hold its mysterious secrets safe within. Happy festivals.

(The usual series continues next month)



Health Tips

Beat the sneeze!

There are a wide range of medicines available to relieve the symptoms of colds and flu. Depending on your symptoms you can choose a pains. A decongestant to ease that blocked up feeling. You may want to consider a specific cold or flu product, which typically combine an analgesic with decongestant are available as syrups, powder or tablets

Cold

We all know what the common symptoms of cold are; sneezing, followed by a runny nose and tickle at the back of the throat. How long a cold lasts, will depend on the virus you have caught and how good your immune system is at fighting it off. A cold will last from four days to two weeks. With severe colds, you may experience symptoms similar to flu which includes high fever, chills, lack of energy, aches and pains.

Flu

Flu is the abbreviated name for influenza and is a more serious condition than a cold. Both the elderly and sick are particularly susceptible and have greater difficulty fighting off the symptoms. The symptoms of flu usually start quite suddenly with a fever followed by shivering, headache and weak or aching muscles. The fever may last up to 3 days but other symptoms can last much longer. Often with flu you will experience similar symptoms as a cold, such as a dry cough, sore throat and runny nose.

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Both colds and flu are caused by viruses, which only your immune system can fight off. Antibiotics are only suitable for treating bacterial infections, which may arise as a com; complication of your cold or flu.

For the majority of viruses the best course of action is to treat the symptoms with a suitable over the counter medicine available in your local pharmacy.

Our pharmacists are always there to advise you.

WHEN TO CALL YOUR DOCTOR

- If your temperature rises above 40°c, 104°f.
- If you have symptoms include chest pain or you become short on breath.
- If you cough up blood, yellow- green mucus or phleam.

Top Tip

- Try to rest and your body recover.
- Drink plenty fluids to replace those lost.
- Eat light meals to maintain your strength.
- not to smoke and avoid smoke filled areas.

Have that Jab!

If you are in an at risk group, for example those with chronic heart disease, chronic respiratory disease, including Asthma, chronic renal disease or Diabetes arrange to have a flu jab in the Autumn.



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Maynooth Golf Society

Our outing to Moate Golf Club on the 19th October was for the Joe Murray Memorial Cup.

Results:

1st Overall	Gerry Reilly	42 pts
2nd	Michael Flynn (Jnr)	38 pts
3rd	John Tiernan	36 pts
4th	Norman Kavanagh	35 pts (B9)
5th	Mick Fahy	35 pts
6th	Tom Flatley	33 pts (B9)
7th	Gerry McTernan	33 pts
Front Nine	Barry Desmond	19 pts
Back Nine	Mick Flynn	17 pts
Visitors 1st	Martin Doyle	37 pts
2nd	Derek Murray	29 pts
Nearest The	Pin	•
	John Byrne	

Our next outing was the Vice-President's Prize (John Tiernan) to Millicent on Sunday 3rd November.

Results:

1st Overall	Kevin Loftus	39 pts
2nd	Barry Desmond	38 pts
3rd	Norman Kavanagh	34 pts (B9)
4th	Don Sullivan	34 pts (B6)
5th	Philip Doyle	34 pts (B3)
6th	Colm Loftus	34 pts
7th	Gerry Reilly	33 pts
Front Nine	Niall Byrne	20 pts
Back Nine	Barry Farrell	16 pts
Visitors	Eamon Murphy	31 pts
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Ray McTernan Twos Club Niall Byrne

Results Maynooth Golf Society Grand Draw which was held on November 9th 2002 (limited to 250 tickets).

1st	G. Harrington Three Ball at the K Club	#044
2nd	John Walsh Weekend for Two (value	#063 ∈300.00)
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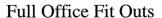
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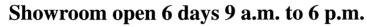
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Maynooth Tidy Towns

Maynooth Tidy Towns would like to thank everyone that contributed to the success we achieved in the National Tidy Towns Competition 2002.

There is a danger in naming individuals or organisations that helped us this year especially as the list in our case is very extensive. No doubt I will forget somebody and if so, it does not mean that your help was not appreciated.

Special thanks to people not involved in Tidy Towns that helped in our Annual Collection in June including Bernadette Duffy, Margaret Howe and Tom McMullon. The staff of Kildare County Council, Maynooth, without whose hard work we would not have been so successful this year. Local Kildare County Councillors and Dail Deputies for their ongoing support. Local Schools for their litter awareness and recycling initiatives and other support during the year.

Intel involved for their support in the sponsorship of the hanging baskets in Main Street as well as for the butterfly beds in Pound Park. To all the people who nurtured the flowers and allowed us to erect them on their premises, including the businesses that put out their own floral displays this year.

Credit here also to many of the residents of Convent Lane and Old Greenfield where hanging baskets were displayed this year. Eddie Tracy and the Library staff for the care of the planters outside the library. Special thanks to committee member Moira Baxter who coordinated the flower displays and watered_them this year.

Thanks to Tom Flatley and the crew for their work with the Maynooth Environmental Group in the two Pound Parks as well as the invaluable work in enhancing Maynooth Harbour as an amenity area.

Residents Associations for their estate cleanups and maintenance which always helps the scoring. Maynooth Chamber of Commerce and the businesses in Maynooth who through their efforts to keep outside their premises litter free also helped. Maynooth Community Council for their ongoing support. St. Patrick's College and NUI Maynooth for maintaining a very high standard of care with their buildings and grounds and attractive new developments on their campuses.

Maynooth Action Strategy and the Carton Avenue Steering Committee for their success in achieving the funding for the Carton Avenue upgrade project. Maynooth Tidy Towns had maintained this area for almost ten years and we specially acknowledge the voluntary effort of Bob O'Reilly. We appreciate the work being done by Conor Mallaghan and the staff of Carton House Golf Club in their commitment to maintain this area in recent times. With the new enhancement plan due to be completed by year end it is essential that Kildare County Council implement a comprehensive management plan for this area.

Individual efforts such as Michael Gaffney and family for maintaining the verge outside Charter House and Tommie Holmes at the entrance to Parklands Estate. Many others are working away without our knowledge of their names or efforts. Ronan and Jim Barry for their work in Pound Lane. The Smyth Family for their efforts outside Carton Avenue. The Downes family and Damien Farrell for their work with our awards ceremony and national tidy towns application respectively.

As regards sponsorship thanks to the Glenroyal Hotel for sponsoring our Best Estate and Shop Front Competitions and Gerry Mulcahy in Greenfield Shopping Centre for sponsoring our float in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Tesco Ireland, Glenroyal and Greenfield Shopping Centre for allowing us to collect at their premises. Thanks also for the very high standard of upkeep being undertaken in these shopping centres. Joe Buckley, Brian Lanigan and Paddy Barton for assisting us with storage spaces.

Finally and by no means least our Chairman, Bob O'Reilly for his tireless voluntary effort. Every year he threatens to retire but come Spring he gets back into action. The committee itself undertook many tasks associated with our work and my own opinion is that there is no better a group that one can work with in Maynooth. Why not join us in 2003. Happy Christmas to you all.

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Maynooth Person of the Year

Michael Gaffney

Paul Croghan Secretary Maynooth Tidy Towns

(Photographs elsewhere in this issue)

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Maynooth Hillwalking Club

We had an unscheduled Moderate Hike on Sunday 18th. of October along the Dublin-Wicklow border in the mountain range between Glencullen and Glencree. Afterwards we had a brief stop for tea and scones in the Glencree Interpretative Centre. Worth a visit if you are passing some day. There is an exhibition on Ulster Politics.

Training progressed well during the month with revision exercises in the classroom followed by practical training in the mountains. This will continue for the next few months both with formal and opportune training during our hiking activities.

Our visit to the Cooleys had to be cancelled due to weather conditions. Instead on the Bank Holiday Monday a few of us went off for a trek through the mountains for a bit of exercise. The weather was much better. The underfoot conditions were surprisingly good.

On Sunday 10th November our visit to the mountains between Donard and Hollywood in West Wicklow for an easy hike went down very well. We had three new visitors on activity and covered a distance of 9 miles with an ascent of 1,200ft. Everybody was fit so we had an extension to the outing. Towards the end we visited the "Pipers Stone", a 2000 B.C. stone circle close to the Blessington-Baltinglass road. Our trip brought us into an area which had remains of housing which suffered the effects of the Famine in the 1840's and the area has remained unoccupied ever since.

Sunday December 1st. brings us back to Bull Island and Dollymount Strand for a brisk trek around the perimeter of the Island. The bird population should be at its maximum with our winter migratory feathered friends here on winter holidays. It is hoped to have an audio/visual show available before hand. Please note change in departure time from the front of the Glenroyal Leisure Centre at 10.00am. sharp. Own transport. Please note change in departure time from November edition. This has proven to be a very popular hike on previous occasions. A distance of 7 miles with no Ascent. We are at sea level throughout.

New Year's Day it is hoped to conduct an easy hike along the canal from Clonsilla to Maynooth. We will meet at the Railway Station, Maynooth from 12:15 and travel by train to Clonsilla. A group rail fare will apply for those arriving at least 15 minutes early.

For the next few months we will be restricted by reduced daylight. The majority of our activities will be close by. Activities conducted further afield will be restricted in length. Our next weekend activity will not take place until the end of February '03. We normally complete a weekend of hiking around this time of year to include a night hike in an area to be decided later. This activity is limited to club members.

Please note that weather conditions may restrict our activities. Itineraries are subject to change and anyone interested should check beforehand closer to the activity with one of the contact numbers below. Most of our Easy Hiking activities cover at least 8 miles with ascent of up to 1,000ft. In cases there would be less ascent we may have longer hikes. Anyone attending our outings can expect to be walking for up to 4 hours and at a reasonable brisk speed. Only attempt our outings if you are fit to maintain this speed and distance. If it is felt that a person would not be able to complete an activity, would delay an activity, or it is not properly equipped for the occasion, the activity leaders ruling on the matter will be final. Remember in the mountains in a lot of cases there are no 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 activities shall be aware of and accept these risks and agree to be responsible for their own actions and involvement. Anyone on medication or with a medical complaint should inform the leader of the hike prior to leaving the agreed meeting point. If it is felt that the person should not take part on the activity they will be advised accordingly.

Keep an eye out in future editions for further information.

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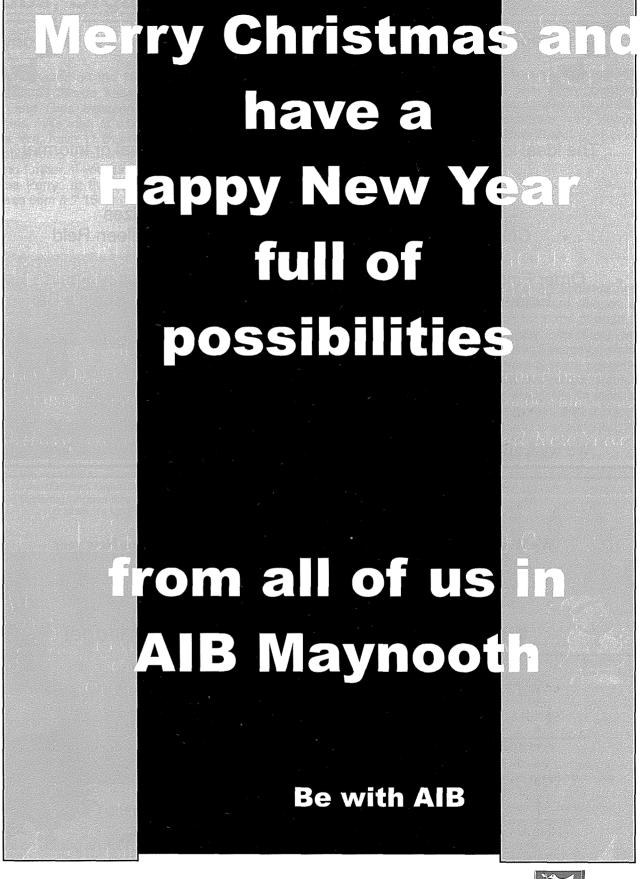
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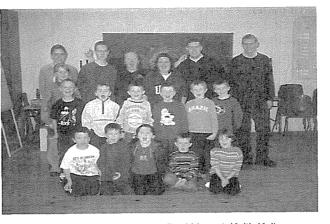
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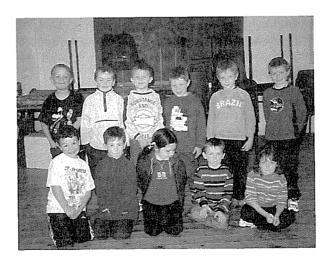
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Maynooth Boys Scouts

Beavers started on the 7th October in Maynooth. We are situated beside Maynooth Post Primary School. Boys and Girls between the ages of 6 to 8 are welcome. We start at 6.00pm to 7.15 pm on Monday nights. We have 11 Beavers and there are still places available for 5 children. After Christmas we hope to expand further. If you have any queries please contact Martina Perry at the scouts den on Monday nights between 6pm & 7.15.



We would like to welcome Paul Mescal, Keith Kelly, Niamh Murray, Ciaran Brown, Tory O Neill, Peadar O Murray, Michael Jones, Jonathan Flathery, Dylan O Shea, Tadgh Ford, Robert Cooney.



Maynooth Host Town Special Olympics

We will be holding an Art Exhibition in the Library for the duration of the World Games in June 2003. We invite budding artists to submit a piece of their work for this exhibition. All amateurs, people with disability and art groups are welcome to contribute. For further information please contact; Carmel Buckley 01 6286171,

Mary Fox 01 6289037.

Maynooth Mortality Society

Members are reminded that Annual Subscriptions are now due. The society sits every Sunday morning in the band hall from 11.30am to 12.30. The committee wishes all members a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

P NOLAN Secretary 7 Castlebridge, Maynooth.

Maynooth Swim Club

Our second term has started and will continue until 21st December. Fees for this term are due on or before 30th November; and can be made payable to the bus supervisor any Saturday. We have two buses going to Stewarts every Saturday, where swimming lessons are given from 5 years upwards. Anyone wishing to join the club can contact Patricia Moynan or Mary Murray. We would like to wish all our members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Patricia Moynan 01 6286865. Secretary Mary Murray 01 6244 256



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Dorin's Recipes

Roast Goose served with Caramelise Plums

Serves 6

10 lb goose, thawed if frozen

2 1/2 lb potatoes, peeled and cut into chunks

1 lb carrots, peeled and cut into thick slices

2 medium onions, peeled and sliced

2 cloves garlic, peeled and left whole

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

A few sprigs of fresh sage, plus some for garnish

For the gravy:

Neck and gizzard of the goose

1 small onion, peeled and chopped

1 carrot, peeled and chopped

1 stick celery, chopped

4 tablespoons Madeira

3/4 pint good chicken stock

1 tablespoon redcurrant jelly

Corn flour or arrowroot paste, optional

For the plums:

4 tablespoons caster sugar

2 tablespoons red wine vinegar

6 plums, halved, stoned and quartered



Method:

Remove giblets, if any, from the goose. Set aside for the gravy. Prick goose skin all over, especially the fat gland under the wing. To get a crispy skin on the roast bird, it needs to be dry to start with. Leave the bird in a cool draught for a few hours or overnight, or if you have an oven with a defrost setting, put the goose in for 1-2 hours to help dry out the skin.

To prepare the potato stuffing:

Add the potatoes, carrots, onion slices and garlic cloves to a pan of boiling salted water and cook until the vegetables are just tender. Drain, then roughly mash them and season well. Set the oven to hot, Gas mark 7, 220c, 425f. Use the mashed vegetable mixture to stuff the cavity of the goose, adding a few sprigs of fresh sage. Tie the legs back up tightly. pulling in the parson's nose. Rub salt, about 2 teaspoons, into the goose skin, then put the bird on a rack in a large roasting tin. Cover the legs with foil. Roast for 20 minutes, then turn the temperature down to moderate, Gas mark 4, 180c, 350f. Roast for 2-2 1/2 hours. Do not baste the bird, but do remove the fat in the pan every hour. To do this safely, put the goose onto a tray, tip the fat from the roasting tin into a bowl, then put the goose back in the roasting tin. Put a piece of foil on top of the back if it starts to look as though its browning too much.

To make the gravy:

Fry the goose neck and gizzard in a little goose fat until they're browned all over. Add the chopped vegetables to the pan and let them brown. Add the Madeira, reduce by about half, then add the stock, bring to the boil and simmer for 30 minutes. Strain through a fine sieve, into a clean pan, skimming off any fat. Stir in the redcurrant jelly. Thicken with a cornflour or arrowroot paste if necessary.

To caramelise the plums:

Melt sugar in 2 tablespoons of water in a frying-pan over a low heat. Raise heat and cook until it caramelises. Take pan off heat, add the vinegar and 2 tablespoons water or stock and stir until caramel has re-melted. Add plum quarters and cook gently, turning them a couple of times until they're soft in a syrupabout 8 minutes, Cover and keep warm. Serve caramelised plums in a separate dish. Put the goose on a serving platter and scoop out some of the mash round it. Garnish with fresh sage.

Turkey Risotto

Serves 4

1 lb cooked turkey meat

2 oz butter

2 onions, chopped

1 tablespoon curry powder

1 level teaspoon mixed herbs

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

Dash garlic salt

8 oz Patana rice, or any other

1 chicken stock cube

3/4 pint water

1 oz stuffed olives, sliced

8 oz frozen or canned peas

Tomato quarters

Method:

Cut the meat into neat pieces. Melt the butter in a large sauce-pan, fry onion until transparent. Add curry powder, herbs, salt, pepper and garlic salt. Mix well and cook for 3 minutes. Add rice, mixing well. Mix stock cube in water, pour over rice, bring to the boil. cover and cook for 35 minutes or until the rice has absorbed all the liquid. Add the turkey and olives. Stir thoroughly and heat gently for 5 minutes. Arrange the risotto on a large platter, surround with cooked peas and garnish with tomato quarters.

Quick Cream of Turkey Soup

Serves 4

8 oz cooked turkey meat

1 oz butter

1 small onion, grated

1 rasher bacon

1 chicken stock cube

1 pint water

1/4 pint cream 1 tablespoon chopped parsley

Method:

Remove the turkey skin and cut flesh into neat pieces. Melt the butter, fry onion and bacon for 5 minutes. Add stock cube and water, bring to the boil and simmer for 10 minutes. Remove bacon and chop finely. Reserve for garnish. Add the turkey and bring back to the boil. Skim off excess fat. Add cream, stir gently, but do not boil. Pour soup into tureens, sprinkle top with chopped parsley and bacon pieces. Serve with French bread.

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Mince Pies

4 oz margarine

7 oz plain flour

1 oz cornflour

1 oz icing sugar

1/2 level teaspoon nutmeg

2 egg yolks

1 tablespoon lemon juice

1-2 tablespoons water

200g mincemeat

Method:

Sieve the flour, cornflour, icing sugar and nutmeg into a bowl. Cut the margarine into lumps and rub into flour until the mix resembles breadcrumbs. You can do this in a food processor. Mix together the egg volks, lemon juice and water and add to the dry ingredients. Mix well to make a firm dough. Chill for half an hour then roll out pastry. Cut out twelve circles of pastry 3 inches in diameter and place in greased bun trays. Put a spoonful of mincemeat in each one. Wet pastry edges. Cut twelve smaller circles of pastry 2 1/2 inches in diameter and use to cover, pressing well together. Brush tops with beaten egg and pierce with a fork or knife. Bake for about 25-35 minutes in a hot oven 400f, 200c, Gas mark 6.

Mulled Wine

Makes about 1 1/2 pints

1/2 pint water (optional)

4 oz brown demerara sugar

4 whole cloves

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

2 lemons thinly sliced

1 bottle Burgundy or Claret

1 orange thinly sliced to decorate

Method:

Heat first four ingredients until sugar has dissolved, then bring to the boil. Add the lemon slices, stir and leave to stand for 10 minutes. Pour in wine. Heat, but do not boil. Strain through a sieve lined with kitchen paper, into a serving bowl and serve hot, decorated with orange slices.

Salmon and Dill Wheat Wafers

Slice 1 200g packet smoked salmon into 15 pieces. Ruffle each piece of salmon up on top of 15 wheat wafers or toasted blinis. Top with creme fraiche, 1 teaspoon per wafer or blini. Garnish with sprigs of dill. Season with a little freshly ground black pepper to taste.

Glazed Chicken Winglets

6 tablespoons soy sauce

4 tablespoons demerara sugar

1 tablespoon distilled vinegar

1 teaspoon garlic salt

12 chicken wings, tips removed



Combine the soy sauce, sugar, vinegar and garlic salt. Slash freshly part of wings with a sharp knife and place in a strong polythene bag with the soy sauce mixture. Seal bag and leave chicken to marinate 4-5 hours or overnight in refrigerator, turning occasionally. Place chicken wings on greased baking tray and cook in oven pre-heated to 375f, 190c, Gas mark 5, for about 35 minutes.

Cheese and Nut Balls

8 oz cream cheese

1/2 teaspoon oregano 1/2 teaspoon mixed herbs

1/2 teaspoon garlic salt

3 1/2 oz chopped almonds, toasted Method:

Combine cheese with oregano, mixed herbs and garlic salt, mixing well. Form into bite-size balls and roll in toasted almonds to coat. Serve as canapés or as a first course on salad leaves, drizzled with lemon juice and olive oil. Makes about 16 balls.



16 apricots

3 oz blue cheese

1-2 tablespoon cream 1/2 ground cinnamon

Method:

Slit apricot completely in half. Mix the cheese with enough cream to soften. Spoon or pipe mixture onto bottom of apricot halves and top with remaining apricots, sandwich style. Sprinkle with ground cinnamon. Makes 16 servings.

Gammon and Pineapple Skewers

Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a large frying pan; cook 12 oz gammon steak, cut into 1 inch chunks for 5 minutes. turning occasionally, until golden and cooked through. Add 1 tub fresh pineapple chunks, drained; cook for 2-3 minutes until pineapple is lightly coloured. Mix 3 tablespoon clear honey, 1 tablespoon wholegrain mustard and 2 tablespoon freshly chopped flat leaf parsley; pour into the pan. Toss together. Stick a piece of hot gammon and pineapple onto 20 cocktail sticks; serve.

Sausages with Red Onions and Rosemary

Method:

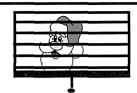
Preheat oven to 190c, Fan 170c, Gas mark 5. Slice 2 medium red onions, trimmed and peeled into 20 wedges. Place in a baking tray with 20 cocktail sausages. Add 3 tbsp olive oil and 1 tbsp fresh rosemary leaves; toss together. Bake for 15-20 minutes until onions and sausages are softened and lightly charred in places. Stick sausages and onion wedges onto 20 cocktail sticks. Serve hot.







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Dorin's recipes cont'd

Apple Strudel For the pastry:

10 oz flour

1 egg

2/3 oz castor sugar

1 pinch salt

2 oz butter or margarine

Lukewarm water

For the filling:

2 oz raisins

2 oz almonds

1 1/2 apples

3 tablespoons breadcrumbs

2 oz butter or margarine

Grated lemon peel

A few tablespoons jam

3 oz castor sugar

To finish: 2 oz butter or margarine, melted

A few tablespoons icing sugar

Method:

Sift the flour on a board, make a well in the centre and add the egg, sugar, salt, the butter or margarine, melted over very low heat with 1-2 tablespoons water. and enough lukewarm water to obtain a fairly soft dough. Work the dough quickly and vigorously, form into a ball, cover with a cloth and let stand for 30 minutes. Soak the raisins in lukewarm water for 20 minutes, drain and dry. Soak the almonds in boiling water for a few minutes, drain, peel and cut into thin slivers. Peel and core the apples and slice very finely. Sauté the breadcrumbs in half the butter or margarine until golden, then let them stand in the pan. Put the dough on a large floured cloth, roll out thinly with a floured rolling pin and spread it gently over the back of the hands, pulling and stretching it carefully until it is paper thin and transparent. Lay it out flat on the cloth, brush with the remaining butter or margarine, melted. and cover with the apple slices, raisin, almonds, breadcrumbs and lemon peel. Dot with spoonfuls of the iam and sugar, leaving a border of dough all around. Roll up the strudel using the cloth, being careful not to touch the dough with the hands, and press the edges together so that the filling does not come out during cooking. Still holding it by the cloth, put the strudel on a buttered baking sheet or a large buttered baking tin, brush with melted butter or margarine and bake in oven 180c, 350f, Gas mark 4, for 40-50 minutes. Remove from the oven and let stand for 10 minutes. Transfer to a serving dish and dust with icing sugar. The strudel can be served hot or cold.

Dauphine potatoes

Serves 6
2 lb floury potatoes
3 oz butter
3 eggs plus 3 egg yolks
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
Freshly grated nutmeg
Oil for deep frying



Choux pastry

8 fl oz water

3 oz butter

Pinch of salt

4 1/2 oz plain flour, shifted

4 eggs

Method:



Wash the potatoes and cook in their jackets in boiling water. While they are cooking, prepare the choux pastry. Place the water, butter and salt in a saucepan. Allow the butter to melt then bring quickly to the boil. Toss in the flour all at once and beat rapidly with a wooden spoon to obtain a smooth even paste. Continue cooking over a gentle heat, stirring constantly to dry out the paste. Remove from the heat as soon as it leaves the sides of the pan clean. Let it stand for a few moments, then add the first egg. Beat well together and add separately the 3 remaining eggs, beating well each time. Peel the potatoes and mash or sieve them. Place this puree in a saucepan and dry out over a gentle heat, stirring with a wooden spoon. Mix in the butter, then the 3 whole eggs and the 3 volks, one by one. Mix this puree with the choux paste. Season with salt, pepper and freshly grated nutmeg. Leave to cool. Form into small balls and toss into the heated frying oil. Drain the dauphine potatoes on absorbent paper as soon as they are cooked through and golden.

Juniper and Apple Cabbage

Serves 6

1/2 savoy cabbage, shredded 2 oz butter

2 apples, cored and thinly sliced

2 tbsp juniper berries, lightly crushed 1/2 small red cabbage, shredded

3 tbsp red wine vinegar

Method:

Cook savoy cabbage in boiling water for 5 minutes. Drain; set aside. Heat the butter in large frying pan; cook the apples over a medium heat for 5 minutes until softened. Add the juniper berries; stir through; season. Remove from the pan using a slotted spoon; set aside with the cabbage. Add the red cabbage to the pan juices; stir-fry for 5 minutes. Add vinegar and 5 tbsp water. Cover; simmer for 10 minutes. Add the Savoy cabbage, apples and berries to the pan. Cover; cook for a further 5 minutes. Gently toss together. Serve in a warmed serving dish.

Brussels Sprouts with Chestnuts

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

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Whats in a Name

Readers were recently asked to name the new building at the Harbour. How did other Maynooth names originate?

Ashleigh, Beaufield, Brookfield, Carton Court, Castlebridge, Castle Dawson, Charter House, Cluain Aoibhinn, College Green, Glenroyal, Greenfield, Kingsbry, Laurence Avenue, Leinster ——, Lyreen Park, Manor Court, Maynooth Park, Meadowbrook, Moyglare, Nagle Court, Newtown ——, Old Greenfield, O'Neill Park, Parklands, Parson ——, Railpark, Rockfield, Silken Vale, Straffan Way, Woodlands. What a mixture of names for a heritage town.

In the 12th century Henry the second of England became Lord of Ireland. His rule was over all of Ireland but in practice his rule extended over an area adjacent to Dublin called the Pale. Maynooth marked the west end of the Pale. Maynooth Castle was begun shortly afterwards where the Slade and Lyreen rivers meet. The great Anglo Norman family the Fitzgeralds. who were Kings' Deputy in Ireland and later Earls of Kildare and Dukes of Leinster lived there. One of them, Silken Thomas as he was known, was executed at the Tower of London. Later the Fitzgerald family lived at Carton House at the other end of Main Street. The inscription on the castle refers to the Manor of Maynooth. So now we can see where some of the place names come from: Carton Court, Kingsbry, Leinster —, Lyreen, Manor Court and Silken Vale. Slade still awaits commemoration. Moyglare and Newtown are very old names for their respective

There has been a church near the castle for more that 700 years. Parsons —— are aptly called. The spire of Saint Patrick's College can be seen for miles around. It was built to honour the first 100 years of the college. Charter House stands where the Charter School of Maynooth was for a hundered years. Nagle Court honours Nano Nagle - the foundress of the Presentation Order.

There are many estates which are named the lazy way. They are purely descriptive - they may sound rural in the initial advertisements at the time of building. They convey nothing about the place and would be equally applicable in most rural areas for example Beaufield, Cluain Aoibhinn, (which roughly translated means Beaufield), Greenfield, Old Greenfield, Parklands, Rockfield. Brookfield and Meadowbrook don't mention which brook.

The Railway give Rail Park and Castlebridge. The bridge has no connection with the castle despite what its name might imply. Glenroyal is beside the Royal canal. But what about the Glen bit? Another name to think about is College Green. Who are Dawson, O'Neill or Laurence? What about Ashleigh? Of course there is no such question about Straffan Way or Maynooth Park. What do you think new estates in Maynooth should be called? Should the names be for purely commercial reasons?

Talk about it over Christmas!

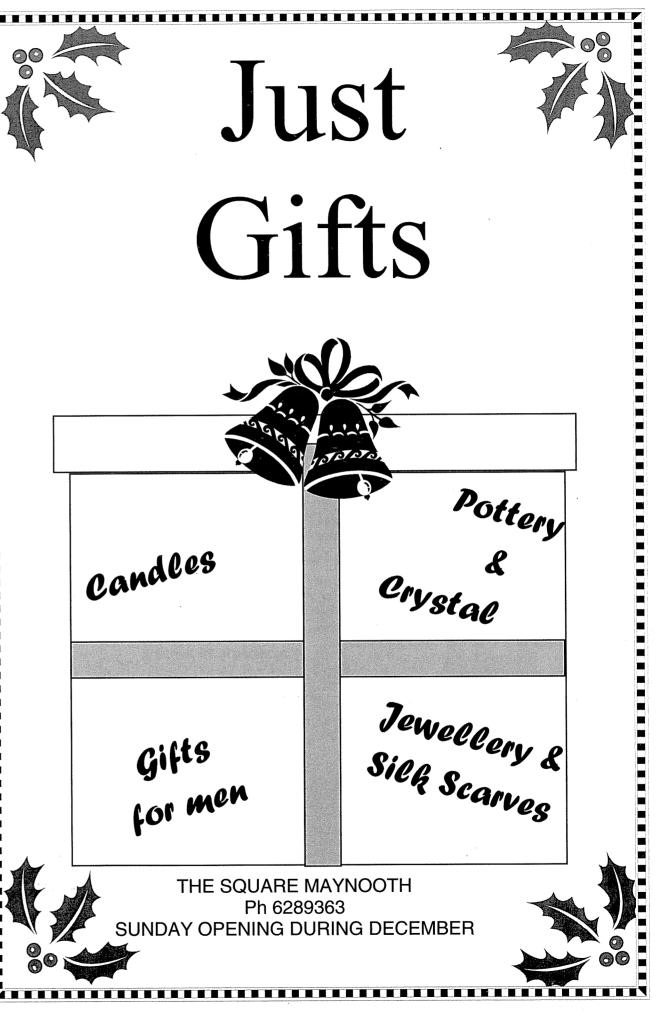
Caring for Granny and Grandad

To the young, old people seem ancient. When one begins to grow old, you can see how quickly time passes. Extra care and respect should be tendered towards the elderly who are wearing on in years. They need just as much care and attention as if they were tender babies once again in their mothers' arms. There are so many areas to take into consideration in the caring of the disabled, elderly and sick people. Unfortunately, the day is gone when grandparents would be still living with the family, as most of their daughters and daughters-in-law are now working; and most grandparents are placed in a Nursing Home. The children of to-day will also miss this lovely experience of growing up in the presence of a loving grandparent, and hearing all the folklore of long ago. Perhaps if more allowances were given by Health Boards, carers could avail of more equipment required in the caring of their loved ones in their homes.





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NIGERIA AND CHRISTMAS IN NIGERIA

Nigeria is an African Country – West Africa and has a population of one hundred and twenty-nine million, Nine hundred and thirty-four thousand, Nine hundred and eleven people and the capital was officially transferred from Lagos to Abuja on 12 December, 1991.

Nigeria is the most populous country, is composed of more than 250 ethnic groups; the following are the populous and politically influential: Hausa and Fulani 29%, Yoruba 21%, Igbo(Ibo) 18%, Ijaw 10%, Kanuri 4%, Ibibio 35%, Tiv 2.5%.

There are 50%, Christian 40% indigenous belief 10%. The main languages are- English (official),

Hausa, Yoruba, Igbo (Ibo), Fulani.

Nigeria is made of big cities as well as towns and villages.

Christmas in Nigeria is a very "colourful" joyful and happy one.. There are a lot of celebrations in every part of Nigeria. People wear colourful, beautiful, well-tailored Nigerian dress or "attire". Some of the Favourite colours that are mostly worn are blue, browns, white, green, orange red, yellow etc.

People also put on or "wear" Nigerian beautiful woven and properly dyed clothes of various colours. A week prior to Christmas a lot preparation are made by people going to the "big" markets to purchase, bags of rice, beans, plenty of meat, chicken and ingredients for African –Nigerian "soup" and stew with a lot of hot spices and seasoning.

People start making preparation by doing a lot of cooking on the 24th of December to 25th December. The Christians go to various churches i.e. The Catholics to mass in the Catholics churches, the Anglicans to Anglican Churches, The Protestants etc. The Moslems also celebrate and are happy on Christmas day by respecting the Christian's festive moods.

A lot of gifts such as wines, clothes, well-prepared food, chocolates, sweets, money, well-designed Christmas cards –both religious and well-worded special cards are sent to family, friends and well-wishers both at home and abroad.

At Christmas, a lot of families who have grudges or disagreements during the year on issues would get together before celebration. This also applies to a lot of friends who had disagreed and who were not on talking terms during the year. It is also a good period in Nigeria for some people to settle their disputes. If there is any.

During Christmas, there are a lot of parties and the poor are also cater for the by the rich. Food is shared among the poor even if one does not know them.

Since, Nigeria is an African Country with the bordering of the Gulf of Guinea, Republic of Benin, Cameroon, Chad, Niger, Equatorial Guinea, etc people from these countries fly in or travel in also to celebrate

Christmas because of the inter-marriages as well.

Christmas is a joyful, enjoyable, happy period in Nigeria.

Happy and merry Christmas.

Emmanuel Ali. Sixth Class St Mary Boys National School Maynooth.

St. Flannan

Flannan (Seventh Century) was a prince of the Dál gCais in modern Country Clare. After much missionary work in the Hebrides, he was ordained bishop of his native diocese of Kildare by Pope John IV in 640 and is its patron saint. He was famous for managing to recite the entire Psalter (Psalms) each day in spite of all his labours. His feast day is 18 December.

Bláith aka Flora

Bláith aka flora (d. 523) the Latin form of the Irish for flower.

Bláthe was a lay sister, working as the cook at St Brigid's convent in Kildare.

She was also known for her exemplary sanctity. Her feast day is 29 January.

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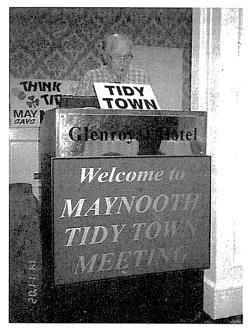


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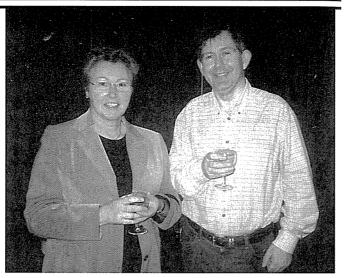
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Maynooth Tidy Towns receiving the Annual Awards from Cllr. Jim Reilly, Mayor of Kildare. Mattie Callaghan, Cllr. Jim Reilly and Bob O'Reilly



Rita Edwards and Paul Croghan



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Helen Doyle, Norah McDermott, Eilish O'Malley & Madeline Stynes discussing their schooldays in the Convent together



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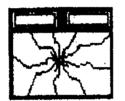
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Completed entry forms can be returned to the office before Quiz Draw

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Irish Countrywomen's Association

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The Maynooth guild of the Irish Countrywomen's Association met at the ICA hall Maynooth Harbour. We were delighted to welcome parish priest Monsignor Alex Stenson to the ecumenical remembrance prayer service, organised for the Golden Jubilee of the guild, by Eilis O'Malley. The rector, who was unfortunately unable to attend, sent his good wishes. Thank you to Eilis who gave a thoughful resume of events in the life of women of Maynooth over the past fifty years. A special tea party followed the service. Then all posed for some commemorative photographs. Former and prospective members, who would like to join us at a Christmas party in December in the Straffan Court Hotel, are invited to contact Mary (6290929).

Our group visit to the majestic Croke Park complex was entertaining and educational. Yoga classes and badminton will ensure pre-Christmas fitness.

The Maynooth Newsletter team was complimented on dedicating their golden November cover to the Golden Jubilee of the guild. Congratulations to all involved with the Newsletter on this, their 300th issue.

We wish you a blessed, peaceful and joyous Christmas and fourth year of the third millennium.

Maeve Moloney, P.R.O.



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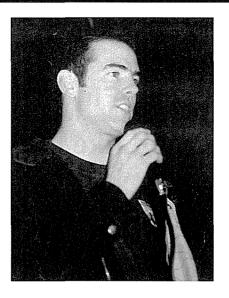
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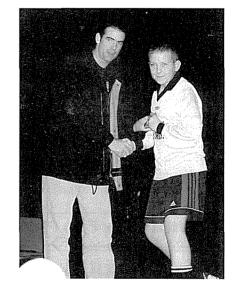
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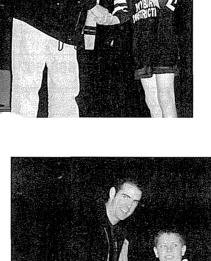
Presentation

Kildare Senior Footballer Dermot Earley presented medals to Maynooth Boys National School victorious under 11 team. The presentation was made in the Parish Hall where teachers, parents and fellow pupils were present. It was a proud day for the school. All 24 players received medals and Dermot Earley presented the cup to team captain, Daragh Dunning.















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Book Review

Wild Justice - Phillip M. Margolan.

Phillip M. Margolan is one of the best thriller writers of today. He has not written many books, *Wild Justice* being his 7th, but each one a gem. *Wild Justice* opens in a small airport with Dr. Clifford Grant, waiting to make a delivery, on the black market of one human heart, to Martin Breach one of the big names in Organised Crime. But things go wrong, and Grant panics when the police arrive, and he escapes with both the heart and the money. Grant goes to his silent partner, hoping for some help, but the partner knows that Martin Breach does not like unfinished business, and knows that in order to survive, he has to kill Grant, so nothing can be traced to him.

Grant's body is discovered with nine others, and the chief suspect is Dr. Vincent Cardoni, whom the police think was Grant's secret partner. Cardoni claims he is innocent and has been set up by his wife Justine, with whom he is in the middle of a bitter divorce.

Cardoni is released on a technicality and disappears, and the police think that Martin Breach was involved. Four years later a similar gruesome discovering is made and this time it is Justine Cardoni who is the chief suspect and this time it is Vincent Cardoni who is doing the setting up.

The twist in this story is one of the best I read in a long time, and how far from the end are you, before you can figure out, who the killer is?.

Local History Review 2002

Do you know the story of how a county Kildare man, was one of the first people to get to the South Pole? do you know that the first bishop of New York was the son of a shopkeeper in Creggs county Galway? These and other intresting stories are in *Local History Review 2002*; a comprehensive review of the recent work of local history societies, including Maynooth.

Well-known local historians contribute articles. It is the ideal Christmas reading to get for, or to give to local history enthusiasts. *Local History Review 2002* gives lists of local history books published recently. You will probably find a book about your own county, because most counties are included. *Local History Review 2002*; a treasure trove of information (including websites) about who to contact for the story of your own place, is available in local bookshops. *Local History Review 2002* tells you of interesting historical sites to visit on your travels in Ireland. The hon.editor is Maeve Moloney, whose book *Nineteenth-century elementary education in the archdiocese of Tuam* was published recently in the Maynooth Studies in Local History series.

Maeve Moloney

NEW BUSINESS

Griffin Doyle Interiors

Griffin Doyle interiors was set up by Garry Doyle and Stephen Griffin in April 2002 in Ashbourne Co. Meath. Garry has spent over 20 years working with fabrics and also worked as Branch Manager for Kirsch in Toronto. Kirsch are one of the biggest suppliers of drapery hardware in the world. Stephen has spent the last 12 years working in sales and has acquired a diploma in Interior Design. Although GDI has only be in existence for just under a year they are already making a name for themselves due to their attention to Quality and Customer Service.

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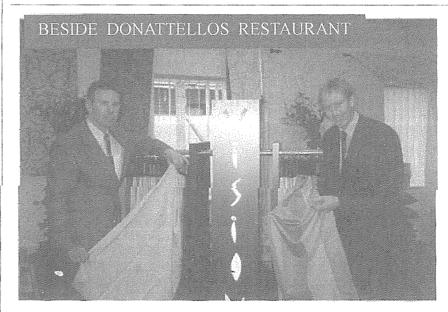


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Christmas Message from Monsignor Stenson

Christmas Reflection

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, the one who is, and who is to come" (Rev1:8),

It is always a pleasure being invited by the Editor to provide a Christmas Message for the Maynooth Newsletter. Each Christmas time we recall that some two thousand years ago a loving God took on human flesh in the person of Jesus Christ and lived among us." God so loved the World that he gave us his only Son.... and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us"(Jn.1:14-16).

A short thirty years later this Jesus was crucified on Calvary, apparently a dismal failure. His glorious resurrection three days later changed everything for those early disciples, so convinced were they that he was alive and risen. So too for us his disciples of today, who remember that Christ did once die and yet also remain convinced that he is risen and in our midst:" where two or three are gathered, there am I in the midst of them," "whatever you do to one of these....you do to me": "I was hungry and you gave me food......"

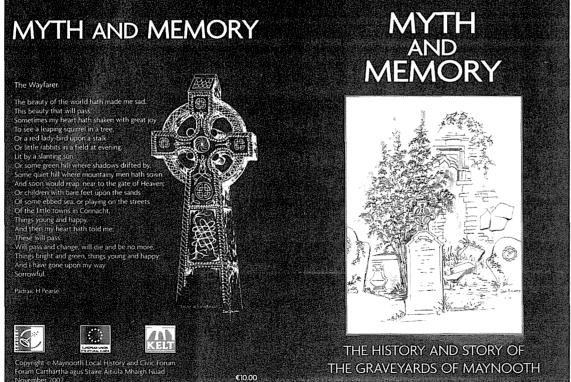
Yes, Christ has died and Christ is risen —but that is not all. Christ will come again! This final victorious and glorious chapter yet remains to unfold. This promised second coming of Christ our Saviour remains our joyful and

So Christmas is not so much about finding Jesus in a crib many centuries old. Rather it is about finding him alive today all around us, particularly in the poor and lonely, the oppressed and marginalised.

The good news is that the Christ who first came to us in *History* at Bethlehem, whom we meet today in *Mystery* in each other and in our worship, will come again in Victory at a time unknown:"Yes, I am coming soon. Come Lord Jesus___Maranatha, Amen"(Rev.22:20)."

Monsignor Alex Stenson, P.P. Christmas 2002

MYTH AND MEMORY



A 'wayfarer' is one who travels and in a sense we are all travellers journeying through life trying to make sense of the human experience. In this connection, Maynooth Local History and Civic Forum are pleased to announce that our book entitled 'Myth and Memory - the history and story of the Graveyards of Maynooth' is now available in local bookshops and other retail outlets in the town. This, our third publication, in addition to giving an insight into how our ancestors made sense of their world in both pre-Christian and Christian times, also examines ancient customs and folklore connected with death, wakes and burial in Maynooth, in County Kildare and throughout the rest of the country. At ∈ 10, it would make an excellent Christmas present for family and friends, both at home and abroad.

Features

Snow-Flakes

There is snow in yonder cold gray sky of the morning! - and, through the partially frosted window-panes, love to watch the gradual beginning of the storm. A few feathery flakes are scattered widely through the air, and hover downward with uncertain flight, now almost alighting on the earth, now whirled again aloft into remove regions of the atmosphere. These are not the bit flakes, heavy with moisture, which melt as they touch the ground, and are portentous of soaking rain. It is to be, in good earnest, a wintry storm. The two or three people visible on the side-walks have an aspect of endurance, a blue-nosed, frosty fortitude, which is evidently assumed in anticipation of a comfortless and blustering day. By nightfall, or at least before the sun sheds another glimmering smile upon us, the street and our little garden will be heaped with mountain snow-drifts. The soil, already frozen for weeks past, is prepared to sustain whatever burthen may be laid upon it; and, to a northern eye, the landscape will lose its melancholy bleakness and acquire a beauty of its own, when Mother Earth, like her children, shall have put on the fleecy garb of her winter's wear. The cloud spirits are slowly weaving her white mantle. As yet, indeed, there is barely a rime like hoar-frost over the brown surface of the street; the withered green of the grass plot is still discernible; and the slated roofs of the houses do but begin to look gray, instead of black. All the snow that has as yet fallen within the circumference of my view, were it heaped up together, would hardly equal the hillock of a grave. Thus gradually, by silent and stealthy influences, are great changes wrought. These little snow particles, which the storm-spirit flings by handfuls through the air, will bury the great earth under their accumulated mass, nor permit her to behold her sister sky again for dreary months. We, likewise, shall lose sight of our Mother's familiar visage, and must content ourselves with looking heavenward the oftener.

Now we look forth again, and see how much of his task the storm-spirit has done. Slow and sure! He has the day, perchance the week, before him, and may take his own time to accomplish Nature's burial in snow. A smooth mantle is scarcely yet thrown over the withered grass plot, and the dry stalks of annuals still thrust themselves through the white surface in all parts of the garden. The leafless rose-bushes stand shivering in a shallow snow-drift, looking, poor things! as disconsolate as if they possessed a human consciousness of the dreary scene. This is a sad time for the shrubs that do not perish with the summer; they neither live nor die; what they retain of life seems but the chilling sense of death. Very said are the flower-shrubs in mid-winter! The roofs of the houses are now all white, save where the eddying wind has kept them bare at the bleak corners. To discern the real intensity of the storm, we must fix upon some distant object-as vonder spire-and observe how the riotous aust fights with the descending snow throughout the intervening space. Sometimes the entire prospect is obscured; then, again, we have a distinct but transient glimpse of the tall steeple, like a giant's ghost; and now the dense wreaths sweep between, as if demons were flinging snow-drifts as each other, in mid-air. Look next into the street, where we have an amusing parallel to the combat of those fancied demons in the upper regions. It is a snow-battle of schoolboys. What a pretty satire on war and military glory might be written, in the form of a child's story, by describing the snow-ball fights of two rival schools, the alternate defeats and victories of each, and the final triumph of one party, or perhaps neither. What pitched battles, worthy to be chanted in Homeric strains! What storming of fortresses, built all of massive snow-blocks! What feats of individual prowess, and embodied onsets of martial enthusiasm! An when some well-contested and decisive victory had put a period to the war, both armies should unite to build a lofty monument of snow upon the battlefield, and crown it with the victor's statue, hewn of the same frozen marble. In a few days or weeks thereafter, the passer-by would observe a shapeless mound upon the level common; and, unmindful of the famous victory, would ask: "How came it there? Who reared it? And what means it?" The shattered pedestal of many a battle monument has provoked these questions, when none could answer.

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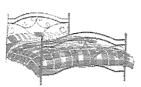
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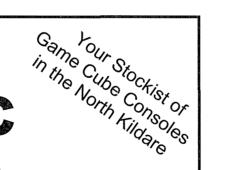


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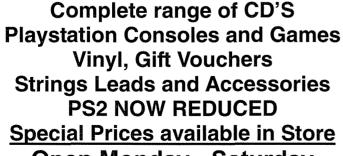
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Christmas Appeal for Kosovo and Macedonia

Three years ago this December, I offered to do a favour for a friend. Little did I realise, however, how much such a simple decision would change my life.





In December 1999, I made my first visit to Macedonia and Kosovo. I travelled simply to oblige a friend who was involved in aid work in the troubled region, but soon realised that this would not be a once-off trip. Thus began my love-affair with these lands and their people. I have been back seven times since.

Macedonia is a land ravaged by unemployment and the lack of any decent social welfare system. Thousands of people have no work and, with no money coming into their homes, lack the essentials to simply live. For huge numbers of people, meat is a luxury that is enjoyed once a year. Those who are sick must first be able to pay for hospital care before they are admitted. Lacking the necessary money, many die suffering from the most treatable of conditions such as appendicitis.

More and more families cannot afford to pay rent for the most modest of flats and are obliged to live n the streets. Fr. Mato Jakovic, who works with the poorest people of Skopje (The Macedonian capital), relies solely on our contributions to feed, clothe and house his people. One particular family, whom I have had the privilege of getting to know, typify the problems faced by Macedonians today. Daniella and Jordan, a young couple with three children, were evicted from their flat because they could no longer afford to pay rent. Both were unemployed and had no income. They were subsequently forced to live for nine months in a tiny canvas tent outside an apartment block. Placing the children and Daniella's mother, Ratka, inside the tent, Daniella and Jordan slept outside in the snow with just a blanket covering them. Daniella was pregnant at the time, and the Macedonian winter reaches 30°C! Because of money raised here in Ireland, Fr. Mato was able to afford to help Daniella and Jordan to pay for rent and electricity in a new flat. When I visited the couple and commented on how good the young priest was to Them, Daniella replied 'Yes, he is our Jesus Christ!'

The Kosova Appeal Fund was set up in December 1999 to help people such as Daniella and Jordan in both Kosovo and Macedonia. All donations are used for the purposes of buying and distributing food parcels containing the most essential foodstuffs, the purchase of fuel for families during the harsh winter, the provision of clothes and shoes for children and the purchase of schoolbooks. In addition, those requiring medical treatment and operations are funded where possible.

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Violence Against Women

Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Rape, Harassment/Stalking.

Introduction

In most cases women are the victims of these shattering crimes. But it is not only women who suffer from these crimes. And these are not the only types of violence that can be experienced.

Women may be victimised simply because their property is seen as more vulnerable due to individual life styles and perceived lesser physical strength. Basically we can divide violence against women into attacks which are physically, sexually, or property oriented. To put this into context it is important to realise that in Ireland crimes involving physical violence of any kind are amongst the lowest in

No matter who you are, if you are subjected to violence of any kind you should contact the Gardai for immediate help and advice. An Garda Siochana is committed to a proactive policy in relation to protection through law enforcement.

What is Domestic Violence?

"Domestic Violence" is the physical, sexual, emotional or mental abuse of one partner by the other partner in a relationship which may or may not be one of the marriage or cohabitation and includes abuse by any family member against whom a safety order or a barring order may be obtained by another family member.

Who Commits Domestic Violence?

As a general rule it is a husband or partner who commit this shattering crime against women. To the public, he may appear to be a warm loving person and a law - abiding citizen .

Often he will absolutely refuse to accept that he is the person responsible for his destructive behaviour. In fact, he may believe that his abusive behaviour is justified.

The three phases of Domestic Violence

Domestic Violence tends to follow three phases

- A Tension Building phase
- An Acute Battering phase
- Reconciliation phase

It is important to remember that once violence has begun, it not only continues, but also over time increases in both frequency and severity. As the violence continues, the three-phase cycle begins to change for the worst the tension building phase becomes shorter and more intense the acute battering incidents become more frequent and severe and the reconciliation periods become far shorter.

If You Are a Subject of Domestic Violence

It is important for you to know that no one has the right to assault you. You can stop it immediately by getting

help and support from the Gardai and other service providers.

If you suffer from domestic violence Gardai will give you immediate protection and advice. If you choose, a female Garda can be available to help and support you throughout your traumatic experience. The Gardai can also put you in contact with other organisations that can give you counselling, advise or refuge.

The Gardai can also advice you on agencies that can support and counsel you in seeking a Protection/ Barring Order from the District Court. If you are not married and are the subject of violence by your partner you can still apply for a Court Order to prevent further abuse.

Remember - The Decision Is Yours

If you have been subjected to domestic violence, you should have no hesitation at all about reporting it to the Gardai. Remember that the priority is to look after YOU. A decision about applying for a Court Order comes later - AND THAT DECISION IS YOURS!

Always get the medical attention you need after an attack. It is best to tell the doctors and nurses exactly what happened to you, so that they can record it carefully.

Save All The Evidence You Can

Women who are subjected to family violence often feel isolated, vulnerable and afraid. Where possible, you should save all evidence of the attack, because once you are out of physical danger you will be in a better position to consider the legal options open to you, options which can, in some cases, lead to arrest and prosecution.

What is Rape?

Any attack against your person without your consent should be reported to the Gardai who will then judge the degree of the alleged reported offence.

The Gardai Can Support You In The Following Way At any time of the day or night, trained Gardai can arrange for you to receive immediate medical care and advice. The Gardai will also advise you about the many different counselling and support services that are available. If you have been raped, you should have no hesitation about reporting it to the Gardai. Remember that the priority is to look after YOU. Trained Gardai will be available to support and advice

Points To Remember

you at every stage of the investigation.

Remember if you are sexually assaulted, you are not to blame. Help and support is available 24 HOURS A DAY. The Gardai and agencies like the Rape Crisis Centre will immediately help you to get specialised medical care.

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(Violence against Women contd.)

Remember after an assault you may feel dirty, but to preserve evidence you should not wash, change your clothes or even clean up until after you have talked to the Gardai.

Remember every piece of information no matter how small it is that you recall about your attacker may be relevant

Remember many crimes of rape are not reported, as a result most rapists continue until caught.

Harassment/Stalking

Harassment/ Stalking can also be a problem and recent changes in legislation means that this menace need no longer be suffered. Any person who by any means, including the use of the telephone harasses another by persistently following, watching, pestering, besetting or communicating commits this offence. Keep a record of events and report the matter to the Gardai.

Do not become a victim: follow this advice

On The Street

Do not carry a handbag unless it is essential. Minimise your jewellery or other valuables.

Walk facing traffic, so that vehicles cannot approach from behind without you being aware their presence.

When alone, avoid dark and empty streets and passages. Arrange a lift if you are travelling at night, or hire a taxi, preferably get the taxi to collect you at home.

Ascertain Taxi Driver's name. Ask him to wait until you have entered the home.

If you think you are being followed go straight to the nearest place where there are people, even a private house. Then phone for the Gardai.

In The House

Fit chain and door viewer to front door.

Fit mortice locks to all external doors. Choose solid doors without glass panels. Windows should also be fitted with locks.

Fit an Intruder Alarm System to recognised standard. If you live alone, DO NOT advertise this fact. use only your initials and surname in telephone directories, or on doorplates.

DO NOT admit callers to your home without being satisfied that they are genuine. Have them call back when you have a friend at home.

At night, draw curtains, or pull down blinds to avoid un unwelcome scrutiny.

Have your front key ready to use as you approach the house so that you are not fumbling in your bag on the doorstep.

If the house appears to have been burgled DO NOT go in, the intruder could still be present. Go to a neighbour and phone the Gardai.

In The Car

Get into the habit of locking your doors when driving or waiting in the car.

DO NOT pick up hitchhikers or strangers, even if they appear to have broken down; you can always phone the Gardai to come and enquire.

Never leave your valuables within view. Place them under the seat.

Park in well lit places, preferably with lots of people around.

Some Useful Telephone Numbers

Garda Siochana '999' or any Garda station, we are available to help you 24 hours a day. Irish Association of Victim Support - (01) 6798673 National Federation of Refugees - (064) 49049 Women's Aid Helpline - 1800-341900

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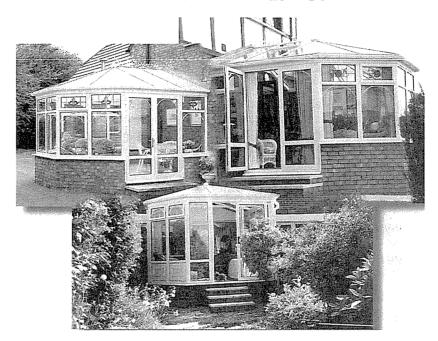
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General Tips

Christmas Decorations

Make a hanging ball of holly by sticking the holly in a large potato and using it as a base. To make a Christmas wreath, use a wire hanger shaped into a circle, push the wire through the centre of some raw potatoes (the circle when closed should be covered with raw potatoes) and stick stems of holly in the potatoes. The potatoes will keep the holly fresh over the holidays.

Christmas Tree

Keep your Christmas tree looking fresh and happy throughout the festivities by standing it in a container filled with two parts water to one part glycerine. Use pipe-cleaners as a quick and easy way of attaching decorations and presents to the tree.

Perfumed Writing Paper

Personalise your writing paper by putting a few drops of your favourite fragrance on some blotting-paper sheets and place your writing paper in between.

Frozen Plants

To revive greenhouse plants which have become frozen, make it as dark as possible in the greenhouse and thaw the plants with cold water. If watered in the light, the plants would die.

Stuffing

Cool off stuffing before filling poultry. Warm stuffing could help the growth of micro-organisms in the bird. Stuffed birds should be kept in the fridge until cooking time.

Sandwiches

When making sandwiches containing mustard, mix the mustard and butter together before spreading. The mustard will be evenly distributed and the sandwich-making will be much quicker. Put mayonnaise between two lettuce leaves in a sandwich so that it will not soak into the bread if the sandwich is left to stand.

Window Boxes

A coating of small pebbles on the soil in your window boxes will prevent the soil splashing your windows when it rains. An easy way to keep your boxes looking lovely is to fill them with plants in their pots, placing some soil around the pots. This makes it easier either to remove a plant if it is not doing well, or to take all the plants inside during cold weather. (They can be put back later when the weather improves).

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Santy also got letters from the girls in Maynooth, but he didn't give us any of their names. But he said he'll be there.BE GOOD! SEE YOU ALL SOON

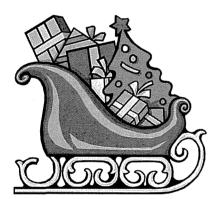


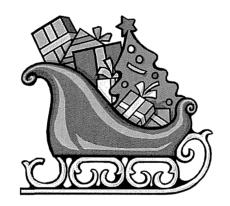
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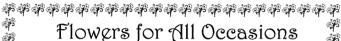
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Gardening Hints



" IF WINTER COMES, CAN SPRING BE FAR BEHIND" LAYING THE FOUNDATIONS FOR SPRING

For some gardeners this is the end of the season but really it should be looked upon as the beginning. There's no doubt that work done now will lay the foundations for a great garden next season.

Now is the time to get the digging done, have a thorough clean-up, order your seeds, finish new plantings where you can, and above all, go round the borders and correct your mistakes. We all make them and now's the time to put them right. There's still all the summer's warmth in the soil, so plants that you move will get away quickly. So, start with the big plants and take as much soil with them as you can. When they're replanted, pay special attention to the staking. Then mulch round the plant and water well-and that means for the whole of next season too.

General Tasks

Bird Boxes should be cleared of old nesting material which could harbour parasites. Wash them out with boiling water (do not use any detergent or other cleaning agent) and repair them if necessary. Do this job well before late winter, when some birds will already be surveying the scene for nest sites.

Borders can be weeded and tidiest at any time through the winter, so long as the soil is dry enough not to stick to your boots. Rake fallen leaves off plants, and either collect them to make leafmould or leave them on hard ground to rot down. Dig up and compost annual weeds, but burn or throw away the roots of perennial ones.

Protect delicate plants that can suffer in frosty weather, such as cistus and fuchsias by tucking bracken or straw around their bases. Don't use peat or compost as these materials hold water and rot the plant. Bubble polythene is also useful to have for protecting shrubs and containers from severe frosts.

Hedgehogs and toads and crawl into heaps of garden rubbish, particularly leaves, to hibernate for the winter, so take a little care as you fork out the compost or turn it.

Checklist

Established lawns should have their last cut, if they have not already had it, first sweeping off leaves.

Continue taking hardwood cutting of shrubs and fruit bushes.

Inspect potted bulbs regularly and water sparingly if necessary.

Feed flowering pot plants weekly with a liquid fertiliser.

Plant spring bedding and winter pansies by the end of the month.

Twist off dead indoor cyclamen leaves and flowers

where they join the corm: remaining pieces of stem can cause it to rot.

Pinch out the tips of autumn-sown sweet peas when they're about 4 inch high.

Check that tree ties are securely fitted and in no danger of rubbing.

Put guards round young trees if there's any danger of rabbit or deer damage.

Drain hosepipes, roll them up and store under cover. Order seed catalogues.

Clean pots and seedtrays with hot water and disinfectant, ready for next spring.

Plant garlic by the end of the month.

Check stored fruit and vegetables; throw out any showing signs of rot.

Net Brussels and cabbage to protect them from birds.

Prune apples and pear trees, and black currants.

Stop feeding fish as they'll live off their reserves for the winter months.

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Contrary to recent commercial trends in which we are led to believe that the Christmas season starts prior to Hallowe'en, traditionally, Christmas consisted of twelve days commencing on 25 of December and ending on 6 January. Records show that in the year 1444, the death of a head of the MacNamara sept took place 'between the two Christmases'. The 25 of December was known as 'Great Christmas' and the 6 of January as 'Little Christmas.' In earlier times, people lived according to what was known as 'calendar custom'. This in turn influenced their social customs and behaviour, some of which are outlined below.

The four weeks prior to Christmas, known as Advent (Advent Sunday being the Sunday nearest to the last day of November), was spent preparing spiritually for what was considered to be the great Christian festival. As the feast day drew near, more material needs were seen to in that dwellings, outhouses, farmyards and surroundings were all cleaned and tidied. The interval between Christmas and Twelfth Day (inclusive) was observed as a holiday time, when no servile work took place. Instead people took part in bull-baiting, badger-drawing, cock-fighting and in more acceptable sports by today's standards such as football and hurling.

On Christmas Eve, 24 December, the children of the house brought in the holly, ivy and other green plants to decorate the house. Holly, being evergreen and having red berries is a symbol of immortality. In some traditions, male prickly holly was considered to be lucky for men and the smooth variegated plant known, as 'she-holly' was lucky for women. Ivy was also a desirable plant to have in the home. With its ancient association with Bacchus, the Greek God of wine, it was an appropriate decoration for the Christmas season! In many homes, three candles were lit in memory of the Holy Family, usually by the youngest child, and allowed to burn until midnight.

St Stephen's Day, 26 December was the day that 'the Wran-Boys' did their rounds. The wren was hunted and killed during the previous few days and on St Stephen's day two or three of the birds were tied to a holly bush decorated with ribbons. Wrenboys, (some of whom dressed as girls, and wrengirls, some of whom dressed as boys, much to the disapproval of the clergy), wearing straw masks or on occasion, animal skins or horns, went from house to house throughout the townland singing and demanding money or drinks.

The wren, the wren, the king of all birds, On St Stephen's Day was caught in the furze; Though his body is small, his family is great So, if you please, your honour, give us a treat.

On Christmas Day I turned a spit; I burned my finger: I feel it yet. Up with the kettle, and down with the pan; Give us some money to bury the wran. While it is thought that the songs associated with the wren are of English origin, the masks, straw, animal skins and horns echo an older tradition. If the wrenboys were not made welcome at a house, one of them buried a dead bird opposite the hall door, thus ensuring that no luck would enter that house for an entire year. At the end of the day, when the festivities were over, each wren was usually buried with a penny.

The origins of this custom are obscure but it survived in many parts of Ireland simply because the tradition was passed down from one generation to the next. One 'origin' story relates that one night after the Vikings had invaded Ireland; the native Irish attempted to creep up on one of their camps and take them by surprise. A flock of 'scoot-wrens' were disturbed and in flying away lit on some of the drums, alerting the sentries who were asleep. As a result of the wrens' treachery, the Irish were driven off, suffering many casualties.

The folklore may explain why this minute bird was hunted in Ireland. Or alternatively, the explanation may simply lie in the fact that it was an easy catch. flittering about near the base of gorse bushes or flying short distances near the ground. In addition, its 'chickchick' call note and its animated song, which usually came from the undergrowth, were very loud for such a small creature. In other traditions, the wren was treated with respect. In Wales an old proverb says that death threatens anyone destroying a wren's nest. An old Breton word for wren meant 'happy'. And thousands of miles away, the North American Pawnee Indians also called the wren 'the laughing bird', as it greeted the sun at dawn with a louder song than any other bird. In recent years, this age old St Stephen's Day tradition has been revived throughout the country. However, hunting the 'wran' is now illegal and ornamental decorations are used instead of dead

In former times, we are told that New Year's Eve on 31 December and New Year's Day on I January were never fully celebrated in Ireland. The first day of January did not become the first day of the year until a new calendar was introduced in 1751. Prior to that, the legal year, both in England and in Ireland began on 25 March. In time, New Year's Day became a Holy Day, which obligated Roman Catholics to attend Mass. In County Kildare, it was customary to bake a large barmbrack on New Year's Eve. The man of the house took three bites and then dashed the rest against the main door of the house in the name of the Trinity, saying at the same time that he hoped that starvation might be banished from Ireland and go instead to the King of the Turks. The crumbs were then gathered and eaten by the rest of the household. Before retiring for the night, twelve candles were lit in honour of the twelve apostles.

Handsel Monday was the first Monday of the New Year, when children visited friends and neighbours, receiving a 'handsel' - a small gift of money. Sometimes cakes were given instead of money. In parts of Leinster, including Dublin City the gift was

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known as a 'suggit', which may have been derived (Christmas to old Christmas Day Contd.)

from the Irish 'so dhuit', 'here's to you'.

Finally, on the 6 of January, there is the Feast of the Epiphany, commemorating the visit of the three Magi to the stable at Bethlehem. This day is also traditionally known as Little Christmas or in Irish, 'Nollaig na mBan' (Women's Christmas). One reason given for this name is that on Christmas Day, beef and whiskey, seen as 'men's fare' were on the menu, while on Little Christmas, women rested and helped themselves to cake, tea and wine - food which needed little preparation, but gave immense pleasure.

According to one proverb, 'On the night of the three Kings, the water turns to wine.'

Thus ended Twelfth Night, and on 7 January the holly and ivy were taken down and either burned immediately or put aside to heat the pancake griddle on Shrove Tuesday, the evening before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. But before Lent, there was always St Brighid's Day on 1 February and Candlemas Day on the 2 February to look forward to.

Rita Edwards

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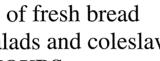


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Maynooth Man Writes Irish X-Files

Maynooth man Dara White has placed his name on the shelf of nearly every bookshop in the country with the recent publication of his new book.

Former Cluain Aoibhinn and Ballygoran resident Dara launched his book, Paranormal Ireland: investigation into the other side of Irish life, on October 29th. A native of Maynooth and former BNS pupil. Dara spent the last year travelling the length and breadth of the country collecting chilling tales of paranormal experience from people from all walks of life.

The result of this lengthy research is a 300 page book packed with spine-chilling and intriguing, real life tales of supernatural happenings from across the country.

According to the author, this book takes "an in depth and impartial look into a mysterious side of Irish life, not always talked about in an open manner".

Ghosts, poltergeists, lake monsters, UFOs, Alien abduction and psychic phenomena all play a major role in Dara's new book which reads like a definitive Irish X-

"Over the year I put more that 20,000 miles on my car, travelling around Ireland talking to all sorts of people."

"There's hardly a sceptic out there who doesn't know at least one person who has been affected by the paranormal. It could be something as simple as a Friday the 13th mishap or as terrifying as a face to face with a ghostly apparition," said Dara.

The former Salesian student said he interviewed more that 100 people including psychics, druids, Cryptozoologists (researchers into unknown animals), UFO contactees and abductees, priests, people living in haunted houses and castles, parapsychologists, witches and people who have proven they have lived many times over.

"I talked to individuals who are working on technology which they say will be able to determine what passing UFOs are made out of and have met with others who assure me that Ireland plays host to at least three different species of lake Monster," said Dara.

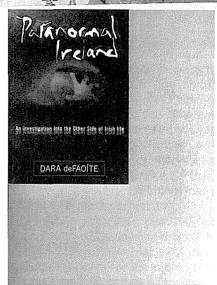
Paranormal Ireland carries an exclusive photograph of a "Ghost" taken by an English tourist in the great poet WB yeats's Castle home, Thoor Ballylee in Gort Co. Galway.

It includes Alien Big Cats (ABCs) living in woods on the Limerick/Tipperary border. It visits and talks to the people living in the most haunted homes in Ireland and listens to tones of theories on close encounters with visiting extraterrestrial (ET) life. And Dara hasn't forgotten his hometown either. The famous haunted room at Maynooth College gets it dues in Paranormal Ireland. Dara said he remembers often going up to that particular chilling room in the House of Rhetoric when he was a young fellah and, although a die hard sceptic, said he was once spooked himself when he slipped on the stairs and hurt his arm after leaving the famous Maynooth College room where two clerics took their lives. Today, Dara is a journalist with the Irish Examiner and Ireland on Sunday writing under his Irish name

deFaoite. His parents, Fergus and Ann White live in Ballygoran, Dara moved to Kilkenny last year with his wife Sue and daughter Jodie.

Paranormal Ireland by Dara deFaoíte is published by Maverick House and costs ∈ 12.99.







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Murder of the Month - the Millennium

As we were happily celebrating the arrival of the year 2000 two years ago there were some strange, violent and murderous activities occurring in Denver, Colerado. That was also the year of the massacre in Columbine, an event that bore a special significance to a beautiful woman called Emily Johnson. She was a teacher whose interest was looking after children with special needs. But she had a further connection with Columbine, in fact she had worked as a teacher in Columbine High in Littleton and she had been a friend of one of the teachers killed in the massacre on that occasion. There had been 15 murdered and 20 badly injured on the 20th April when two students went on a rampage with two guns before killing themselves. This particular New Year and the impending millennium meant a lot to her and although she worked part-time as a waitress that night as usual, Emily had planned to go out with her boyfriend to celebrate. It was Friday, December 31st 1999 and the restaurant closed at 10.30 p.m. leaving her plenty of time to have a good time that night.

The two of them had some reasons for celebration as well. They had just bought their dream car that day, a 1994 silver Lexus Sedan ES 300. She was so excited by the purchase that she had told her students about it. As they had only taken possession of the car she had not had an opportunity to drive it yet. As things turned out, she never got that chance. The following morning Emily was dead.

Her boyfriend was Robert Davis who at 28 was a year younger than Emily. He arrived at the restaurant before it closed and had a drink while she went upstairs to get out of her working uniform and change into her dancing cothes. As they left the restaurant heads turned to look at her. She was a particularly beautiful young woman with long blonde hair that contrasted with her boyfriend's dark looks. Friends often told her that she should have been a model. But she had to work hard at two jobs just to survive.

But work was forgotten that New Year's Eve as she and Robert went to the nightclub across the road and danced until 2.30 a.m. and then he drove very carefully to the house. It was not far, just off one of the busiest streets in Denver but it was a very quiet street, known as West Denver Place. House values were rising in the area but Emily had bought before the boom and the value of her property was increasing daily. The weather was bad and Robert was tired and the couple of drinks he had taken were taking their toll on him. They both fell asleep very quickly after returning home.

The next morning, the first day of the new millennium, Emily was found by a jogging neighbour at 8 a.m. She was lying outside on the patio not quite dead and she was rushed to hospital. But they failed to revive her and she died the following day from brain damage. She had been badly beaten with a stone that lay by her side. When the police entered the house they

found that there had been a break in. But worse -Robert lay asleep with some spots of blood on his hands. he was arrested immediately. He already had a criminal past that he was trying to put behind him with Emily's help. Apparently he was succeeding. Before this, his life was taken up with drugs, dealing and assault. He should not have been drinking and away from his own home that night at all. He would be in trouble with the parole officer but that was the least of his worries. He could not account for his movements that night. Not used to drinking he said that he could remember nothing as he had fallen asleep immediately. the precious Lexus was missing. Robert was held for questioning but not for long. The Lexus was found nearby, covered in blood and three youths were seen running from the vehicle. Emily's cell phone was inside and this led to the killers. They had made a phone call. Soon three suspects were arrested - two of them were Emily's own pupils to whom she had mentioned the new car. They were Nicholas Martinez 16 his cousin Lloyd Martinez also 16 and Lorenzo Montova who was only 14. Both Montova and Nicholas were her students.

Montoya eventually broke silence and gave a garbled version of the events that night. They had broken into the house, attacked Emily and then ransacked the house. They found the keys to the Lexus and they were about to leave whem Emily regained consciousness and tried to get up. She was hit again and left on the patio. Undeterred by what they had done, they went to a party, got drunk, drove the car and then crashed it. He also admitted that they had all been smoking marijuana all evening. But on advice, he later withdrew his story, claiming that as a minor he could not make such a confession.

At his trial in October, Montoya pleaded not guilty and Lloyd Martinex had all charges dropped. Nicholas Martinez faced a separate trial. Montoya tried to prove that he had an alibi for the night in question and a friend, Robert Marquez, vouched for him, saying that he and his sister, Heather Marquez, had invited him for New Year's Eve and that he had been with them all night. But Montoya had provided a different storey he was babysitting with his cousin. But a cellmate said that Montoya had told him what had happened that night and that he possessed details that did not appear in the press and to which he would have no access. The court heard forensic evidence that footprints in blood matched Montoya's shoes - there was only one chance in 127 million that another shoe could make the print. Also, two women had seen him wearing a distinctive jacket that night, the jacket was found behind Emily's home.

It appears that they had arrived at the house specifically to rob the car that she had been so proud of - so proud that she had mentioned it in class. Lorenzo Montoya was sentenced to a mandatory life sentence for first-degree felony murder, robbery, car theft and burglary. Felony murder must be shown to occur during the commission of felony such as arson, robbery, kidnapping or sexual assault or escaping

(Murder of the Month Contd.)

from such a crime.

Nicholas Martinez was similarly convicted. They both escaped the death sentence because they were both under the age of 18.

Robert had to return to jail for violating his parole and still cannot explain how he slept through the events or how he had blood on his hands.

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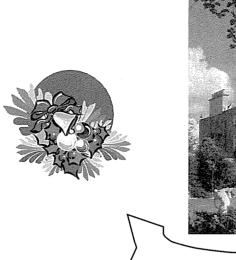




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Predictions for 2003

January

Emergency services are called to a traffic jam in Maynooth which lasts for six days. Motorists trapped in their cars in Main Street are air-lifted to Naas hospital suffering from dehydration, hunger, fatigue and total frustration. A spokesman for Kildare County Council promises that there are plans to provide ring roads around the town and that Council staff have been doodling on the back of envelopes, sketching out routes for these roads. 'We expect to have a proper roads system in place in Maynooth by the end of the century', he added. 'In the meantime we'll all just have to be patient. We advise motorists planning trips through the town to equip themselves with flasks and adequate supplies of foot. Traffic eases slightly between 3 and 4 a.m. and we advise drivers to plan their journeys to the shops and schools at these times.'

February

Following the success of the penalty points system for speeding drivers the system is extended to other areas of Irish Life. Any politician failing to give a straight answer to a question on Morning Ireland is to be given three points, misleading answers merit six points and plain lies attract a penalty of twelve points. When a politician accumulates twelve points in any twelve month period they are banned from the airwaves.

March

There will be four Irish winners at the Cheltenham meeting. To obtain the names of these horses please send a self addressed envelope containing a cheque for fifty euro, c/o Maynooth Newsletter, Maynooth Community Council.

April

In a shock move the FAI appoint Eamonn Dunphy manager of the Republic of Ireland soccer team. His first decision is to name a squad with only one player -Roy Keane. 'Roy is a model professional', claims Dunphy, 'and we don't need any of the useless bunch who played in the World Cup. Roy is a better keeper than Shay Given, a better defender than Kenny Cunningham, he's the best midfielder in the world and scores his fair share of goals. What's the point of having second-rate players on the team?' In Dunphy's first match in charge, against San Marino, Keane manages to hold the opposition scoreless for the first two minutes but then gets sent off for a reckless challenge (on the referee). Ireland eventually lose 71-0.

May

In a surprising move a meeting of developers in the Maynooth area decides to place an embargo on the building of all new houses and apartments. In a press release after the meeting they state that as they only have the interest of the town at heart they recognise that all the proper infrastructure such as roads and

community facilities have to be in place before any more building takes place. The month is also marked by the landing of a spaceship in a field off the Straffan Road. Aliens from the planet Zog colonise the southern part of the town and establish their headquarters at the Maynooth Business Campus. Both the predictions for this month are made with equal certainity.

June

Brazil comes in Maynooth!

July

Following the success of Maynooth's hosting of the Brazilian team for the Special Olympics, the town puts in its bid to host the 2012 Olympics. Maynooth Town's new grounds on the Rathcoffey Road are to host most of the athletics events, the town's new swimming pool complex on the Dublin Road will host the water-based sports. Canoeing events will take place on the canal and sailing on Satchwell's lake on the Dunboyne Road. It remains unclear whether the GAA pitches on the Moyglare Road will be made available for any events.

August

Due to continuing economic difficulties the Government advises the whole country on go abroad on holidays in August and not come back until Christmas. A spokesman points out there would be great savings if all hospitals and schools could be closed for a few months. With everyone away unemployment and poverty would be wiped out over-night and crime would be non-existent. Ryanair offers free flights (plus tax, landing charges, handling charges, VAT, taking off charges, currency charges, handling charges on the extra charges and more VAT) to anyone interested in the scheme.

September

It is a tradition that every year in these predictions we predict that Kildare will win the All-Ireland. Some year we'll get it right.

October

Halloween approaches and President Bush, fresh from conquering Iraq, threatens to invade Maynooth and destroy its weapons of mass destruction. The White House states that it will not tolerate a repeat of the agressive display of firepower which was on show in Maynooth during Halloween 2002 when a number of US aircraft were hit by Scud missiles fired from the Maynooth area. Weapons inspectors are deployed in a number of housing estates in the town and a number of ten year olds are taken into custody suspected of being key members of the Al-Quaeda network.

November

In a revolutionary move the price of drink in Maynooth is to be cut by 50%. In a statement local publicans indicate that they have been making too much money for the last few years. 'The price of drink is just too high and we feel it's time we gave something back to the?

Predictions for 2003 Contd.)

punters', says a spokesman for the Licensed Vitners Association. 'two euro is a fair price for a pint and anything higher than that is a rip-off. Anyway, what we need is far more competition in the pub trade'. During November another spaceship lands in a field off the Straffan Road. The aliens from Zog hear about the cheap drink in Maynooth.

December

larnroid Eireann increase the capacity on the Maynooth line to address the gross overcrowding on its trains. Their solution, however, does not meet with universal approval. 'Since we shut down our freight services we had all these auld wagons that used to carry cement and fertilizer rusting away in our stock yeards', explained a spokesman. 'We'll give them a bit of a cleanup and sure they'll be grand for commuters. We'll put fresh newspapers on the floor and they'll be able to sit down and everything. Sure as it is they're jammed in like sardines anyway and it's impossible to get a seat.'

The Penance

In my part of the country there is or was a legend a very circumstantial one too-which however I am not able to verify personally, as the going occurred a little before my time-that Father Buckley, of Glenroe, cured Charley Coscoran, the greatest swearer in the baronycured him in a most original way. He simply directed him to cut out a button from some part of his dress, no matter where-to whip it out on the instant-every time he uttered a serious curse, i.e., one involving the Sacred Name. Charley made the promise with a light heart, thinking that by only using a little caution he could easily avoid snipping off his buttons. But inveterate habit is strong. Only very shortly after he had left the priest he saw a cow in one of his cornfields playing havoc: out came a round curse, and off came a button on the spot. For Charley was a manly fellow, with a real sense of religion at bottom: and he had no notion of shirking this penance. Another curse after some time and another button. Others again followed: - coat, waistcoat, trousers, shirt-collar, were brought under contribution till his clothes began to fall off him. For a needle and thread were not always at hand, and at any rate Charley was no great shakes at the needle. At last things came to that pass with poor Charley, that life was hardly worth living; till he had to put his mind seriously to work, and by careful watching he gradually cured himself. But many score buttons passed through his hands during the process.

A Christmas Drink!

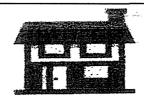
Paddy Fogarty kept a little public-house at the crossroads in which he sold 'parliament,' i.e. legal whiskey on which the duty had been paid; but it was well known that friends could get a little drop of pottheen too, on the sly. One hot July day he was returning home from Thurles with a ten-gallon cag on his back, slung by a strong soogaun (hay rope). He had still two good miles before him, and he sat down to rest, when who should walk up but the new gauger. 'Well my good fellow, what have you got in that cask?' Paddy dropped his jaw, looking the picture of terror, and mumbled out some tomfoolery like an excuse. 'Ah, my man, you needn't think of coming over me: I see how it is: I seize this cask in the name of the king.' Poor Paddy begged and prayed, and talked about Biddy and the childher at home-all to no use: the gauger slung up the cag on his back (about a hundredweight) and walked on, with Paddy, heartbroken, walking behind-for the gauger's road lay towards Paddy's house. At last when they were near the cross-roads the gauger sat down to rest, and laying down the big load began to wipe his face with his handkerchief. 'Sorry I am,' says Paddy, 'to see your honour so dead bet up: sure you're sweating like a bul: maybe I could relieve you.' And with that he pulled his legal permit out of his pocket and laid it on the cag. The gauger was astounded: 'Why then 'tis the way your honour,' says Paddy, looking as innocent as a lamb, 'I didn't like to make so bould as I wasn't axed to show it?' So the gauger, after a volley of something that needn't be particularised here, walked off with himself without an inch of the tail. 'Faix,' says Paddy, ''tis easy to know 'twasn't our last gauger, ould Warnock, that was here: 'twouldn't be so easy to come round him; for he had a nose that would smell a needle in a forge."

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"Tuesday, Mr. Recorder, resumed his session for the trial of prisoners.

Michael Devin, a boy of about thirteen years old, stood charged with stealing six pounds of sugar, the property of Mr. Dunn.

The prisoner having appeared as evidence substantiated the fact, and the Jury found the prisoner quilty, who was sentenced to be transported for seven vears.

Mr. Gregg informed the Court that he has confined in Newgate about forty such small boys, charge with various petty larcenies, who are nearly destitute of clothes, and that he was really at a loss for means to preserve them from perishing. Mr. Gamble and Mr. G [regg] further said, procured for them some coasrse frize for coats, but the quantity was merely sufficient to give a partial covering to a few of them.

Mr. Recorder observed, that the Grand Jury should be applied to, in order to make some provision for them, as also to effectually preclude their resumption of practices of petty larceny." (Freemans Journal, Nov. 19 (1799).

An article on Servants 1799

"Such, is the ordinary description of both sexes, at present going the rounds of servitude, that ther greatest precautions are necessary to guard against admitting improper domestic ones. 'Tis proper to observe that many of them must be supported person of good moral conduct and fidelity, and when so, no doubt, deserve every due encouragement and reward; but such in their merits are well known to their masters and employers. and must be rather raised in estimation, by drawing a line of contradisdinction between them and the misconducted. The confidence reposed in domestics of the subordinate degree, is greater than that subsisting often between near relatives. They are often of necessity put is possession of bosom secrets - are about the chambers and recesses of the family, and thus the property and life of their employers are not infrequently in their hands.

The selection therefore of a proper menial servant is a point of importance: and hence those who through mistaken lenience or indolence, recommend those who misconducted themselves in service, are highly culpable and justly punishable.

In this matter our metropolis requires and appropriated Legislative provision, as persons sometime erecting themselves into mediums between families and servants, drive, 'tis said, a lucrative business in

providing drunkards, cheats, and fugitives which counterfeit references. The specific interference of the Legislature is therefore wanted to remove such odious nuisances.

'Tis matter of notoriety, that many of those who keep what are called Register-shops, were in the habit of instructing ignorant and unfortunate servants in the mysteries of the now detected conspiracy; as....residing in cellars etc. have found means to provide a number of such deluded and incorrigible corrupted wretches with places in families" (Freemans Journal Dec 24 1799).

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Maurice Lawlor Memorial Cup was vet another memorable day



Mattie Callaghan the main organiser

Peadar Harren collects trophy

Another successful Maurice Lawlor Memorial Cup was held at Maynooth's GAA grounds on the 19th July. The now twice-annual tournament is played for between an 'All-Counties' side and St. Fintan's from Westmeath.

The All-Counties side consists of former players living in Maynooth and the surrounding hinterland, representing their home counties.

Their opponents, St. Fintan's hail from County Westmeath, and are the home club of the event's organiser, Mattie Callaghan, now, of course, a Maynooth resident for many years.

Weather

Despite hurricane-style rain and winds just immediately before the throw-in, the game turned out to be a most enjoyable and entertaining affair.

The All-Counties have been the dominant side in previous meetings and no wonder!

The side boasts players from Kilkenny, Galway, Laois and Offaly among their ranks, whilst players from as far away as Donegal and Monaghan add colour to the

St. Fintan's put up a great fight nevertheless, in what was a sporting and thoroughly enjoyable game of hurling played before a sizeable crowd on a wet and windy Maynooth evening.

The build-up and the aftermath were all integral parts of the event, aside from the match, making for a great evening of fun and entertainment.

The match itself was well won by the All-Counties, led by their captain, local Maynooth Garda Peadar Harren, who, interestingly enough, is a cousin of the St. Fintan's captain, Frank Dolan.

Organiser

Of course, a huge amount of work was put into the event by the organiser, Mattie Callaghan, who spent many hours attending to every detail of the night's activities.

The National Anthem was played on the bagpipes by Eoin Donovan and sung by Johnny Keary, whilst yours truly was drafted in as a match commentator.

Fr. Sean Rvan CC blessed the cup, whilst a minute's silence was observed before the match for all deceased members of the All-Counties and St. Fintan's teams and all other family members.

Two notable absentees from the game were the Burke brothers, Noel and Bobby, Galway natives who are long since residents of Ardclough.

Unfortunately, they were at a wedding and could not make it for the game.

As always, every effort was made by Mattie to ensure everything was in order and he could be heard on the airwaves the previous evening (18th July) on Midlands Radio 3 giving details of the event.

Immediately after the game, Aine Lawlor, wife of the late Maurice Lawlor, whom the cup is played in memory of, presented the trophy to the winning captian, Peadar Harren.

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MAYNOOTH HARBOUR.

Written By Aedamur Kelly.

The Maynooth branch of the Royal Canal Amenity Group (RCAG), is a voluntary

organisation, which, for many years, has been very active in the restoration and

maintenance of Maynooth harbour and the Royal Canal. With the aid of funding,

provided by FAS and Waterways Ireland, The RCAG successfully operates a

maintenance and development work scheme for the Royal Canal and harbour areas,

employing local residents.

Aedamur Kelly, a member of the RCAG, recently conducted and in-depth survey,

(Aug/Sept. 2002) which aimed to investigate Maynooth residents' towards developing Maynooth Harbour as a local amenity and tourism resource.

The timing of this survey is very appropriate for several reasons. Currently in

Maynooth, various individuals and groups are lobbying for different development

proposals for Maynooth Harbour. Some of these proposals advocate preserving

the amenity value of the harbour area while other proposals will reduce the amenity

value of this area.

The purpose of the RCAG study is to investigate how the residents of Maynooth

would like to see the harbour area developed. It was also hoped to ascertain how

Maynooth residents rate the amenity value of the harbour area.

Maynooth residents were presented with a list of development activities for Maynooth Harbour and asked to rate these choices. In order to compile a list of the most realistic and appropriate development options for Maynooth Harbour, the researcher, Aedamur Kelly, consulted with numerous, informed individuals and organisations (i.e. Waterways Ireland, Canal Regeneration Officers etc.,)

What follows is a brief summary of the findings and results of the survey.

A four page questionnaire was personally administered to a sample of 325 adult

Residents (based on one adult per house). A large quantity of these questionnaires

were administered door-to-door by volunteers. Chairpersons of Resident Associations

and Community organisations were also contacted and asked to distribute the

questionnaire during their meetings.

Profile of Section One of Questionnaire: Residents

54% of the sample surveyed were female and 46% were male. More than half of the respondents have

RCAG QUESTIONNAIRE: DEVELOPING been living in Maynooth for over 10 years. 27% of respondents are

active members of a Maynooth community organisation and 43% are active members of a leisure group.

Section Two: Canal-Related Activities/Development Options:

Residents were asked to rate the provision of recreational facilities in Maynooth. 86%

of residents feel that thee are not enough recreational facilities in Maynooth. The

findings show that 84% of the sample group surveyed agreed or strongly agreed

that Maynooth harbour should be developed further as a local amenity. Over 94% of

feel that the harbour and harbour field should not be developed for any other purpose

other than that of an amenity. 74% of respondents indicated that Maynooth Harbour

has the potential to be developed as a tourism resource. The top three preferred canal-

related activities are walking, angling/fishing and boating/cruising . Residents were

very interested in seeing the development of specific canal related activities with most

of them selecting two or three activities they would be interested in. (For a complete

list of activities, see the questionnaire, available at the RCAG office, by the Harbour).

With regards to how the harbour field should be developed : a landscaped public

park topped the polls while an athletics track/ sports ground and children's

playground were also favourites. Despite Maynooths' worsening traffic congestion,

less than 2% felt that the harbour field or harbour area should be converted into a car

29% of respondents have previously been involved in inland boating activities. An

overwhelming 96% believe that Maynooth would benefit from an Arts/Cultural

Centre. 85% would be interested in partaking in an annual Maynooth Harbour

Festival, including sporting competitions, music, entertainment, free boat trips and

floating barge theatre. Overall 75% of respondents believe that Maynooth harbour has the potential to be developed as a tourism resource.

Tourism/Development may affect residents' quality of life. The survey attempts to address this issue by examining residents' social and environmental concerns. To examine the residents' perceptions of the potential development of the harbour area, questions were asked about; perceived economic costs and benefits, issues of traffic congestion and overcrowding and environmental concerns.

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Econome Concerns:

Results show that 74% of respondents believe that the development of Maynooth harbour could create employment opportunities for Maynooth residents. 77% of respondents feel that the successful development of the harbour may require substantial financial input. Over half of the sample would be prepared to pay to engage in certain canal related activities while 18% were unsure as to whether they supported the prospect of a minimum charge for canal/harbour users.

Social Concerns:

Residents were asked as to whether they thought public order and security may become issues with increased numbers/visitors. 40% of residents did not think it would become an issue while 22% were unsure. Some residents mentioned that they were intimidated by the late night drinking activities that currently take place in the harbour area.

Research findings indicate that Maynooth residents greatly value amenity and recreational facilities. 82% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that tourism resulting from harbour development may encourage a wide variety of cultural and social activities. 97% of residents believe that the development of Maynooth harbour will enhance the quality of recreational facilities in Maynooth.

Environmental Concerns:

Over half of the sample group do not believe that development of the harbour will lead to the deterioration of the environment, while 22% were unsure. 79% of respondents believe that potential revenue generated from harbour development should contribute to the funding of conservation and maintenance to harbour facilities and amenities.

Conclusion:

The findings of this survey have shown, that the residents surveyed, appreciate the amenity and tourism value of the harbour area. Furthermore they would like to see Maynooth harbour developed in a manner, which will further enhance the amenity and tourism value of this resource. Every effort should be made to respect these residents' opinions when developing Maynooth harbour.

The RCAG would like to thank all those who co-operated and assisted in this survey. Aedamur Kelly is Project Research and Development Officer for the RCAG. She holds a B.A. Honours Degree and a Masters of Business Studies Degree specialising in Travel & Tourism Management form the Smurfit Graduate School of Business.

A complete copy of the findings may be viewed at the RCAG Office, located in the harbour. Tel: (01) 6290980.

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Liam Farrell in his working clothes outside the Maynooth Bookshop with Ursula (Byrne) Murphy

Big Bad Wolf Alive & Well

Apparently *The Big Bad Wolf* is alive and well and living quietly in Maynooth. Mr. Wolf in the guise of local children's writer Liam Farrell has come out of his retirement recently to publish his memoirs and tell his side of the story. He claims that the wolf was much maligned and that it was all the fault of *The Three Little Pigs*. They were really to blame for all the mischief and they falsely accused an innocent and inoffensive wolf. It is all in his book entitled *The True Story of The Three Little Pigs & The Big Bad Wolf*.

The Big Bad Wolf in person has made several public appearances over the last year. The first being to Maynooth Bookshop where he turned up unexpectedly one Saturday morning to put his case to customers. His second was when he was invited by the Presentation Convent in Maynooth to do a show for the girls from junior infants right up to sixth class. Mind you there was one child not a bit impressed by the antics of the wolf. This was his twelve year old daughter Lydia Farrell, then in sixth class and now a student in the Post Primary. She was horrified to have her father who thinks he is a wolf, come in full costume to explain his side of this old and hotly disputed story to all her friends. When asked about this her only comment was, "My dad is completely nuts." He also made a special guest appearance at the Maynooth Church of Ireland picnic in Donadea Forest Park during the summer.

His second book is *The Trial of the Big Bad Wolf.* It is a courtroom drama, where everybody who is anybody in Fairy Tale Land attends the court and the wolf has to defend himself against the malicious lies of *The Three Little Pigs.* Both books are full of surprises with some unusual twists and turns. They are all stories the author used to tell his own children when they were young and has now put in book form for his three grandsons who live in the US.

Liam sees things from a different point of view. He reckons there would never have been any Fairy Tales

without the bad guy. He claims that Little Red Riding Hood or The Three Little Pigs would never have been heard of only for The Big Bad Wolf. And that Cinderella or Snow White wouldn't have had a look in only for their Wicked Stepmothers.

Dressed in full wolf costume Liam takes his version of events around to the schools and libraries where he does shows for the children and acts out the characters in his books. He does this as part of the Writers in Schools Scheme run by Poetry Ireland. This scheme is designed to put living writers into the classroom to discuss their work with the young people. Liam also gives How To Write courses to older children. His next book has been accepted for publication and is due out fairly soon and is entitled Goldilocks The Babysitter From Hell.







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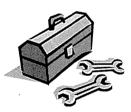
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Emmet Stagg, T.D.



Cllr. John McGinle

Children's and Teenagers' Playgrounds

Cllr. John McGinley's motion: "That General Development Levies be revised in order to cater for the provision of children's and teenagers' playgrounds in towns where there is a demand for such facilities.", was agreed unanimously at the meeting of Kildare County Council on 21st. October.

Cllr. McGinley took advantage of Section 49 of the 2000 Planning and Development Acts which permits Local Authorities to impose levies for specific purposes. The passing of Cllr. McGinley's motion means that levies will be imposed, for the construction of such playgrounds, on planning permissions granted for houses and other developments throughout the County. It will ensure that lack of funding can no longer be used as a reason for not building playgrounds.

Cllr. McGinley asked for the immediate implementation of his motion and Council Officials stated that they would come back to the Council Members on the level of levies to be imposed.

In proposing the motion Cllr. McGinley stated that one of the biggest flaws in the development of the County has been the failure of the Council to provide playgrounds for our children and teenagers. As a result the fastest growing County in Ireland had no playgrounds until this year, with the opening of the excellent facility in Newbridge. Other Counties perform much better with Donegal having 7 Children's playgrounds. Cllr. McGinley went on to say that the facilities that exist in Newbridge must be provided throughout the County.

The Development Plans for Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge call for such facilities to be provided and in the case of Maynooth Cllr. McGinley insisted that two sites be identified for playgrounds i.e. at the new 53 acre public park at Carton Avenue and in the Harbour Field.

Action Area Plans are being drawn up for these two areas at present and with the amount of planning permissions before the Council for the Maynooth area at present, it is Cllr. McGinley's view that funding should readily be available for both locations.

Bond Bridge/Meadowbrook Link Road

The following update was given to Cllr. John McGinley at the Leixlip Area Meeting of the Council on 1st. November:

The tender documents are with the County Manager for approval to issue and it is expected that work will begin next April or May.

The tender documents for the culvert of the Meadowbrook stream, under the canal and railway at the bridge, are also with the County manager and the work on this is expected to begin next April or May.

The tender documents for the bridge construction will be with the County Manager in early December and work is expected to begin next June or July.

The funding package will have to be approved by the full Council, however, with 150 acres of re-zoned land in Maynooth, it is Cllr. McGinley's view that special development levies on this land should meet any shortfall in funding.

Traffic Management on Main Street, Maynooth

The Leixlip Area Committee were presented with revised proposals for traffic management on Main Street at their meeting on 1st. November. The proposed traffic management layout is a condition of the granting of Planning Permission for the Kavanaghs Mill site. It comprises:

- Traffic signals from the new shopping centre exit on the Kilcock Road and a pedestrian crossing at this location
- Traffic signals, flashing ambers and a pedestrian crossing at the church
- Pedestrian crossing on Mill Street
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New footpath on left hand side of Mill Street and Kilcock Road

The existing traffic signals at The Square to be linked by UTC system to new traffic signals.

If you have any comments or queries please contact Cllr. John McGinley at 6285293h or 7026536w

or E Mail jmcginley@eircom.net

Geraldine Hall & Harbour Field

Cllr. John McGinley is very pleased to be able to report progress, at long last, on this thorny issue.

Council officials advised John, at the November Area Meeting, that the Council expect to take possession of both properties by the end of the month. In the meantime, the present owner has indicated that he has no objection to the building being secured and this work will be undertaken as soon as possible. At Cllr. McGinley's request the Council have also agreed to take the billiard table from the Hall into safekeeping. With the properties in public ownership it is now open to the people of Maynooth to decide what they want to do with them and the vehicle for this is through the Action Area Plan which will be drawn up over the next four months.

Again, please contact Cllr. McGinley with your views.

Swimming Pool Complex Report

The long awaited consultants report, on which town was the most suitable for a North Kildare Swimming Pool Complex, was a disaster as it did not address the question that it was asked. It stated that the three towns of Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge could all facilitate a Swimming Pool Complex. The need for the report arose as a result of a motion from Cllr. John McGinley calling for a North Kildare Swimming Pool Complex, similar to those already approved for Naas and Athy.

Cllr. McGinley raised the issue at the October Council Meeting and stated that the consultants report should be thrown in the waste bin and he asked that the Councils Area Committees from the North of the county meet to address the question. As a result the Area Committees of Leixlip, Celbridge and Clane had a joint meeting on 1st. November. The main issues raised at the meeting related to:

Speed of provision
Range of leisure facilities
Funding of capital required
Responsibility and sustainability of operation.

It was agreed that each Councillor would make a written case for his/her preferred location before the next joint meeting on 6th December. Cllr, John McGinley believes that Maynooth is the best location and any pointers that you have to assist the case for

Maynooth would be much appreciated by John. Again, please feel free to give him a call.

Carton Avenue

The following progress was reported at the November Area Meeting:

A full specification has been drawn up and tenders received for the following works:

- Tree surgery and landscaping
- Civil works on footpath and external paving works

Contractors will be in place and works begun in early November.

Works outside the gates to Carton Avenue will be carried out in conjunction with the Charter House Bus Bays. Cllr. McGinley was advised that the latter is being held up by ongoing negotiations on land acquisition for the bus bays. He asked that every effort possible be made to speed up matters as the safety of school children is the issue.

Westside Waste Appeal

Westside Waste appealed the decision of Kildare County Council to refuse planning permission for a waste processing centre at Blacklion. Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have made observations to An Bord Pleanala in support of the Council's decision. Cllr. McGinley was also given the following report by the Council:

"This particular development is currently being assessed by the Kildare County Council to determine what unauthorised development, if any has commenced in the last 5 years. Resulting from this assessment of the development, the Planning Authority will then determine which of the following courses of action, if any, would be most suitable:

- 1. Issue a warning letter
- 2. Serve an Enforcement Notice
- 3. Seek an injunction in the relevant Court."

Cllr. McGinley asked that the Council take all steps necessary to "encourage" Westside to move their operation to a more suitable location as called for in the Maynooth Development Plan.

Cllr. McGinley's Submission on the Council's Estimates (Budget) for 2003

Cllr. John McGinley has asked that the following be included in the Estimates (Budget) for 2003:

Increased provision for Bond Bridge (It is E127,000 per year at present)

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- Provision for a North Kildare Swimming Pool Complex.
- Provision for children's and teenagers' playgrounds in all major towns in the County.
 The Estimates should also include a revised Development Levies Statement to cater for the provision of these amenities.
- Increased provision for Parks.
- Provision for the Council's One-Stop-Shop in Maynooth.
- Provision for the necessary remedial work to prevent the freezing of water mains on public footpaths in Greenfield Estate, Maynooth and in other affected housing estates in the County.
- Increased provision for the re-surfacing of housing estate roads, where the estates are greater than 20 years old.
- Increased provision for the reconstruction of footpaths in housing estates.
- Provision for the extension of the waste recycling pilot scheme in Leixlip to all other major towns in the County.
- Provision be made for the emptying of litter bins provided under the Council Litter Bin Grants Scheme.
- Increased provision so that the free skip scheme for housing estates can run for the 12 months of the year.

Traffic Calming Schemes

Cllr. John McGinley has asked for a progress report on the traffic schemes that he has asked for in Maynooth i.e. Pound Lane/Back Lane, Old Greenfield Lane and Kingsbry Estate.

Old Greenfield Environmental Improvement Scheme

Cllr. McGinley has expressed his annoyance at the Council's delay in submitting this scheme to the Department for approval. It was held up by the Council for 6 weeks and was only sent to the Department on 14th October and there has been no decision so far.

Shelter for 67a bus Turning Point

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

"That Kildare County Council remove the small front wall at the 67a bus stop, opposite the Glenroyal Hotel, on the Straffan Road, in order to enable Dublin Bus to erect a shelter."

Dublin Bus has advised Cllr. McGinley that they cannot erect the shelter with the small wall in place. As the Council's engineers dispute this Cllr. McGinley

has asked them to talk to Dublin Bus reps to resolve the matter.

Developments on Main Street, Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley has expressed his concern at the number of pubs being granted planning permission on Main Street, with the resultant loss of residential premises. He asked the Council's planners to consider what steps need to be taken to protect the character of the Main Street and if it requires a variation of the Development Plan then it will need to be done.

Dunne's Field South of Kingsbry

Planning permission issued to Michael Dunne for 203 dwellings on 25th October. The permission is for 1 detached dwelling, 90 four bedroom two storey semi-detached dwellings and 112 two bedroom apartments in 28 two storey blocks.

The original application on this site sought the provision of apartments in three storey blocks and Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley are pleased that this proposal was reduced to 2 storey following submissions made about the overlooking of residents in Kingsbry.

Objection to Three Storey Devenopment on Nun's Field

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have lodged objections to the proposal by Glenmoy Developments Limited to develop 128 two bedroomed apartments in two and three storey buildings at Dillons Row, Maynooth, on lands formerly know as the Nun's Field.

38 of the dwellings are to be provided in 3 two storey blocks of which two are to the rear and side of the existing senior citizens bungalows at Nagle Court. Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley have called on the Council to insist that these buildings be reduced to one storey to prevent overlooking of the senior citizens bungalows.

Two three storey blocks are proposed which will over look Pebble Hill Housing Estate and the Presentation School. Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley have indicated that these should be reduced to two storey to prevent overlooking and to also ensure that the three storey element is not an imposing feature when viewed from Carton Avenue.

Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley are also concerned at the large number of apartments proposed given that a similar application for 137 apartments is proposed for the old pitch and putt course on the other side of Dillons Row. If the Council allow 250 apartments to be built in this old residential area it will not benefit the local community as those residing in such apartments tend to be very mobile and do not get involved in local community affairs. The provision of a mix of standard housing with apartments would give some balance to these proposals.

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Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley hope the Glenmoy Development Limited application will be rejected and they will lodge a strong objection to the proposal for the former pitch and putt lands.

Feeder Bus for Train Services

Following discussion at a recent Branch Meeting, Deputy Emmet Stagg has requested the Managing Director of larnród Éireann to examine the possiblity of the provision of a feeder bus service.

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The provision of a feeder bus service would help to alleviate these problems and increase the usage of the train services.

Advice Service Change of Venue

Due to the demolition of Caulfields Pub, Deputy Emmet Stagg's Advice Service has moved to No. 2 Convent Lane. The Advice Service will revert to Caulfields when the new premises is completed.

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Fine Gael Notes

Deputy Bernard Durkan & Cllr. Senan Griffin wish all the people of Maynooth and the surrounding areas a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Carton Avenue

Work on Carton Avenue is due to commence during the middle of November and is expected to last approximately five weeks. The work will entail an improved footpath, the replacement and pruning of trees and an enhanced entrance from the Main Street. The cost of the works is estimated at \in 200,000 of which \in 75,000 came from Kelt.

Some extra work will be required in order to provide a bus bay for the children attending the Girls National School. This work will entail the removal of the existing boundary wall and will be carried out at a later stage.

Harbour Field & Geraldine Hall

Kildare County Council expects to have the lease on the Harbour Field and the Hall transferred to them by early December. The Area Committee have worked extremely hard to achieve this result, which is long overdue. The Council has been requested by the Area Committee to secure the Geraldine Hall building in order to prevent further vandalism.

Traffic Management

The developers of the Kavanaghs Mills project have submitted a very much improved traffic plan for Maynooth. The area covered by this plan is from the Kilcock Road to the entrance to the Glenroyal complex. Cllr. Senan Griffin has requested that Kildare County Council put yellow box markings at the entrance to Parklands, Rail Park, Greenfield and Silken Vale as part of the overall traffic plan. In a statement to the local Fine Gael Branch, Cllr. Griffin highlighted the failure of the Maynooth Plan to include a ring road from Blacklion to the Straffan Road interchange. Cllr. Griffin further stated that the volume of traffic now using the Main Street is far greater than the pre-bypass days. He said that it was a major mistake not to insist on this road being built. Cllr. Griffin has urged Kildare County Council to put in place speed tables on the Celbridge Road and the Gael Scoil in the meantime, as safety of school children has to be paranmount.

Meadowbrook Link/Bond Bridge

The final details of the transfer of land to accommodate the Meadowbrook Link have now been agreed. The Dunne Family is to be complimented for their assistance in ensuring that this project is now possible. Contract documents are currently being prepared. It now seems likely that the Meadowbrook Link project will commence in advance of the Bond Bridge project. The Bond

Bridge project is likely to commence in May 2003. Cllr. Senan Griffin has sought assurances that proper traffic calming measures will be put in place along the Meadowbrook Road.

Traffic Calming

Cllr. Senan Griffin has submitted two areas in Maynooth as being suitable for traffic calming, namely the Moyglare Road at the entrance to Moyglare Village or at the entrance to Moyglare Abbey and secondly at Maynooth Park. Cllr. Griffin has insisted that the table cushion type of traffic calming measure is used rather than the ramp type. The table cushion is much more effective and aesthetically pleasing for everybody.

Maynooth Post Primary

Deputy Bernard Durkan has requested that the Department of Education expedite the construction of the extension to Maynooth Post Primary School. Deputy Durkan has also requested the Minister for Finance to include the cost of the extension as part of his budget proposals. It should be noted that the school has had planning permission for this extension since last December, but is still awaiting funding from the Department of Education.

Westside Waste

Cllr. Senan Griffin has requested Kildare County Council to bring their expertise to bear on An Bord Pleanala in order that the EPA conform with the Maynooth Development Plan. The residents of Parklands and the surrounding area are concerned about noise levels and the potential for pollution from this venture. Cllr. Senan Griffin's proposal that the Council enter into discussions with Glenmoy with the view to providing a fully serviced children's playground in the open space allotted to the site, was accepted by the Area Committee. A children's playground in this vicinity (close to Carton Avenue) would be of tremendous benefit to the residents of the area.

Traffic Lights at Maynooth Interchange

Cllr. Senan Griffin has demanded that the NRA (or their agents Kildare County Council) not install traffic lights at the northern side of the interchange. The present roundabout on the south side is working well. In Cllr. Griffin's view, the lights will worsen the situation. Cllr. Griffin has requested Kildare County Council or the NRA to prepare plans for another roundabout north of the interchange, which should also include access to a link for the Blacklion Road.

Swimming Pool

The three local Area Committees are due to meet on December 6th in order to consider the most suitable

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(Fine Gael News Contd.)

site for a swimming pool. The Clane, Celbridge and Leixlip Committees will have an updated report to assist them in determining the most suitable location. Cllr. Senan Griffin has at all times been of the view that the whole catchment area of North Kildare be considered for a fully equipped pool. He has also demanded that a fully equipped gym should be part of the pool development - top class facilities should be provided in the North of the County. It is important to remember that Naas and Athy have pools, which are currently being refurbished. According to Cllr. Senan Griffin, it is time for Kildare County Council to provide the North of the county with at least one good quality amenity.

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On Sunday December 1st in the Boys National School, we are having a Christmas Bazaar! with the help and support of Saint Marys Church of Ireland. There will be many hand-made gifts for the home, jams, chutneys, cake sale, raffle and teas. This is the last fund raising event for the Special Olympic Fund. So we hope for great support.

On December 10th Ann Kinsella will be at our club meeting in the Loftus Hall giving us Christmas Ideas.

The annual dinner will be held as usual in Moyglare Manor on January 21st. Names to Felicity Satchwell.

On behalf of all the committee I want to wish all our friends a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. I look forward to seeing you all at our monthly meetings during 2003.

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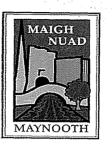
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Community Council Notes December Meeting

The December meeting took place on the 9th December in the Glenroval Hotel.

Swimming Pool Complex

Cllr. John McGinley told the meeting that no decision had been taken as to where the most suitable place for the swimming pool complex would be. Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge are in line for it. He said it is to be left to the County Council officials to decide on a criteria to sort it out.

Harbour Field - Geraldine Hall

There is no further development on the Harbour Field at the moment.

Planning Permission

It was noted that planning permission was refused for development in the Nuns field. It was noted that development will have to be in keeping with surrounding buildings.

Social Housing Plan

The development of social housing is now gone said Cllr. John McGinley. There are nearly 500 people looking to be housed in Leixlip alone. Kildare County Council has no land to build in Maynooth. It was on agreed to write to the three T.D.'s in the area.

Action Area Plan

A Draft Plan will be ready by January and will go on display. Cllr. John McGinley said we are lucky to have a A.A.P. included in the development plan as it will give the people of Maynooth a chance to have an input at this stage as there is nothing agreed yet.

Parking at the Station

The issue of not enough parking places was raised. Cllr. John McGinley said larnrod Eireann should do a survey on people using the station to see where are all the people coming from.

Joan Lennon said cars are parking right up to her house and making it very difficult for her to gain access to her home.

Paul Croghan said that larnrod Eireann should run a commuter service and it should cut down the amount of cars parking.

Office

Paul Croghan said the office will have five vacancies coming up over the next couple of months. The supervisor and staff were congratulated on keeping the office running well. Also the standard of the Newsletter is excellent.

Business Park - Pedestrians Crossing

Paul Croghan raised the issue. Paul felt that people

walking have problems crossing at it, he felt the crossing should be more pedestrian friendly. He felt it should be looked at and see could it be improved. Tom McMullon felt it is hard to see traffic coming down the Straffan Road from the motorway

Bond Bridge and Meadowbrook

It was noted that both Bond Bridge and Meadowbrook projects are out for tender and that these works will start in 2003.

Beaufield - New Public House

It was noted that planning permission was granted for a new public house in Beaufield.

Paul Croghan raised the point that property on the Main Street could end up being owned by one person. However it was noted that older buildings are protected. It was also felt that it is important to retain the residential effect of the town.

Sub Committees - Newsletter

Paul Croghan paid tribute to Christy Kavanagh who died recently. Christy's sudden death was a great shock to us all. He said Christy loved working in the office and especially on the Newsletter and was of great assistance to all. A vote of sympathy was sent to his family.

Tidy Towns Committee

Paul Croghan said that their annual award ceremony was a great success. It was held in the Glenroyal Hotel. He thanked the Glenroyal for their continued sponsorship. He said they were looking forward to working with the Special Olympics next year. Paul was congratulated on receiving Kildare County Council Volunteer of the Year Award. He said he hoped that the Chamber of Commerce would get involved with some of their projects next year. He thanked all involved with Tidy Towns work, and also their hard working committee.

Community Games

Matt Callaghan told the meeting that only 8 people turned up for the A.G.M. This is very disappointing he said. However they did form a committee with Emma Fleming, Chairperson, Madeline Stynes, Treasurer and Jim Fleming and Matt Callaghan will attend County Board meetings. It was also stated that it is very sad to see a committee like the Community Games struggling to survive. Maynooth has a population of 10,000 people now and it is vital that groups like Community Games are kept going.

Festival

Muireann N Bhrolchain said she would be convening a meeting for the 6th December in the Glenroyal Hotel at 8.30 p.m. and it is hoped that this meeting will be well attended.

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Community Council Notes January Meeting

The January meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on the 13th January in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Before the start of the meeting Secretary, Muireann Ni Bhrolchain paid tribute to two recently deceased members of Maynooth. It was with great sadness that Eugene Fitzpatrick and Dinny Breen were remembered.

She said Eugene had recently joined the office and he brough with him his wonderful sense of humour. She paid tribute to his great bravery in fighting his ailing health. Eugene was on kidney dialysis, which he had to have three times a week. She also noted his great talent for song writing and his great win on the Late Late Show with his song *Korea and Japan*. Eugen will be sadly mised by all in Maynooth. Sympathies were extended to Eugene's family.

Tributes were also paid to Dinny Breen who died at the age of 96 years. Dinny was a member of An Garda Siochana for 35 years and served in Maynooth number. Muireann Ni Bhrolchain recalled that he was very involved with community work and served on a number of committees for many years. His daughter Madelaine was a member of the community council for many years and also worked for the Community Games Organisation. It was also recalled that Dinny was a great G.A.A. man and played for a number of counties in his time finishing off his football career in Maynooth. Maynooth Community Council extends its deepest sympathy to all Dinnys family.

Tidy Towns

Paul Croghan stated that the Tidy Towns have written to Kildare County Council indicating about 30 black spots that they feel should be looked at. He said with the Special Olympics taking place this year it is in the town's best interest to have it looking well.

Planning in Maynooth

Paul also raised grave concerns about a further planning application at Mariaville Maynooth. He said according to his information it is to include a further 20% housing to include 1,900 bed spaces, also 3 shops and a creche. He said he was expressing the concerns of residents. He said they had sent in an objection to Kildare County Council but had not yet got a reply and that it was probably sitting on a desk over the Christmas. He also said that no development should take place until the link road is in place. He said it is thought that 1,4000 cars approximately plus truck movement will use the road. It was stated that the new development at Kavanaghs with their plan for traffic movement should sort out this problem. It was stated that instead of the 220 units proposed it now will be 538 houses and apartments. Cllr John McGinley said he will bring this up at the next Leixlip Area meeting. However, he said there is nothing to stop any developer putting in new applications. It was also noted that there is an application for new development

at the end of Parklands. Paul also said he believes that larnrod Eireann will not be able to meet the transport needed in Maynooth. Cllr. Senan Griffin said that if an application was in on time to Kildare County Council and the office was closed, the application should still stand. It was felt that this development could take up to five years. It was decided to send an objection to Kildare County Council.

Taxi Service

The issue of extending the Dublin Taxi Area to include Leixlip and Maynooth is to be taken up by Kildare County Council. This could result in cheaper fares.

Saint Patrick's Day Parade

The first meeting will take place on January 14th 2003.

Summer festival

This meeting will take place on 16th January 2003. A brief discussion took place on the festival. It is hoped that all intrested groups will attend.

The Special Olympics are insterested held this year and that Maynooth are Host Town to Brazil. The feeling of the meeting was that the Festival should have some connection with the Host Town Programme. It was decided to look at this.

The issue of approach roads to Maynooth was raised by Marie Gleeson as Maynooth will have the Olympic Torch Run coming through it is vital that approach areas look well. Cllr. John McGinley said he would be meeting with the Gardai about roads.

Book Launch - Myth and Memory

Hugh Gallagher congratulated the Local History and Civic Forum Group on the launch of their book. He also thanked the Glenroyal for providing wine and mince pies after the December meeting.

Next meeting of the Community Council will be 10th February in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Marie Gleeson P.R.O.



Appreciations



Eugene Fitzpatrick

The death of Eugene came as a great shock to the people of Maynooth. Although ill for some time, to people that knew him he is not dead as he will live in their memories for their lifetime.

Everyone that knew him have a story on him because he was one of life's characters. To write an appreciation on Eugene one would need a bigger magazine than the Newsletter because when in reasonable health one could write an article on him every day.

A larger than life character Eugene has a song for every occasion and a good one at that, proved when he won the competition for The Irish World Cup Song over thousands of other entries. All of Maynooth watched as he sang his song on the Late Late and the atmosphere in Bradys and all the other pubs was magic. No other artist has appeared on the Late Late two weeks in a row. Eugene did, as his popularity was so high Pat Kenny had to invite him back again, although he did not get to sin his Liam Lawlor song on air.

Christmas and the new year will never be the same again for May and the Fitzpatrick family as their beloved father and husband of May died suddenly at that time three years ago. Danny also a larger than life character who was more than a father and a husband but was a great friend to all of them and to everyone that knew him. Eugene on the Late Late showed his kindness as the most important thing to hem was the thanking of his nurses who looked after him in the Mater and his family and friends in Maynooth.

Eugene who worked in the newsletter with Norah, Freda and lastly with Christina brought a lot of life and wit around the people who worked with him as he also did when he worked in the mart. Farmers who had nothing to sell or buy went in just to have the crack with him. His popularity was shown by the throngs of people who attended his funeral and his house as he lay in rest as Eugene was for the first time since I met him 10 years ago was without pain.

The people that travelled from Kilnaleck (Cavan) where his mother came where Eugene was as popular as he was in Maynooth which was deeply appreciated

by the family.

The Taoiseach was also represented by his Aide De Campe and all the local politicians were there. His popularity knew no boundaries.

So on behalf of myself and the Community Council and the people of Maynooth, Kilnaleck and all that had the pleasure of meeting him wish to sympathise deeply with the Fitzpatrick family.

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Jim Cullinane

The tragic death of Jim was another New Year shock to the people of Maynooth.

A very quiet and unassuming man he was a very popular person in the locality. His popularity was shown by the amount of people that travelled to Cork for his funeral and his Mass in Maynooth.

To Florence (who also worked with the Newsletter) and her family, Emma, Ross, Justin and Owen the Community Council and I would like tof extend our deepest sympathy.

Pius Kelly

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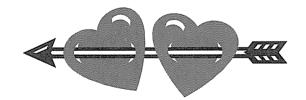
A chara.

The interesting feature "What's in a name" in your December issue contains a misinterpretation which I have come across before in Maynooth. This is the assumption that Rail Park is called after the railway which runs close by. Rail Park estate is located in the townland of the same name, and townland names in Ireland date from long before the coming of the railways in the 19th century.

In the entrance hallway to Rhetoric House, one of the fine buildings in the "old" or south campus of Maynooth College, there hangs an original large-format map of the Maynooth district which was produced in 1757 for the Fitzgerald family - The Earls of Kildare - who lived in Carton. This shows the townland of Rail Park which at that stage was much smaller than it is today. In fact, it consisted of four small fields, next to the Grangewilliam Road which runs from Pikes Bridge (opposite the main entrance to Carton on the Maynooth/Leixlip Road) across to the Maynooth-Celbridge road.

The townland appears to have been expanded by the addition of that portion of the old Maynooth townland which was left on the south side of the Royal Canal when the canal passed through Maynooth in the late 18th century. Thus, today Rail Park townland runs from the Straffan Road across to the Grangewilliam Road. I have heard it said (by whom, I can't remember) that the old Rail Park was used for exercising horses, and was railed in - hence the name. Is mise, le mórmheas,

Proinnsias Breathnach



Dear Maynooth Councillor,

My name is Tara Fagan. I am 10 years of age. I'm writing to you about the lights in Maynooth. They are awful, just look at the lights in Leixlip, there lovely. We have had our lights in the town for years. You see my point is that Leixlip have had their's for years too, but they are still nice every year.

When me and my friends are coming out of school when the lights are on we are ashamed to even look at them. Even houses have nicer lights than the town. The Roost lights are gorgeous but they are the only nice lights in Maynooth. Please try and get new lights. If you don't have the money we can arrange something.

Yours truly, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Tara Fagan, 33 Moyglare Abbey.

Reply

Dear Tara,

We wee very glad to receive your letter about the Christmas lights in the town. We agree that the lighting in the town is not very good but the Community Council do not provide the lights. It is the Chamber of Commerce who are responsible for putting them up. But we would like to see some better lighting as well so we will write to the Chamber of Commerce and see if something brighter can be arranged for next Christmas.

There was a time when every tree in the street had lights on it and it looked really well. Because Maynooth has an unusual Main Street with so many trees it appeared quite different from all other towns at Christmas.

Thank you very much for your letter. Yours sincrely,

The Editor

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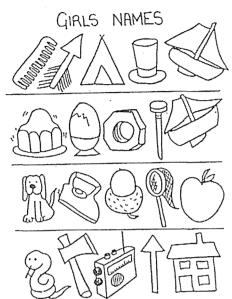
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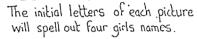
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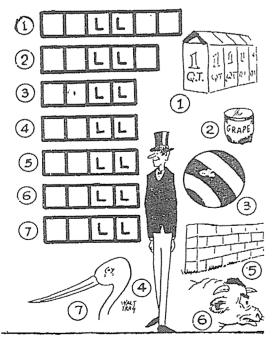








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Answers to the Christmas Cracker Quiz

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6 1956 to S C 1956 the Suez Crisis

7 2357F4PN <u>2357First 4 Prime Numbers</u>

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9 3 L M F S A W <u>3 Little maids from school are we</u>

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11 9 P in the S S
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9 Planets in the solar system
20 Numbers on a dart board

13 1759 AGF the GB <u>1759 Arthur Guinness founded the Guinness Brewery</u>

14 A-S-2-B At swim 2 birds

15 GRC the 3D Goneril, Regan, Cordelia the 3 daughters
 16 4PC on MR 4 Presidents carved on Mount Rushmore

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18 24 L in the GA 24 Letters in the Greek Alphabet

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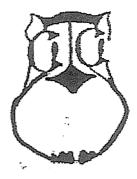
27 E 76 YHCA <u>Every 76 years Halley's Comet appears</u>
28 RRW the GN 3 T <u>Red Rum won the Grand National 3 times</u>

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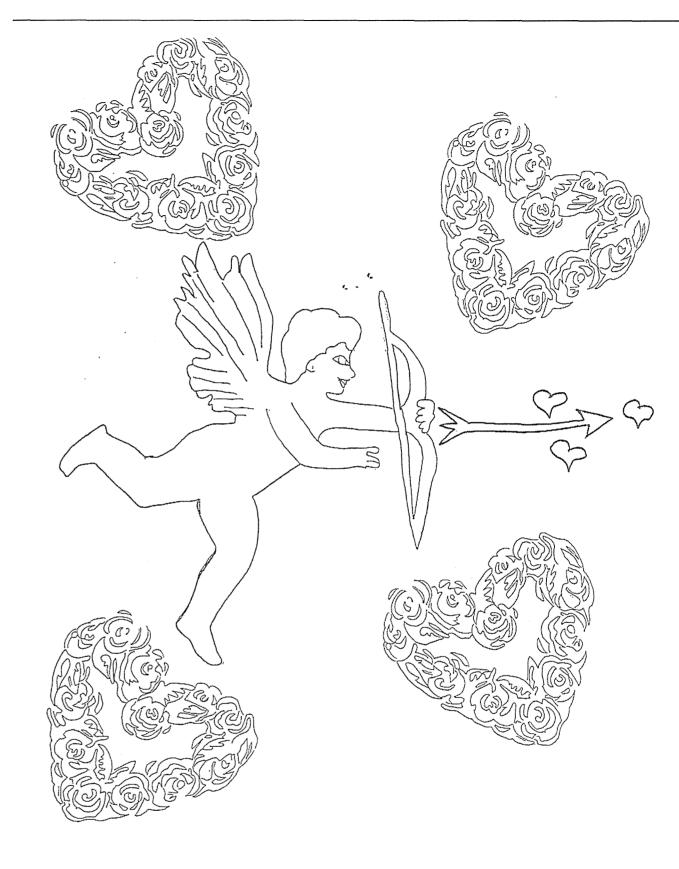
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Dorins Recipes

Grilled Pork Chops with Creamed Cabbage

Serves 4

Method:

Saute 2oz diced salami or bacon, and 1 thinly sliced leek in 1 oz butter, then add 1lb 2oz shredded green or white cabbage and 1/4 pt chicken stock or water. Cook, covered, for about 5 minutes until the cabbage is tender. Add 1 diced eating or small cooking apple and cook, stirring, over a high heat for 2 minutes, or until no liquid is left. Season and stir in 2 fl oz double cream. Serve with grilled pork chops.

Beef Stroganoff

Serves 4

Method:

Melt 1oz butter in a large frying pan and cook 1 finely chopped onion until soft. Add 9 oz thickly sliced button mushrooms and cook over a high heat until golden. Remove from the pan and reserve. Melt 1oz butter over a high heat and cook 1lb 2oz lean steak, cut into thin strips, in batches, stirring, for about 3-4 minutes until well browned. Make sure the fat in the pan is hot again before adding the next batch. When all the meat is cooked, return it to the pan, add the onion and mushrooms. 1x200g tub creme fraiche and warm gently. Serve the beef on top of 11oz cooked tagliatelle and top with chopped parsley.

Chicken and Broccoli Bake

Serves 4

1lb broccoli

12oz cooked chicken, diced

1/2 pt water

1 paket cream of chicken soup

1/2 pt cream

2 tsp curry powder

3 tbsp mayonnaise

3 oz grated cheese

3 oz fine breadcrumbs

Method:

Blanch the broccoli in a large pan and reserve the water. Lay the broccoli on the base of an ovenproof dish. Place the cooked chicken on top. Make up the soup with 9 fl oz of the broccoli cooking water. When off the boil add the cream, curry powder, mayonnaise and mix well. Preheat the oven to 180c, 350f, Gas mark 4. Pour the sauce over the chicken and broccoli. Sprinkle with cheese, then top with breadcrumbs cook in the oven for 45 minutes.

Honey Loaf

12 oz self-raising flour

1 level teaspoon salt

3 level teaspoons mixed spice

2 oz candied peel

4 oz soft brown sugar

6 oz clear honev

1/4 pint milk

For the topping:

1 oz lump sugar

Cooking Time:

1 hour 15 minutes Oven setting:

180c, 350f, Gas Mark 4

Method:

Line and grease a 2 lb loaf tin. Chop the peel finely. Sift together flour, salt and spice, mix in peel and brown sugar. Add honey and milk, and blend together until a smooth, stiff dough is formed. Place in loaf tin. Lightly crush the lump sugar and sprinkle over the top of the loaf. Bake for about 1 1/4 hours in a moderate oven. Turn out and cool on a wire tray. A little more sugar can be sprinkled on top of the loaf if liked; serve sliced and spread with butter.

Spaghetti Milanese

Serves 4

10 oz spaghetti

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

1 oz butter

1 onion

1 oz plain flour

1/2 pint water

2 1/4 oz can tomato puree

1/4 teaspoon dried herbs

8 oz ham

6 oz mushrooms

Cook the spaghetti in a large saucepan of salted, boiling water for 10 minutes or until soft. Drain and keep hot. Melt butter in a large pan, peel and finely chop onion and fry until transparent. Add flour, mix well and cook for 2-3 minutes. Remove pan from heat and gradually add the water. Return to heat and add tomato puree and herbs. Bring to the boil, stirring all the time until thickened. Chop the ham roughly and add to sauce. Slice mushrooms and add to the sauce. season to taste. Cook gently for 5-10 minutes. Put spaghetti in large serving dish, pour sauce over, toss and serve very hot.

Taghiatelle with Prawns

Serves 6

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 red pepper, sliced

1 yellow pepper, sliced

2 courgettes, sliced

2 leeks, sliced

3 sticks celery, sliced thinely

2 carrots, diced

2 cloves garlic, crushed

2 beefsteak tomatoes, peeled and finely chopped

5 fl oz fish stock

1 teaspoon dried oregano

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

16 oz cooked, peeled prawns

1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil

Oregano sprigs, to garnish Method:

In a large frying pan or wok, heat the oil and add the peppers,

Dorins Recpies Cont'd

peppers, courgettes, leeks, celery, carrots and garlic. Cover and cook gently for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add the tomatoes, stock, oregano and salt and pepper and mix well. Cover and cook for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add the prawns, cover and cook gently for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the sauce is thickened. Stir in the basil. Garnish with oregano sprigs and serve with freshly cooked garlile and herb tagliatelle.

Tomato Broad Beans

Serves 4

2 tbsp corn oil

2 tbsp skinned and finely chopped onion

1 garlic, skinned and crushed

1 1/2 tsp ground coriander

14 oz can tomatoes

1lb shelled broad beans

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Heat the oil in a heavy-based saucepan, then add the onion and cook for 2 minutes, stirring. Add the garlic and coriander and stir for 1 minute, then add the tomatoes and continue cooking for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Meanwhile, bring a saucepan of water to the boil and cook the broad beans for 4-5 minutes or until tender. Drain the broad beans and add to the sauce. Cook for a further 3-5 minutes, stirring, until piping hot. Season to taste. Serve hot or cold.

Tropical Baked with Plaice

Serves 4

8 plaice fillets, 4-6 oz each, skinned 2 bananas, peeled and quartered

4 oz fine wholemeal breadcrumbs

2 oz unsalted cashew nuts, chopped Finely grated rind of 1 lemon

2 tbsp chopped fresh parsley

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

2 eggs, beaten

2 tbsp lemon juice

1 oz polyunsaturated margarine, melted Banana slices and parsley sprigs, to garnish

Lightly grease a shallow ovenproof dish and set aside. Roll each plaice fillet around a piece of banana. Secure with a wooden cocktail stick. Mix together the breadcrumbs, cashews, lemon rind, parsley and seasoning on a flat plate. Dip the rolled plaice fillets in the egg, then coat each one in the breadcrumb mixture, pressing on firmly. Arrange the plaice rolls in the prepared dish in a single layer. Mix the lemon juice and margarine together and drizzle over the rolls. Bake at 190c, 375f, Gas mark 5 for 25 minutes, until tender and cooked through. Remove the cocktail sticks and serve, Garnish with banana slices and parsley sprigs.

Pork Nugets

Serves 4

1 lb lean minced pork



1 small onion, skinned and coarsely grated

3 oz fresh wholemeal breadcrumbs

1 oz sultanas, coarsely chopped

2 tbsp chopped fresh parsley or mint or 1/2 tbsp dried parsley or mint

1 egg. beaten

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

2 fl oz olive oil

14 oz can chopped tomatoes 2 tsp dried oregano

1 lb wholemeal spaghetti Parsley sprigs, to garnish

Method:

Place the pork, vegetables, breadcrumbs, sultanas, parsley or mint and egg in a bowl and mix together. Add the seasoning, use wet hands, divide the mixture into equal - size pieces and shape into balls. Heat the oil in a large frying pan, add the meatballs and cook until browned all over. Add the tomatoes with their juice and the oregano. Cover and cook over a low heat for 30-40 minutes, until the meatballs are cooked through. Meanwhile, cook the spaghetti in a saucepan of lightly salted boiling water for 10-12 minutes, until just tender. Drain and keep hot. To serve, spoon the meatballs and sauce over the pasta and garnish with parsley sprigs.

Vegetable Rice

Serves 4

1 tbsp corn oil

8 oz brown rice 1 garlic clove, skinned and crushed

1 large onion, skinned and chopped

4 oz celeriac, skinned and grated

14 oz can tomatoes

1 red pepper, cored, seeded and chopped

2 tsp chopped fresh marjoram or 1 tsp dried

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper 2 oz roasted peanuts

1 oz raisins, rinsed

8 oz green beans, sliced

2 tbsp grated Parmesan cheese

Chopped fresh parsley, to garnish Method:

Heat the oil in a large saucepan. Add the rice, garlic, onion and celeriac and cook for 3 minutes. Add the tomatoes and their juices, the red pepper, 1/2 pint water, marjoram and seasoning. Cover, lower the heat and simmer for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add the peanuts and raisins. Continue cooking for 15 minutes, then add the beans and cook for another 5 minutes or until the rice is tender and all the liquid is absorbed. Place on a warmed dish and serve with the cheese and garnish with the parsley.



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EDUCATION AS A HOBBY

Older people can play an important role as teachers or informants, both formally, through planned visits to schools, and informally, through direct contact with grandchildren and other younger people.

Everyone, no matter what their age, can take part. Choose what you are intrested in and then explore how you can pursue this interest in Maynooth.

OLDER PEOPLE AS INFORMANTS

In the revised curriculum for Irish primary schools important emphasis is placed on the exploration of personal and family history and exploration of the immediate environment of the child, in an historical and geographical context. For example, children explore topics such as When my grandparents were voung and Games in the past and also develop verbal and oral skills listening to and retelling stories from their locality.

Older people, with a wealth of information on life in the local community over the years, can act as informants in this process, as classroom visitors or outside of the school setting. Individuals of all ages with a particular skill or knowledge can contribute in various other ways to the education of children in their locality - for example, by demonstrating and/or teaching skills such as gardening, taking care of animals, painting or handcrafts. Our education system offers immense potential for the development of intergenerational activities, a potential that is beginning to be explored in exicting ways in some schools.

U3A

University of the Third Age- groups are usually set up by people who come together to learn in a way that suits them. Learning is often from the members of the group themselves. Age Action Ireland promotes the U3A concept in this country and can put those intrested in starting a U3A group in contact with others who have already done so.

Tel; 01 475 6989 for more information.

THIRD LEVEL EDUCATION

A mature student is defined as a person aged over 23 years undertaking study at third level either at a university, an institute of technology, a teacher training college or institute of post-Leaving Certificate '

(PLC)courses.

Courses, with conditions depending on the individual institution, can be undertaken on a full-time, part-time or modular basis. Modular students take a smaller number of modules, or subjects, than full-time students according to the time they have to devote to study, and then qualify at the same level as other students, but after a longer period of time.

PLANNING TO STUDY

If you are considering studying as a mature student you are advised to.

Research which course in which institution suits your talents, experience and interests before you begin

Consider what pace of study, full time, part time or modular, suits your needs best.

Find out if there are any pre-entry requirements (such as particular grades in certain subjects at Leaving Certificate level) and whether these requirements can be met with career experience instead.

Sometimes they can.

The prospectus of each university or college will supply information on arrangements for mature students particular to that institution

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply for a course, contact the college of your choice to find out whether applications should be made directly to them or through the Central Applications Office.

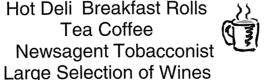
Unlike the system for school-leavers, however, decisions on a mature student's application are made by the college themselves, and the CAO is involved for adminstration purposes only. It is advisable to plan well in advance of undertaking study, as the deadline for CAO applications for courses beginning each Autumn is generally February 1st. Applications are considered on a different basis by each institution, but generally a mature student's experience will be taken into account. Applicants may have to attend an interview, provide a CV or portfolio, or even undertake an examination. You could now begin to prepare for

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(Education as a Hobby Contd.) FINANCING YOUR STUDY

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Certain tax reliefs may apply for those who are paying these fees. Certain grants may also apply depending on individual circumstances.

For more details contact the Higher Education Grants Section of the Department of Education.

Tel: 0506 21363 or 01 8734700.

Fees for full time courses at publicly funded third level institutions were abolished in Autumn 1996. However an annual registration fee is charged for non-tuition costs and funding for student clubs and societies.

European Social Fund (ESF) Maintenance grants for 1-3 year full-time courses at Regional Technical Colleges (RTCs) or Institutes of Technology (ITs) are available through an applicants local Vocational Education Committee (VEC). A similar ESF Advanced Technical Skills Grant is available from VECs for post-graduate students. Application forms for either are available from local VECs.

Those receiving unemployment benefit, or widow(er)'s pension, may be able to undertake full-time undergraduate or postgraduate study without losing their benefits, and in some cases maintenance grant in addition. Part time Courses are also available but fees still apply.

Applicants should seek more details from the Information Section, Department of Social and Family Affairs, Aras Mhic Dhiarmada, Dublin 1.

Tel; 01 8748444 or your local Social Welfare Office. Some individual colleges also offer unique scholarships schemes.

The Duke of Leinster and National **Schools**

MYTH & MYSTERY: The History of the Graveyards of Maynooth tells that Charles Duke of Leinster died on the 10th February 1887.

This letter of sympathy was sent to his widow the Duchess of Leinster at Carton. (N.L.I. MS 5562, p.422-3). It records how involved the Fitzgeralds were in bringing the education of the people of Ireland from the hedge schools to the Royal University. It reads:

The Commissioners (of National Education in Ireland) embrace the earliest opportunity to express how deeply they deplore the death, and feel the loss, of their senior member His Grace the Duke of Leinster.

In the very infancy of the National education system. now fully forty -six years ago, His Grace on the retirement of his eminent father, who had been one of the original members of the Board, became a Commissioner of the National Education Board, During this long period His Grace was ever distinguished by his enthusiastic devotedness to his duties as a Commissioner.

With every department of public education he was intimately connected. University Education enlisted his sympathies, and profited by his labours. Intermediate Education has ripened to a settlement largely as a result of his official enquiries into Endowed Schools.

The National System of Primary Education was always his first concern, his most endearing attachment, and the interests of his country, his greatest hope.

(Signed by)

SIR PATRICK KEENAN, K.C.M.G., C.B.,

Resident Commissioner for Education in Ireland.

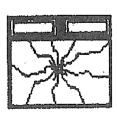
To find out more see MYTH & MYSTERY; The History and Story of the Graveyards of Maynooth, now available in Byrne's Bookshop.

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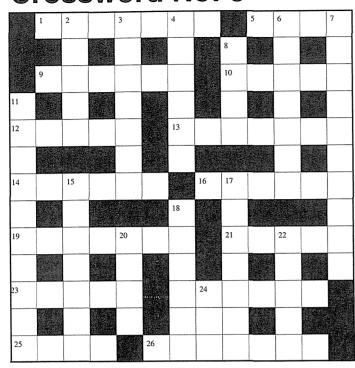
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- 9. Dilute (6)
- 10. Loathes (5)
- 12. Shakespeare character (5)
- 13. Hug (7)
- 14. Hurry (6)
- 16. Large ship (6)
- 19. Novel by Sir Walter Scott (7)

Doodle Box

- 21. Firearm (5)
- 23. Actor——Marx(5)
- 24. In arrears(5)
- 25. Lowest Chessman (4)
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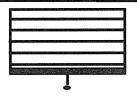
- 2. Freshwater fish (5)
- 3. Annoying (7)
- 4. Type of bicycle (6)
- 6. Economise (3,4)
- 7. Dispirit, depress (10)
- 8. Moby Dick captain (4)
- 11. Christian clergyman (10)
- 15. Common bird (7)
- 17. Singers, Fathers and the Smurfs (7)
- 18. Arm or leg (6)
- 20. Batting stroke (4)
- 22. Partition (5)

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File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
02/2211	Anne Travers	Johninstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	19/11/02	to build dormer type dwelling, domestic garage and small waste water treatment system on my	Johninstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/2223	Colm Brett	70 Newtown Court Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	20/11/02	for a 1.5 storey dwelling with detached domestic garage and biocycle effluent treatment system	Rail Park Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/2229	Martin Heraghty	123 Castledawson Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	21/11/02	for bedroom extension to front/side of house and erection of new garage to side	123 Castledawson Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/2234	Theresa McHale	Meadowview Taghadoe Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	21/11/02	for dormer bungalow with attqched double garage and septic tank	Taghadoe Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/2300	Sherwood Homes Ltd.	Clifton House Lower Fitzwilliam St. Dublin 2	St. storey semi-detached N		Meadowbrook Lawns Maynooth Co. Kildare	
02/2302	Emer O'Rourke	Laragh Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	03/12/02	development comprises of one fully serviced four bedroom detached bungalow of one & half storeys above ground level, to accommodate living space in attic, the proposed development is to include a 'Biocycle' waste water treatment	Laragh Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/2343	Manus Moynihan	Clonagh Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	09/12/02	for erection of new dormer bungalow and garage with biocycle waste water treatment system and new site entrance	Clonagh Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/2406	kieran O'Malley	1 The Green Maynooth Co. Kildare	existing driveway from 2.9m wide wide for the proy additional off stre space in add existing 1 off stre space providing		to increase the width of the existing driveway/entrance from 2.9m wide to 6.0m wide for the provision of 1 additional off street parking space in addition to existing 1 off street parking space providing a total of 2 off street vehicle parking	1 The Green Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/2491	Mycete Construction Ltd	Bracetown Business Park Clonee Co. Meath	P	20/12/02	development will consist of construction of 538 residential dwelling units, together with three no. local shops (515 sq.m. total) and a creche (495 sq.m) together with site development works, services, vehicular access roads, associated car parking etc	Mariaville Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/2501	Andrew & Angela Lunn	Laragh Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	20/12/02	to demolish an existing house and replace it with a dormer bungalow on site	Laragh Maynooth Co. Kildare

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03/13	John Campbell	Laraghbyran Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	02/01/03	demolition of a single storey house and development of a two storey terraced structure comprising of seven three bedroom units for student accommodation (maximum 47 occupants) with use of	Laraghbyran Maynooth Co. Kildare.
03/2	Intel Ireland Ltd	Collinstown Industrial Park Colinstown Leixlip Co. Kildare	Р	02/01/03	modifications and a time extension to an existing contractor car park, laydown areas and facilities related to the construction of FAB 24. The works include realignment and works to the existing site entrance, together with landscaping	Collinstown Leixlip Blakestown & Kellystown Td Collinstown Ind Park
03/3	Kieran Walker	2A Hillcrest Green Lucan Co. Dlublin	Р	02/01/03	demolition of bungalow and construction of 18 no. two bed, two storey back to back own door apartments and ancillary site development works	Parklands Grove Old Rail Park Maynooth

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Points of View from the Youth of Maynooth

My Confirmation

On the 21st of February I will be making my Confirmation. At the start of the last term everyone got a "Confirmation Book" which will be seen by the priest on the day of the Confirmation. There is a lot of Confirmation work to be done before it. There is one thing that we can do but it is not compulsory but most of the people in my class is doing it. It is called Faith Friends. It is where young boys and girls come together to prepare for their Confirmation. Each night you are given some sheets which you have to fill out. Everyone who is making their Confirmation have to do the Ceremory of Light and this is compulsory. It is normally held in the church and every one who goes has to make a poster to smybolise light. It will go up on the walls of the church. Everyone also have to bring a candle. Some will have their candle from their baptism, it will be burning during the Ceremony. A few people have to read out prayers and I am one of those people. The Ceremory of Light is on the 29th of january which is next Wedneday. The next big thing is the Confirmation itself. Everyone has to learn a lot of things between them like prayers and what to do and where to sit. I will also have to buy new clothes to war on my Confirmation.

Conor Bean What I Want in Maynooth

My name is Peter Murphy and I would really like to see a lot of improvements in Maynooth. I would like to see a public indoor swimming pool that you have to pay very little to enter. I think that if there was a park or more sports clubs people would really like Maynooth as a place to vitist. There are just some minor things Maynooth needs to improve itself.

I play for the Maynooth soccer team and we have got a pitch that farmers wouldn't want cows on. I know that they are building a new one but when it was all laid it flooded. I would like to see people who care about their job and do it properly after us all spending so much on it. I think that more people should get involved in their sons or daughters activities instead of leaving it to the same old few every time.

I think that Maynooth is a great place and it is probably the best positioned town because it's just outside Dublin. Although Maynooth is a University Town it still has improvements to be made. I think that if we had a skate-park or public football pitches the people of Maynooth would respect their town more than ever.

Maynooth really needs to fix the traffic lights at the Main Street 'cause they are always broken. The traffic is also chaotic and we need police men to be on watch out. Maynooth could do with a better school for the all Irish school, it's tiny. Anyway Maynooth needs a lot of things and these are just a few pointers. (And it's not the worst town ever, it's probably the best).

Thanks for listening

Peter Murphy

How Maynooth can be Improved

Maynooth is a cool town. There are some problems like any town would have. There are also things that could make the town a better town for kids, teenagers and adults. Maynooth could be the ultimate town to live in. Here are some of my ideas to make Maynooth a better place to live in.

For kids. A new swimming pool. An up to date swimming pool. A cinema in the town. Not a miassive one but a big enough one. One that shows up to date movies. A massive town store would be cool. Then people wouldn't have to go into Dublin to get toys.

For teenagers. A cool massive skate park. All people could go to this. A night club for dancing only. A shopping Centre like Liffey Valley. A Virgin Megastore with good cds

For adultss. No artics allowed to drive through or in Maynooth. That would make the traffice decrease and people would be able to get to their jobs faster.

Gareth Corcoran

How Maynooth Could be Improved and Why I Like it.

I like Maynooth because I have lived around it since I was born. I lived in Kingsbry for 3 weeks. They were the first three weeks of my life. Then I moved to Kilmacredock where I am currently living. I go to Maynooth B.N.S. I like Maynooth because it is an ideal town to live in. It is not a very big town but it is close to Dublin.

That is why Maynooth's population has grown so much in the recent couple of years. Parents want their children to grow up in a nice town near the countryside. Also parents have a good number of jobs to pick from in Dublin City. It could be improved if the number of heavy vehicles such as trucks were cut. They should not let trucks through Maynooth at times when cars are dropping or collecting their kids to and from school.

I think that Maynooth would be more popular if the amount of pollution was cut down. The fumes coming out of vechiles are destroying the natural protection around the earth. Maynooth is good because it has a lot of restaurants including the recently built Supermacs.

A lot of people would like a skate-park built in Maynooth. I would think it would do well because of all the people that would want tit buildt. It would be very popular among teenagers and people around my age. That is how I think Maynooth could be improved.

Tim Quane

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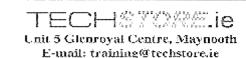
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My Activities 20/01/2003

My activities are playing Football for Maynooth. We have a deadly team. The players are Shane McBride, Peter Gannon, Peter Murphy, Seamus McBride, Sean Murphy myself, Roisin Murray, Ciaran Dooley, Garrett Dooley, Darragh Dunning, Ciaran Farrell and last but not least Cormac Reilly. We drew our match last Sunday against Malahide. It ended 2-2. I also enjoy playing basketball and Gaelic Football.

Places I would like to be built to Maynooth I would like a public swimming pool, built in Maynooth. I would also like a cinema complex built for the community. I am not saying that Maynooth is a dustbin but sometimes it can get a bit dirty. I would like some people to set up a group who could fine people for littering on the streets.

Conclusion

Maynooth is a wonderful town.

Sean Murphy

The Premiership

Man United are second and Arsenal first. It is head to head for the title. Who's going to stay and who go's West. Brom not doing too well at bottom of the table. Sunderland with manager problem. Got a new manager but it looks like the manager can't improve the team play. Liverpool are playing disgraceful. Not a win in eleven games. Fans not happy with Gerard Houlier. How about Newscastle, they are doing great. They won their last ten games. How about Alan Sherar's ten second goal against Man City. Bolton Wanders are not doing too good at sixteen place when I last looked. I thought they would do better with their new statr play Jay Okocha from Nigeria. How about Southampton are doing brillant with their star striker James Beattie top goal scorer. Arsenal are doing great at top of the table with top striker like Kanu, Henry Bergkamp and wonderful Ljunberg. I left the best to last, Man United of course. Man United first their to top start. Top players like Van Nisteroy, Beckham, Schole and the super sub Diego Forlan. Forlan win goal against Man United and Chelsea after between Arsenal, Chelsea and Liverpool. I see Man United win the treble again this year.

Emmanuel Ali

What I think of Maynooth

Maynooth is a thriving town but there is a lot of room for improvements. We are lucky to have a first class University which accommodates 5000+ students every year, three excellent primary schools and an outstanding secondary school which has a name for producing A1 students. However, there is no community centre in Maynooth, nor a cinema or swimming pool. Young people have no where to meet apart from pubs or on street corners.

However, there are good sporting facilities in Maynooth. There is a very good G.A.A. club whose

teams have won the cup many times. If you are a soccer fan, like me, you can look forward tof the opening of the dnew pitches on the Rathcoffey Road which boasts the state of the art club house and coach and car park. Everyone in the town is looking forward to hosting Brazil in the Special Olympics next June and the Committee has been working very hard for the past year.

On the negative side, there are too many houses being built in Maynooth and outskirts with too little facilities, this leading to major traffic jams through the town at peak times. Parking is also a big problem.

Maynooth is well served with a good bus and rail service which allows easy access to Dublin City, therefore most students commute to the University each day.

We have a good range of shops including, to my delight, a new music shop. Hopfully more funds will become available so that Maynooth Castle can be restored.

Philip Corbally

In a Young Persons Eyes

If you ask people of my generation what do you think of Maynooth the majority of them would say it was boring or nothing to do. For instance I go to Livvey Valley on the bus. We need things to keep us from getting in two much trouble.

Some ideas would be a skatepark or arcade. Sports can only keep us occupied for so long. A cinema would be good. Our town really only facilitates the older generation. I'm not being greedy by asking the town to adjust to us but we do really need it. There is already a youth club but it is not known to any of the primary schools. We could get going a youth club that we would all know of.

One of the most interesting things that happened in the youth system was a simple thing called "Supermac". Each Friday many kids from primary school and secondary school come to Supermac! It all happened by accident and it's a youth club in itself! it is amazing it's a big social event. Girls and boys of all ages. The thing you would say would be "U going to Supermac?" and these are the things that I mean. Having social events.

Stephen Buckley

My Favourite Sport

My favourite sport is tennis. The good thing about it is that you get a lot of exercise from it and it can be played indoors or outdoors.

I think it would be great for the community if there could be a tennis court.

Gerard Bell

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My Newsletter Article

There are many ways that our town could be made better for people of my age. I think there should be a public swimming pool. There should be a sports place where there would be basketball, football and other sports going on. You should be able to go down there and have a mess about. There should be a skate park because at the moment people my age have to go on the roads and paths. When we do that people give out. Whate are we susposed to do. There should be less litter in our town. At the moment it is everywhere. There should be more bins to put the rubbish in. That way our town would be cleaner. We should put those buttons on the traffic lights down the town like they have by kingsbry. That way we can get across the road faster without waiting an hour.

Patrick McCarthy

The Environment

I would like if there was a fishing store or hunting and fishing that would do a lot of business and I would be a good customer because I love fishing.

I like the baitlake down the town beside the Dunboyne Road. Me and friends think it could be built up more and the builders could do more to it.

Bond Bridge can be done better because there has been a lot of crashes and pedestrian crashes there.

My estate is Meadowbrook Court. It has a stream and a little one at the top of the road. I'm not mad about the estate but it's okay. They are supposed to get rid of the stream but I don't care.

What I Like

I like quad bikes and dirt bikes, things like that driving around a muddy track at full speed and if I had a motorbike to go to school on it would have to be a Ducati bike fast and powerful.

All my friends and me like motorbikes and tuned up cars. In the future I would love a tuned up motorbike anddrive it around Europe.

When I have a job I would like to be a carpenter or professional rally driver, if I can't a professional angler.

Robert Hogan

Champions League

The Champions League starts in September and last until May. It is coming to a very crucial time because it is coming to the knockout stages where two games are played and if you lose in the final score of the two games you are knocked out. Real Madrid are the vfavourites to win it for a ninth time. Madrid are the holders. They have would it eight times. Man United and Arsenal are doing well and I fancy their chances. Newcastle I'd say have an outside chance but not a great one. Real Madrid have the best chance with good players such as Steve MacManaman, Louis Figo, Zeinimie Zidane and Roberto Carlos. Real Madrid have won it five times in a row in the late 50's and 60's. Juventus are another team doing well in the

Champions League with famous players Alexander DeiPiero and Gian Luca Buffon. it is a tournament to look forward to and it ends in May. I predict that Real Madrid will be in the final against Juventus. Another team doing well in the Champions League Inter Milan with such famous players as Hernand Crespo and so on and so on. I hope all the teams with so many good players do well but I am going to make a prediction right now that I think Real Madrid will be in the final against Juventus and I am looking forward when the final is going to be held in Old Trafford in manchester. It is an event to look forward to.

Sean Durack

Mavnooth

My name is Justin Cullinane and I live in Maynooth. Maynooth is a pretty big town and around ten thousand people live there. but it is probably the most boring town in I*reland, the only amusement is the bait lake but not everyone likes fishing.

Maynooth needs a public swimming pool, an arcade, a cinema, a quzzar, a bowling alley, a canoe club, a paintball arena, a big shopping centre with most of the above and a cart racing place.

Maynooth is also a very historical town and the other amusements could also attract attention to the historical sites like the castle and the two men who killed themselves in the same room after supposedly seeing the devil in the College.

Justin Cullinane

My Soccer Team

My soccer team is in the Dublin District Schoolboys League. We are an Under 11's team. There is about 11 teams in our league. We are an 11 a side team not a 7 a side one. We have great players that is why we are 3rd in the league. I will name 4 good teams in our league. Ratheny, Swords, Swords are top of our league and I will continue telling you the 2 other best teams Trinity and St. itis Portrane. They are brilliant teams in our league. We train on Wednesdays in the Mill in Celbridge. We have great fun. We also train on Sundays in the Dublin Road. Our kit is black and white and my crest is a picture of the Lyreen River and the bridge. Our manager is very good at managing us. Thanks to him and the performance of us we are third in the league. We have to pay 2 Euro for the referee to referee the match. We work together as a team should. I willname our best players. Adam Knop, William Donovan, Dean McAvinue, John Daly, Oliver McNutt, Conor Mahon, Conor O'Brien and Cian Taylor and myself.

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MAYNOOTH HILLWALKING CLUB

We hope all our reader have got over the Christmas and New Year by now and you are still keeping to your New Years resolutions. We have been busy since our last article was sent in for publication almost two months ago.

On the hiking front we completed a hike on Bull Island on Sunday December 1st. It was one of those days. Here we were at sea level in the middle of Dublin Bay and we had conditions which were comparable with some of the worst you could get in the mountains 1500 ft above sea level. Strong westerly winds were gusting with rain which was heavy at times. The wind blew across Dollymount Strand lifting sand particles as it travelled towards Howth. Unfortunately we were on its path and were manouvering through a sand storm something like you would expect to see in On Sunday 15th. We completed a moderate hike to Lugnquillia. This time there were prevailing winds from the north and north east for the previous ten days so there was a serious chill with low temperatures. For lunch we were dining on the top of Lugnaquillia in a temperature of minus 2 degrees with a further drop of about minus 8 degrees. We made it snappy and did not wait for dessert

On New Years Day we conducted an Easy hike along the canal from Clonsilla to Maynooth. Overnight and earlier in the morning there were rain showers. We hope it was this that kept the numbers low. Twelve attended and it was enjoyed by all. The conditions were perfect, not a drop of rain throughout.

Club members are now back in training mode twice a month to build up to attempt the mountain challenges during the year. Plans are afoot to attend such hillwalking challenges as the Blackstairs in May, the Galtees during the summer and the Glover Highlander mountain challenge in the environs of Errigal and Slieve Muckish in September. We are starting off at a gentle moderate pace to encourage our most recent

attendance. This is expected to increase as we are getting queries from other clubs and organisations. Our next Easy event will be on Sunday Feb 2nd. With an 8 Kms hike in the vicinity of Lough Dan and Lough

intake to prepare. Our first day out saw twelve in

Tay. Ascent will be in the region of 500 ft. For March 2nd. We plan an Easy hike on part of the Wicklow Way in the Dublin Mountains environs of Glencullan. This will be an 8 mile hike with ascent in the region of 700 ft.

For Feb and March '03 we have planned a number of Hard and Moderate hikes in the Wicklow mountain. Included in this is our annual weekend of hiking, this year in Glendalough area with an 8 mile night hike. We plan a different route to that covered last year. This is our first weekend event of the present membership year. Our second planned one will take place on the May bank holiday weekend with a trip to the mountains of Mourne. We will be conducting a series of hikes over this weekend covering all grades. Unfortunately it will be limited to club members, but if

you are interested in taking up this past-time why not consider joining soon.

What I am planning to do over the next few articles is to give a brief description of some of the areas we visit or plan to visit. You may be familiar with some of them, but perhaps the article may give you a different slant on it. I will occasionally throw in historical information.

The first such area I am going to cover is Glendalough (the Glen of Two Lakes), a Mecca for hillwalkers. Known the world over as an area connected with the 6th. Century St. Kevin and early Christianity in Ireland. this tiny village in Co Wicklow still display visible signs of the monastic settlements, some of which in various states of preservation and decay. The area also bears the scars of lead and zinc mining which occurred in the 19th century. The villages of Glendalough and Laragh lie at the junction of many valleys resultant after the big thaw at the end of the Ice Age. This area could equate with Cushendall / Glendun in the Glens of Antrim in terms of picturesque beauty, amenities and wildlife. Only two miles from the hotel in Glendalough you can be walking within yards of a herd of wild red deer and mountain goat grazing on the open mountainside below the manmade artificial lake at Turlough Hill. The village of Laragh is overshadowed by mountain known as Trooperstown. This area got its name from the 18th century when, during Crown Rule in Ireland the mountain was covered with tents which accommodated Red Coats whose function was to assist in keeping the Military Road, which passes through Laragh, open at a time when there was a drive to rid Wicklow of Irish Rebels. We will hear more on this in later articles. The area of Glendalough has come on a long way in the past number of years. It is a very popular family picnic area during the summer, it attracts tourists from all over the world throughout the year, it has ample B&B accommodation to cater for the visitor /rambler who wants to stay overnight. Present day forests of the area are mainly coniferous and pines, but in St. Kevins day this whole area as was most of Wicklow covered in dense natural woods. These were later stripped for their wood and the production of charcoal. There is an area of woodland the southern slope in the vicinity of St. Kevins Bed where native species of birch, rowan and oak still survive. The whole area around Glenalough is contained within the boundaries of the Wicklow Mountains National Park. There are number of exhibition halls and audio visual shows available to visitors who are interested in obtaining more information. During the summer months Duachas organise easy theme walks on weekdays with the area and are available to all. Details of these are available from Duachas.

For the next few months we will be restricted by reduced period of daylight. The majority of our activities will be close by. Activities conducted further afield will be restricted in length. Please note that weather conditions may restrict our activities.

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(Maynooth Hillwalking Contd.)

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 (in the region of 5 kms per hour). Only attempt our outings if you are consider yourself fit enough 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 cars. Please do not put the leader in the awkward position to have to turn away those who are not properly equipped orwhom he considers are not adequately fit for the event. We have had to refuse to take people in the past and if necessary will do so in the future. Our numbers are not sufficient to support bus transport to our activities so those attending will need transportation. Unless otherwise advised on particular events, out meeting point is in front of the Glenroyal Leisure Club and departures at 9 am. Sharp. There will be no waiting or delays.

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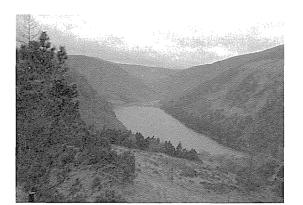
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Maynooth CIC bids farewell to Maisie who is returning to Australia to live





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Sport

Maynooth Town F. C. Notes

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Cams Heros' & Maynooth Town's Former Greats line out for a Charity soccer match on St Stephen's Day to raise funds for Maynooth's Senior Citizens. After a very enjoyable game watch by a large crowd 'The Former Greats' won after a penalty shootout. What started as 'a bit of a joke' ended up raising the serious sum of $\in 1750$.



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1-Dec-02	15,17,23,28	€ 3,475	GARRY GROARKE	STEPHEN CLEARY	MONA BYRNE		
8-Dec-02	4,10,19,22	€ 3,550	E. BYRNE	IMELDA DOWLING	BRENDAN NURNEY		
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Trees grow tall with little plight
Woodlands with creatures living free
Nature of this this is a precious sight
That brings fulfillment to me
Cattle thrive on the near bye hills
Feasting on grasslands in peace
Exploring many childhood thrills
Happy days I thought would never cease

I walk along windy roads so long
Nature and I feeling at its best
Their is a blackbird in song
Listening in harmony as I rest
I love to smell the wild briar rose
That brings enchantment to my day
Such scented aroma inhaled by nose
A beauty that words cannot fully say
Soon I reach another country town
With people living their routine way
Like a dream I walk around
Where in my mind I long to stay

I gaze at the mountains above me
A miraculous sight to the naked eye
Sometimes I wish I could fly away free
Just to explore its beauty and never die
Colourful landscapes all to be seen
EAch one unique with its surrounding view
My countryside is always in my dream
Where I was once reared and grew
I feel the atmosphere in my heart
Of my country culture so dear
It is of all this I never part
Forever I wish to be always there
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Farewell I say to you my friend
Now that you are passed away
My thoughts for you will never end
As we are all destined to meet some day
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A cry of want from a lonely heart Deep in passion with a love so pure This enchanting ecstacy that never will depart To achieve your dream a lot to endure I stare into this ladies lovable face Then sense the anguish her hearts desire A modern lady of the human race With a hot love just burning like fire Such joy of wealth this woman gives to me Enriches me with her beautiful wanting eyes A moment of intense pleasure for all to see Knowing that she is number one with all the boys I know her love will guide my way This love that will never falter or fall May her presence be forever more to stay To enrich our love forever more to call PATRICK MURRAY

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Lovers hold hands and flatter
Waiters deal with things that matter
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Babies fidget in their chair

Uncles Aunts and Mothers Sons Feasting on the tea and buns Now refreshed and on their way Taking on another day

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Poets Corner

That Time of Day

Slavonic music fills the air. a choir performs. a single voice, now softly, gently, rising, falling, deep rich notes. a mantra, harmonising, blending, coming in waves, little ripples, candles flicker, lights dim, seats are full, people stand, kneel, sit on stools, claustrophobia banished, beads clutched, watches, clocks, forgotten, a very special Lady in blue, pleaded for peace. pleads and pleads. Guitars are plucked. a surge of song. praying twice, the hour has gone. joy and sorrow, are handed over, the choir sings Alleluia.

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TO REMAIN SINGLE
AND DISAPPOINT A FEW WOMEN
FOR A TIME
OR MARRY
AND DISAPPOINT ONE WOMAN
FOR A LIFE TIME.

Apologies to Prince Hamlet, Hamlet (William Shakespeare)

To the future

Think not on yesterday, nor trouble borrow, Or what may be in store for you tomorrow.

But let today be your incessant care.
The past is past, Tomorrow's in the air.
Who gives today the best that in him lies
Will find the road that leads to clearer skies.

Anon.

WITH LOVE FROM WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE



ST. VALENTINES DAY

The bachelors excuse to his mates;
" when I said that I would die a bachelor,
I did not think I should live till I were married."
Benedick, Much ado about nothing

The proposal
" Our day of marriage shall be ours,
One feast, one house, one mutual happiness"
Valentine. Two Gentlemen of Verona

No Valentine card;
" such a February face,
So full of frost, of storm,and cloudliness"
Don Pedro, Much ado about nothing

But remember; "The course of true love never did run smooth"

Shakespeare said in his will in 1616 "I give to my wife my second best bed"
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General Tips

To avoid having to clean out a messy paste basin or bucket, put a plastic bag inside first, then discard after use. A paint roller is ideal for putting on paste.

Instead of breaking the seal on a new bottle of cooking oil, pierce a small hole in the lid. You can control the flow and won't use too much.

Stop your wheely bin freezing up on those cold, winter nights by placing a piece of cardboard just underneath the lid.

Don't throw away the greaseproof bags inside cereal packets. They make great lining for cake tins and they are ideal for storing food in the freezer.

Repotting plants? Slice old household and bath sponges into half-inch strips, place them at the bottom of the plant pot, adding compost, and stand it in a saucer of water. They'll now take in water more steadily.

Make a quick, delicious sorbet when guests come round by putting the contents of a tin of fruit through the blender, including the syrup. Once frozen, this is really refreshing.

Put a small handful of smooth pebbles into a pretty pottery dish to make an effective soap dish. The pebbles allow excess water to drain away.

When drilling holes into tiles, put a plaster over the desired spot and drill through it. This way the drill won't slip.

When you cook spaghetti for toddlers, break it into pieces beforehand. It's much easier than cutting it up when it's cooked.

If you don't have a proper grooming table for your pet, place a rubber bath mat on your table. It makes the pet feel more secure and is safer than a shiny surface.

Instead of using cream cleaner on the bubble glass in bathrooms, which may leave white powdery marks, use oven cleaner instead, and then wipe a damp cloth over it. The window will sparkle for weeks.

If you are moving home, mark the boxes for each room with a different coloured tape or marker. Put the corresponding colour on the handle of the room they're intended for and the removal men will know where each box goes.

To keep a picture hanging straight, place ball of blutak behind one or two corners.

Art History Lecture Series

Following the success of last years programme, Kildare Library and Art Service presents a series of lectures on art appreciation, which are of general interest to all, but particularly of interest to Leaving Certificate Art Students.

Maebh O'Regan, Ph D., lecturer in art history in the National College of Art and Design, presents a series of lectures examing European painting across the centuries, with diverse subjects from the role of the studio in the artist's work. 17th Century genre painting (particularly the work of Vermeer and Rembrant) to The Romantic Movement.

Meanwhile, Catriona Fallon, Visual Arts Programmer in Riverbank Arts Centre, examines Contemporary Irish Art.

Lorraine Daly

Maynooth Library				
Thurs 23rd January	The role of the studio in the artist's work			
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February murder – murder in Swords 1939

On February 6th 1939 a farmer living in Swords made a gruesome discovery. In 1939 Swords was a small village surrounded by farming land and nothing like the busy suburb thriving there now. Nicholas Lowndes was only 18 and he was driving his goats along the Brackenstown Road. Suddenly, he noticed a bundle on a side road, Windmill Lane, and he went to investigate. Quickly he realised that he had found the body of a murdered woman and he went for help. The time was 10.15 a.m.

He called to the house of Joseph Shields who lived close by and he told him to fetch the police. Soon the police and a doctor were attending the body and Dr. May discovered that the woman had been dead for 4 to 6 hours.

These events shocked the local community who were unused to murderous activity of this nature. The body was identified as that of Lily McEvoy, a single woman who lived alone in a one-roomed cottage. She was 56 years old and suffered four broken ribs and head injuries. She had died of shock and asphyxia. Apparently she was known as 'Lily Dotie' and had a reputation for bad temper and eccentricity. The coroner, Dr. J. P. Brennan, declared that she had been dead for 10 to 24 hours when he first examined the body. The coroner's jury brought in a verdict of wilful murder by a person or persons unknown.

But the identity of the killer was not unknown for long. There was talk in the village of two brothers who had been drunk on the day of the murder and there was a row between them and Lily McEvoy. The gardaí arrested one of these brothers on February 9th at 10 p. m. The local police had called in the CID in Dublin as soon as they realised that a murder had been committed. Two superintendents, Greaney and Reynolds were assigned to the case.

The man they arrested was Patrick Monaghan, a 30-year-old farm labourer who was unemployed at the time of the murder. He was married with three children and his wife was also pregnant. She was to deliver the child shortly afterwards while he was making his court appearances. At this stage it was evident that Monaghan was in deep trouble — he had been seen involved in a vicious argument with Lily McEvoy a few hours before the murder. Witnesses said that they had seen him assault her beside the church that afternoon and Patrick made matters worse by asking his brother Colum to lie for him.

Patrick Monaghan was seen wearing a leather coat when he committed the assault and a bloodstained belt found at the crime scene fitted this coat perfectly. Colum and himself were drinking heavily during that day and Patrick was seen heading for Lily McEvoy's home when Colum returned home. Neighbours testified that they heard a scream from her home later that evening and that there were sounds of a struggle. A further witness testified that he had seen Monaghan and Miss McEvoy argue at the church at midday. They

were arguing about a spilt bucket of water.

Another witness said that Monaghan had water on his clothes when he saw him and he said that Lily had thrown a bucket of water on him. He cycled away on his bicycle. They were arguing about rubbish that he claimed she had thrown in his garden! This appears to have been the bone of contention — that she persistently threw rubbish in his property and he was afraid of trouble with the local County Council. Patrick Monaghan insisted that he had not been near Windmill Lane in three years. But he also maintained that he no longer possessed the black leather coat, but he had been seen wearing it by many witnesses on that day.

Some of the neighbours testified as well; one man insisted that he heard an argument between Monaghan and Miss McEvoy but after hearing a struggle he ran away. He saw the body the following day but he ran away and simply went to work. Further testimony placed Monaghan, in his black coat, at the lane that evening. He had his bicycle with him again.

His brother Colum was questioned at the trial, he said that they walked home from the pub at 6.10 p.m. but when he, Colum, went home, Patrick went down the lane. A witness testified that he heard Colum and Patrick arguing later.

Footprints taken at the scene were said to match those of Monaghan, a plaster cast was taken at the time.

There was a rumour abounding that Miss McEvoy had been raped but this was rebutted in court. Neither the doctor nor the coroner had found sufficient evidence to this effect. Patrick Monaghan was committed to trial in the Central Criminal Court on May 15th and his brother gave further damning evidence against him. He said that he was wearing the black leather coat on the day in question.

During the trial there was detailed evidence given. The judge summed up in depth. He said that he did not believe that Monaghan intended to kill the victim but to rape her and that the crime could be reduced from murder to manslaughter only if the jury considered that he was not able to form the intention to kill or rape. This could occur due to the drink consumed.

When the jury returned after 4 hours and gave a guilty verdict Patrick Monaghan declared that he was innocent. He admitted that there had been a row and that he had lost his belt on the lane but that he did not murder her. But the judge sentenced him to death.

The defence lawyers were not prepared to let go. They asked for leave to appeal on the grounds that not all the evidence had been given in court. The application was rejected by the judge. The execution was set for July 4th but there were certain misgivings about the judgement. The authorities studied the case and Monaghan's sentence was commuted to life imprisonment. He was released in 1948 and he continued to maintain his innocence.

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Early Irish Society (Contd. from November Newsletter)

In the last article we looked at the practice of *athgabál* (literally 'taking back' but known as distraint) and how this was implemented. It was noted that there are regulations regarding the behaviour of various animals. We will examine some of these in this article. Animals can cause damage to either property or to humans. The law distinguishes between *ropchin* ('animal offence') and *duinechin* ('human offence'). For example, if a horse that has never been aggressive suddenly attacks a person, the owner is only liable for 'animal offence', but if the horse is known to be aggressive then it is a 'human offence'. The owner should have taken more care with the animal.

The animals that receive most attention in early Irish law are cows, sheep, oxen, pigs, horses, bees, cat and dogs. Some of these rituals seem quite strange in the 21st century. For example, if dry cows have committed an offence, the plaintiff must throw a stone over them three times in the presence of witnesses – the most common offence in the case of cattle was probably grazing-trespass. After 24 hours the plaintiff is entitled to take them to a pound and, after an unspecified period of time, they become forfeit if the fine is not paid.

Because animal trespass is so common, farmers had to take out a type of insurance in regard to their neighbours. This was called tairgille ('fore-pledge') and it guaranteed that a fine would be paid in the event of trespass. There is a specific law text dealing with neighbourhood and it deals with grazing-trespass. It says that the farmer should maintain his fences so that trespass cannot happen. There is extensive detail involved here regarding the amount of damage done and the time of the year. For example, if the trespass occurs in winter, obviously the grass does not re-grow as it would in summer. The victim of the trespass must take legal action before the grass grows again. The fine for trespass in winter is higher than in summer. Winter-trespass applies to the three months of winter and the first two months of spring. Summer-trespass is considered to cover the three months of summer and the three months of autumn. April is regarded for legal purposes as being the date at which the grass begins growing again. The 1st of November is the day on which growth stopped.

The fines are also dependant upon the quality of the land and the grazing that is involved in the action. The fine for trespass on preserved pasture is twice a much as when they trespass on aftergrass or moorland. Another consideration is the time of the day or night that the offence takes place. Therefore a fine for night trespass is higher because the cattle should be tied up at night.

Another consideration is the distance travelled by the offending animals; if they only cross two farms the fine is smaller than if they travel a longer distance – three or four holdings.

There are exemptions for fines. If cattle trespass when they are being chased by men or dogs there is no fine liable. This also applies if they are in heat or if there is an emergency, or they are frightened. This applies to fear of thunder and lightening for example.

There are regulations and fines for a farmer ignoring his wandering cattle or for driving cattle through a neighbour's land or secretive trespass.

In the case of pigs, they should be kept locked up at night and not allowed to stray. The fine is higher for night time straying of pigs as well as for sheep. They should be kept in a pen and horses should be properly tied up.

There are laws regarding the destruction of other crops apart from grass with the main emphasis on corn. Animals who are found eating corn are not to be killed but they are to be removed immediately from the area. The main offenders here are hens and if they are seen to be constant offenders they must wear a hood to stop them from re-offending. They also refer to pet fowl such as herons or ravens attacking the corn and horses that are also a threat to the crop.

There are not that many references to crop destruction in the saga material but one of the striking incidences in early Irish literature occurs in the story Scéla Eogain 7 Cormaic (The story of Eogan and Cormac). The sitting king of Tara, Lugaid Mac Con, gave a judgement between two women. The sheep of one woman trespassed into the land of another and ate the woad crop. The sheep had taken the leaves off the plants and Mac Con passed the following judgement: that the woman's sheep should be forfeit for the woad crop. Dramatically, the wall in Tara begins to fall down. Cormac, the king in waiting, corrects the judgement: the wool of the sheep should be given in compensation for the woad crop - both wool and woad will grow again. The wall at Tara stops falling and that wall is called the Cloenfherta ('crooked wall'). Cormac is adjudged king as Lugaid mac Con has demonstrated his falsehood and inability to rule. Fleeces are used as fines in the law tracts as well.

(Woad, *glaisen*, is a plant that is associated with the Celts. The women of the Celts used woad to paint their bodies and the word is associated with the word *glas* 'grey, green, blue'. It must have been a crop that was widely grown and they used it for dyeing. It is even mentioned in the *Cáin Lánamna* (The Law of Couples) where the divisions at divorce are outlined. The woman gets half the woad that has been dried. Woad could also dye to a pink colour after the blue dye-stuff had been squeezed out.)

Another element covered by the laws is the nature of injury that can be caused by the bull in particular. The *tarb* (bull) is seen as a very dangerous animal but there are certain incidences where the bull is exempt. For example there is no compensation when the bull is around cows in heat or when he is on loan to someone else. In some texts it is stated that a bull that is known to be fierce must be tied up.

The female of the species is generally regarded as

Features

(Early Irish Society Contd.)

being much less dangerous than the bull but even she is said to be liable to temperamental outbursts when she has given birth. Again she is exempt in this instance and no fine is outstanding. The owner is also exempt if a cow suddenly goes mad for no reason and without warning. Every attempt must be made to slaughter a mad cow and the neighbours must be told of the dangers.

In circumstances similar to our new laws on dog defecation and pooper-scoopers, there was a liability if an animal soiled the paved roads. There is also the case of cattle that graze without permission where a public gathering is to take place. The owner must stamp down the offending objects and cover the grass with rugs for the king to sit on and rushes for the rest of the people.

Finally there is the case of dog defecation on another's land. The dog owner must remove the faeces and replace the soil as well as giving the landowner the same weight of butter, curds and dough. Even the soil affected by the smell of the faeces must be removed. Taking into account that the smell from cat-excrement is even stronger, there is reference to a kitten soiling the rushes on the ground. (Contd. in the next issue)



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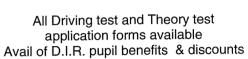
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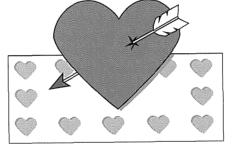
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Book Reviews

THE ELYSIUM TESTAMENT by Mary O'Donnell

On a number of scores Mary O' Donnell's novel would seem to be a turn-off. A woman comtemplating suicide is writing a long letter or "testament" to her estranged husband in which she tries to justify her life and, in particular her treatment of their extraordinary son, who is dead! Sounds depressing doesn't it? Well its not. In fact it's an engrossing read in which we are brought in touch with a highly perceptive, articulate persona that examines and dissects many of the preoccupations of our post-Christian era; the lasting influence of nuture on adult behaviour: the difficulties of parenting: infidelity within marriage; the conflict between the demands of art and the demands of family life; the battle of the sexes and, finally, the inescapable need for a supernatural dimension to existence. Here is a writer who lays bare her anguished awareness of the fragility of beauty and happiness, the emotional betrayals we are all guilty of and the irreplaceable losses that must be endured in a world seemingly indifferent to human suffering.

Nina, the heroine, is an interior decorator who is restoring a Georgian grotto with the help of her lover. Ciaran, a victim of Northern Ireland Violence, while her dentist husband, Neil, is carrying on an affair with Nessa, his dental hygenist. Nina and Neil have two children; Elinore, a bright, confident teenager, and Roland, a strange boy that Nina strives to accept and love, though she went to London intending to have an abortion before he was born, occasionally beats him when he displays disquieting powers and finally blames herself for his untimely death. While the demands of space preclude an examination of the multifaceted relationship between mother and son, a dominant feature is undoubedly the way in which the mothers absorption in her work(Writers beware) leaves little time for parenting, a task which falls to the increasingly critical Elinore. The infinite pains Nina takes over mortars, shells and stalactites is a perfect metahor for the demanding nature of artistic creation. while the grotto restoration is given a historical dimension by references to the building of such follies as the obelisk at Castletown and the shell cottage at Carton. In fact the way in which O' Donnell merges the local with the universal is one of the delights of this book, as is her effortless blending of the physical and spiritual, the commonplace and the paranormal(Is this Magic Realism)?

But it is the boy Roland that embodies the central concern of the novelist. Does he possess supernatural powers or is there a natural explanation such as epilepsy for his extraordinary behaviour? Is Nina responsible for his unhappiness or is this an unavoidable product of his genetic hertage? One thingis certain, Roland is a source of guilt and exasperation for Nina, a guilt she must expiate if she is to go on living. The testament is her way of examining her life and facing her demons. And the denouement

while unexpected is a logical outcome of all that has preceded it, a proof of the enduring need for Christian ritual in an age of disbelief.

Finally, there is the language, the vivid, crystal clear English of a first rate poet. O'Donnell's abilty to capture commonplace experience is impressive:

"The pool was deserted, silent save for the glugging of green water into the overflow holes, and the squabbling of jackdaws outside. My heels cracked and my toes clung to the board, tense as a hen's claws"

Read this book. If it does not have pat answers for the great questions of existence, it will deepen your understanding of where we are now, at the start of the of the third millennium, in this angst-ridden, changing world.

Patrick Devaney

The Outsider by Penelope Williamson

With St. Valentines day, around the corner, this month I've picked a romance. I have read only 2 books by Penelope Williamson, "The Heart of the West" and "The Outsider", two of the most wonderful romances. full of passion and adventure.

Rachel Yoder is a young widow with a son, who lives in a very close knit community. She is a plain woman, of the plain people, who avoid the outside world and all its tempetations. Her husband has been dead a year, murdered by the local big rancher, for cattle

Rachel runs her sheep farm, with her son, and one cold winters day, Johnny Cain comes into their lives. Very badly wounded, Rachel gets him into her home, when she and the local doctor nurses him back to health.

The local community are not very happy with the "Outsider", and they want him on his way. Rachel has to face their hostility, and the Rancher who wants her off her land. Slowly Rachel and Johnny are drawn together, and Rachel has to choose between the love of her friends and neighbours or the love of the gunfighter Johnny Cain.

Her decision made stradgy strikes. Will Johnny and Rachel ever share a life together, or is their love for each other a mistake.

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GARDENING TIPS



There are times during the month of February when one can sense that spring is in the air with the apperance of Snowdrops, Crocus, and Honeysuckle with its scented creamy white flowers. Despite its reputation as a rainy month, February usually has more dry days than wet. The days have steadily begun to lengthen and the extra light - and sometimes warmth - will start plants into growth towards the end of the month.

The Flower Garden

Lawns may need topping, no more, on mild day when the soil is not waterlogged or frozen. If it is wet, spiking to a 4 - in dept with a garden fork is better treatment for the turf, and gives the grass roots a chance to breathe; later in the month worm casts may need sweeping off with a stiff broom. In sheltered places roses showing signs of breaking into leaf should be pruned quickly before they do; this applies of course to the hybrid teas and floribundas, and those climbers not yet cut back. Clematis, similarly, may actually be bursting. The early summer flowering varieties should be tipped back only, the late summer flowering kinds need cutting back hard to leave 3,4, or 5 ft of growth from ground level. They grow exceedingly vigorously over the next four months and such hybrids as the blue-purple C. jackmanii, pink' Hagley Hybrid', Etoile Violette' and white 'Huldine' relish such treatment and reward it with an abundance of flower. Keep a vigilant eye out for budpecking, wind rocking, back stripping and unsteady shrub and tree supports. After gales. stakes and ties may need to be renewed, especially in exposed gardens. Be sure to firm the soil around wind-rocked plants.

Throughout the garden weeds may be starting to grow. Hoe them off or otherwise eradicate them before they get into their stride - it is so much easier to do and quicker, when they are at the seedling stage, or when they have only a weak winter hold on the soil. In the growing season it sometimes takes all ones' strength to detach a well-grown weed from the ground.

Very cold snaps are a seasonal dismay and the temperature may fall to 20 or 30f (10 or 15c) below freezing, quite unexpectedly, so listen to weather forecasts, follow your own knowledge and experience of local weather conditions, and prepare to increase the greenhouse heat accordingly. Many precious plants are lost by just one night's cold. But unless this kind of Arctic climate is expected, always ventilate the greenhouse, so that grey mould does not ravage the plants and be ready to spray if troubles appear.

The Vegetable Garden

Vegetables are an essential constituent of diet; homegrown ones are much better than shop sold (or soiled) ones for flavour and nutrient content, crispness and

general deliciousness. Sowing vegetable seed now will give crops much earlier than usual; for instance, French beans, Brussels sprouts, cucumbers, carrots, radishes, tomatoes, leeks and lettuces, cauliflowers and broad beans will all germinate well in a temperature of 60f (16c) and more. Unusual vegetables are well worth considering; for instance, celeriac seed can be sown inside, and Jerusalem artichokes and garlic can be planted in sheltered places.

House Plants

Don't forget to keep an eye on those houseplants received during the Christmas period. Theirs is often a perilous life as they can be left roasting near a radiator or on a television set. Alternatively they can die from the cold, left to freeze on window between the glass and drawn curtains. And if they are lucky to escape these fates they can often die from drowning through over-zealous watering. So if you want to hold on to your house plants for as long as possible, keep them at an even temperture, out of draughts in reasonable light and water sparingly. In addition, follow any special instructions that may be provided with your particular plant.

Sowing Seeds

Many seed catalogues are now on offer through the daily or Sunday newspapers and now is the time to be making plans for sowing seeds. Some of the earliest kinds should already have been sown and many others will be sown during the next few months. You will find much to empty you in the seed catalogues and the choice of seed is much greater than that available in most seed shops. If you do not want the bother of sowing seeds, many catalogues now offer young plants as well.

Some February Plants in Flower and Vegetables in Season

The Flower Garden

Aconite
Christmas Rose
Crocus
Cyclamen
Iris
Snowdrop

The Ornamental Garden

Clematis cirrhosa
Dogwood
Daphne nezereum
Witch Hazel
Honeysuckle
Magnolia Viburnum

Vegetables in Season

Artichoke, Jerusalem Brussel sprouts Cabbage

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Maher School of Irish Dancing

Background Information on the School

The Maher School of Irish Dancing was founded in Maynooth, Co. Kildare, Ireland in 1978. The ethos of the school is to instill in the children an understanding and love of Irish culture and in particularthe art form of Irish Dancing. The school has also enjoyed much success on the competitive front and has brought back All Ireland and Leinster championship honours to Maynooth. They have also travelled throughout England and Scotland on many occasions.

As part of the school's 25 years celebrations, dancers from the school will visit Florida, USA in March 2003 for St. Patrick's Day. This will be the first time that Dancers from Maynooth will represent the town and indeed, Ireland in the Florida St. Patrick's Day celebrations. Naturally, we are delighted to have this opportunity to take part and we extremely proud that the dancers are been afforded this chance of a lifetime to go to America and represent their town county and country.

Catherine Maher TCRG, ADCRG

Maynooth Flower & Garden Club

At our A.G.M in October the following were elected as officies and committee for 2003.

President - Felicity Satchwell.

Chairwoman - Imelda Desmond.

Vice Chair - Mary Cleary.

Honour. Secretary - Marguerite O'Brien.

Assistant Secretary - Felicity Satchwell.

Honour. Treasurer - Mary Mc Inerney.

Assistant Treasurer - Ann Weller.

Competition Secretery - Mary Doyle.

Library - Sarah Angel.

Sales Table - Carmel Owens, Eileen Burns.

Charity Table - Maureen Fagan.

Plant Sales -Amanda Harris.

Tea Hostess - Ann Mc Stravick, Rosemary Smyth.

Raffle - Tara Mc Keirnan.

P.R.O - Moire Baxter.

The Committee has members from Maynooth, Leixlip, Celbridge, Clane, Kilcock and Enfield and we always welcome new people from surrounding areas to attend our monthly meetings. Next meeting will be on 18th Feburary in Loftus Hall, St. Patricks College at 8p.m

The demonstrator for that evening is the very talented Mary Calnan from Doddervale Flower Club.

Mary will give new ideas ways to use "Spring Flowers" in our homes.

Members Competition is -

"Spring " a landscape exhibit. Plant Competition - 6 Snowdrops.

Look forward to meeting old and new friends on 18th.

Moira Baxter P. R. O.

Maynooth Newsletter

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

Any of the above can be submitted to our office

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Citizen's Information Centre.

Question

I understand that the income thresholds for the Family Income Supplement have been increased. Can you please give details?

Answer

Family Income Supplement (FIS) is a weekly payment for families, including lone parent families, at work on low pay. To be eliqible:

- You must be working 19 or more hours per week (38 hours a fortnight) and the work must be expected to last for at least 3 months. (Back to Work Allowance, Job Initiative, Social Economy Programme and Part-time Job incentive are eligible for (FIS) Where your spouse/partner is also working your working hours can be combined in order to satisfy this condition.
- You must have one or more children (under age 18, or aged 18 to 22 in full time education) living with you and you must be supporting them.
- Your average weekly family income must be below the appropriate income limit for your family size. Assessable income is net family income (i.e. gross pay less tax, PRSI, Health Contribution, Superannuation). It includes most social welfare payments (not Child Benefit).

As of January, 2003 the weekly income limit is increased by 17. The new weekly limits are as follows:

Family Size	Income Limit
1 child	379
2 children	405
3 children	430
4 children	455
5 children	487
6 children	513
7 children	534
8 children or more	556

FIS is calculated as 60% of the difference between your average weekly family income limit for your family size. It is paid for 52 weeks while you remain employed for at least 19 hours per week (38 hours a fortnight) At the end of the 52 weeks you should reapply if you think, you are still eligible. Claim forms are available from your local Welfare Office.

Further Informatione available at 01-6285477.

Question

I have been on Unemployment Assistance for two years. Am I eligible for the Back to Work Allowance (BTWA) scheme operate by the Department of Social and Family Affairs?

Answer

Up to recently providing your weekly rate of Unemployment Assistance was above a certain level you would have qualified. Following a change in the eligibility criteria, however, unless you have been unemployed for five years or more you are not eligible for the scheme.



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Among those who are eligible for the BTWA and remain eligible following the change are those in receipt of Disability Allowance, Invalidity Pension, Blind Person's Pension, One Parent Family Payment, Unemlpoyability Supplement, Pre-Retirement Allowance, Widow's/Widower's (Non-Contributory) Pension, Deserted Wife's Benefit or Allowance, Prisoner's Wife's Allowance or Carer's Allowance for at least 15 months (12 months if you are aged 50 or over) and those in receipt of Disability Benefit for three years or more.

Previously, if you were aged 23 or over and were unemployed for 15 months (12 months if aged 50 or over) and had an entitlement to Unemployment Assistance at a weekly rate of at least \in 50.79 (single person or \in 78.72 (if married or cohabiting) you were eligible for the BWTA scheme. As of January 2003 you must have been unemployed or more in order to be eligible.

Under the Back to Work Allowance (BTWA) scheme you can work and retain a percentage of your social welfare payment. You will be paid 75% of your payment for the first year, 50% in the second year and 25% in the third year.

You will retain any secondary benefits, such as Fuel Allowance, for the three years provided that your gross houshold income is less than ∈317.43 per week. (The BTWA and Family Income Supplement is not taken into account for the ∈317.43 income limit). Your Rent/ Mortgage Interest Supplement will also be paid on a reducing scale over 4 years: 75% in year 1, 50% in year 2, 25% in years 3 and 4. The BTWA is not subject to income tax or PRSI deductions.

For further information teleophone Citizens Information Centre @ 01-6285477.

Question

My mother is aged 74 and she is living in a Nursing Home. She uses the telephone quite frequently to contact family and friends. Is there any assistance available towards the cost of the telephone bills?

Answer

Assistance may be available under the Household Benefits Package operated by the Department of Social and Family Affairs. Following the recent budget changes, those aged 70 or over living in a Nursing Home are now eligible for a telephone allowance even though the accommodation is not self-contained, providing the telephone account is in their name.

There are three allowances available under the Household Benefits Package: Free Television Licence, Electricity/Gas Allowance and Telephone Allowance. The Telephone Allowance. The Telephone Allowance scheme provides a payment towards your telephone bill from Eircom. The allowance covers the basic line/equipment rental charges and up to €2.42 (plus VAT) towards your telephone calls per two-month billing period.



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Among those who are aligible for the Household Benefits Package are:

- Those in receipt of a Carer's Allowance
- Those under the age of 70 in receipt of a qualifying payment such as, Old Age Pension, One-Parent Family Payment, Widow's/Widower's Pension or Disability Allowance, and are living alone or with certain excepted persons
- Those aged between 66 and 69 who satisfy a means test and are living alone or only with certain excepted persons.

To be eligible you have to be the registered consumer/account holder and you cannot be living in a Nursing/Retirement Home. From January 2003, however, the Telephone Allowance has been extended to those aged 70 or over, residing in Nursing/Retirement Homes provided they have their own telephone account.

Further information available from Citizen Information Centre @ 01-6285477.

Question

I believe there has been an increase in the charges for accommodation in public hospitals. Can you please give the new rates?

Answer

You are correct. From 1st January, 2003 the charge for in-patient services in a public ward has increased by 11% from \in 36 to \in 40 a day (subject to a maximum of \in 400, i.e. 10 days, in any 12 month period). If you are in two or more hospitals in the course of the year and y our stay exceeds 10 days in hospital you should bring this to the attention of the last hospital you attend.

Everyone is entitled to public in-patient services regardless of their income but subject to the statutory charge mentioned above. There are number of groups who do not have to pay the statutory charge including medical card holders, women receiving maternity services, children up to the age of 6 weeks, children suffering from prescribed long-term illnesses, children referred from health clinics and school examinations and people receiving treatment for long-term infectious diseases. In cases of undue hardship a Health Board may provide the service free of charge.

There has also been an increase of 10% in the charges for certain categories of private and semi-private accommodation. The new daily rates, with the old rates in brackets, are as follows:

Hospital Category	Private	Semi-private	Day-care
Health Board Regional Hospitals Voluntary and Joint Board Teaching Hospitals	∈332 (∈301.97 old rate)	∈260 (∈236.12 old rate)	∈239 (∈216.83 old rate)
Health Board County Hospitals Voluntary Non-Teaching Hospitals	∈276 (∈250.57 old rate)	∈ 223 (∈ 202.39 old rate)	∈ 198 (∈ 179.89 old rate)
Health Board District Hospitals	∈ 156 (∈ 155.79 old rate)	∈133 (∈133.32 old rate)	∈116 (∈115.64 old rate)

These charges are additional to the public hospital statutory in-patient charge given above.

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Maynooth Golf Society

Our last outing was held on the 30th November 2002 at Carton Golf Club and it was in aid of Maynooth Senior Citizens. The outing was sponsored by Declan Kennedy of Brady's Clock House. Amount collected and donated was \in 2187.00.

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5th	Steve Greenwood		34	pts I	d
6th	John Byrne		34	pts	
7th	John Tiernan		33	pts I	В
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Back 9	Sam Feeney	18 pts	;		
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Maynooth Irish Countrywomen's Association

The Maynooth guild of the Irish Countrywomen's Accociation met at the ICA Hall Maynooth Harbour. The president warmly welcomed two new members. Several were absent owing to holidays or illness, so we shall meet them at the February 2003 meeting. Grainne Dempsey, an alternative medicine practitioner, who will hold an open evening in the old school in Dunboyne in early February, explained biogeneral healing.

Enthusiasts look forward to Mondays with Eileen Flynn, the new Craft Promoter. Badminton continues on Mondays and Thursdays. A date for the Birds Eye quiz will be announced at the next meeting. The Federation Dinner is arranged for the last day in February. The notice given by ICA Central Office to members about a trip in early March, with MEP Avril Doyle, to Brussels and Amsterdam was totally inadequate since the trip had to be paid for within twenty hours.

Winners of the competition for homemade mince pies (with home-made mince) were Betty Farrell, Rosemary Hanley and Mairead Scanlon. Other winners were Teresa Corcoran, Eileen Flynn, Angela Galligan and Mary O'Gorman.

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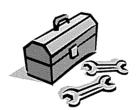
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The Maynooth Geraldine Festival

The first meeting of this committee took place on Thursday 16th January. Two members of the Special Olympics committee also attended. The new chairman of the committee is Andrew McMullon. The agreed dates will be Wednesday 25th June to Sunday 29th June. The usual events will take place, Wednesday a Table Quiz with venue to be arranged. The popular Barperson of the Year will also take place. The 7-a-side football will be organised by J. McGinley again this year and it is hoped that the Old Folk's Night will be re-instated along with the poetry and music night. Among other events considered were: barges on the canal and the steam train coming through, the Carnival in the field, an art exhibition, treasure hunt on bicycles for children and parents, walking event, go-carting, steam engines, Mr and Mrs competition, Person of the year, duck races, Kayaking, a Gymkhana.

Another idea suggested was to organise a children's photography and writing competition through the Newsletter, to be launched at the festival, with a view to publishing a book next year at the festival with the best entries.

We would like the opinions of our readers and we have provided a survey form for you to fill. This would be of great benefit to our committee members in planning the events and we would be very grateful if you would fill this form for us and return to our office at Unit 5. Newtown Shopping Centre, Beaufield.

SURVEY FORM

Respondents are asked to express interest under the categories below in the following

	events		
Event	very interested	interested	not really interested
7-a-side soccer tournament			
Poetry reading and music night			
Old Folks night			
Go-carting			
Art Exhibition			
Table Quiz			
Mr and Mrs			
Barges on Canal			
Steam Train			
Carnival			
Treasure hunt on bicycles (children and parents)			
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Maynooth Tidy Towns

As you already know Maynooth will be playing host to Brazil and a number of other delegations for the Special Olympics this year.

Maynooth Tidy Towns is committed to work with the local committee in dealing with improving the image of the town. While Special are specialising on flowers and bunting we are dealing with the underlying state of the town. As a way of prioritising the tasks that need to be undertaken between now and May, we have listed the top 30 tasks that need to be addressed.

No	Details	What needs to be done	By date
1	Weeds on verge of Straffan Road (EG. Outside Carton Court estate)	Cleared away and sprayed	1/4/'03
2	Triangle area at the corner of the Celbridge Road/ Straffan Road at traffic lights	Cleared away and planted	1/5/'03
3	Area of trees behind Straffan Road wall bordering the Harbour Field near bus turning point	Litter Cleaned up	25/5/'03
4	Graffiti on road signs up at the motorway junctions/ around the town	Cleaned	1/5/'03
5	Litter in the Harbour area	Regular Clean up	25/5/'03
6	Geraldine Hall and Grounds	Cleared up	1/5/'03
7	Curate' House and Grounds	Cleared up	1/5/'03
8	Weeds and litter in the Railway station	Cleaned up	15/5/'03
9	Black and yellow railings in the station need painting	Painted	1/5/'03
10	Old Straffan Road walkway	Cleared up	15/5/'03
11	Carton Avenue entrance	Cleared up	1/5/'03
	The Mart and especially the verge outside where the Special Olympics sign is	Cut and Cleared	1/5/'03
13	Ground around Maynooth sign near Westside waste	Cleared and cut	1/5/'03
14	Weeds in side streets off Main Street	Cleared up	15/5/'03
15	Dirty(blue) litter bins that need to be cleaned	Cleaned	1/5/'03
	Moss gathering on the paving stones in the Square	Cleared up	1/5/'03
17	Grease and oil spills on Main Street footpath particularly near fast food outlets and Taxi offices	Cleaned up	1/5/'03
18	Paint worn off cycle path etc on Main Street	Repainted	1/5/'03
19	Litter stuffed in between the timber seats in Main street (Should be removed)	Cleaned up	15/5/'03
20	Weeds at base of trees in Main Street	Cleaned up	1/5/'03
21	Badly kept road verge to the Maynooth sign on the Convent Lane/Dunboyne Road area	Cleared and cut	1/5/'03
22		Cleared and cut	1/5/'03
	Kavanagh's Mill (particularly a close up of the mill building as distinct from the offices)	Boarded up	1/5/'03
	Litter in grass verge along Moyglare Road	Cleared up	15/5/'03
	Signage poles in Mill Street and elsewhere showing the paint chipping off them	Repainted	1/5/'03
	Area outside the castle where the grass is all torn up	re-seeded and protected	1/5/'03
	Weeds on the Rathcoffey Road verge/Parson Street	cleared and sprayed	1/4/'03
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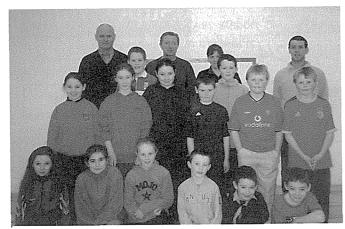
The Junior Christmas Tournament took place on Wednesday evening 18th December. A total of twenty two players took part and we had a first class tournament.

The winners of Group A were: Emmanuel Ali and Ellen Stack, who beat Barry O'Regan and Hughie Flaherty.

The winners of Group B were: Roisin Gorey and Charles Byrne, who beat Garreth Corcoran and Stephen Sheeran.

Medals were presented by Eamon Gorey, Tony Fingleton and Declan Quigley who coached the children during the year.

The parents were there in numbers to support the children and some of the adults sampled the court the previous evening and the children were delighted to see their parents in action.



Christmas 2002 Handball Tournament Participants



The 23rd International McGee Handball Tournament took place in Newport, Co. Mayo, at the end of August. for the first time, **Tony Fingleton, Niall Leavy** and **Declan Quigley** decided to take part. It was wonderful to see them bring back three lovely pieces of Galway Crystal. Congratulations and more of the same next time.



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Party Political

Maynooth Labour News







Cllr. John McGinley

Major Development Proposed for Moyglare Road, Maynooth

Planning permission was sought by Mycete Construction on 20 December, File No. 02/2491, for 538 residential dwelling units, three local shops, creche etc. on Sactchwells land on the Moyglare Road, Maynooth. Cllr. John McGinley has asked that the File be listed on the Agenda for the Leixlip Area Committee on 17 January. John has sought confirmation on the following:

- Is the planning application in compliance with Clause 3.8.1.T1.3 of the Maynooth Development Plan? i.e. It is the objective of the Council to protect the route of the new road between Moyglare Road and the Meath County Boundary. "No new development will be permitted on lands zoned "New Residential" in Mariaville (off the Moyglare Road) pending the completion of this road. Vehicular access from lands zoned for "New Residential" in this area will only be permitted to access onto the new road, not the Moyglare Rd. Pedestrian and cyclist access from the new development onto the Moyglare Rd. will be permitted however".
- Will development levies be imposed to enable Meath County Council to upgrade their section of the road to Kildare Bridge?
- Will development levies be imposed under Section 49 of the 2000 Planning & Development Act to help fund the proposed North Kildare Swimming Pool Complex?
- Are development levies being imposed to help fund other major infrastructure in Maynooth e.g. Bond Bridge, Ring Road from Blacklion to Straffan Road?
- 5 Are the Residential Design Standards in accordance with Clause 4.2 of the Maynooth Development Plan?
- Has the "Community Gain" 18 acres been handed over to the GAA and the Schools?
- 7 How is the 20% Social and Affordable Housing being addressed?
- Is a Children's Playground being provided in line with Clause 2.3 of the Maynooth Development Plan and in line with Council Policy following the passing of Cllr. John McGinley's motion at the Meeting of the Council on 21 October 2002?

Unless Cllr. John McGinley gets satisfactory answers to these questions he will be proposing that the application be rejected at the Area Meeting on 17 January.

Meadowbrook Link Road/Bond Bridge

Meadowbrook Link Road: Tender enquiry documents were published on 18 November and tenders were due back from contractors on 16 December.

Bond Bridge Culvert Scheme: Tender enquiry documents were published on 22 November and tenders were due back from contractors 16 December.

Bond Bridge Construction Project: Tender enquiry documents are due to issue in early January.

It is the Councils intention to begin work on the Link Road and the Culvert Scheme next April/May and on the Bridge Construction Project next June/July.

Barrett's Roundabout on Straffan Road/M4

Following representations from members of Maynooth Community Council, Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

"That the fence, on the approach to Barrett's Roundabout, coming from Maynooth, be replaced with low wooden bollards, in order to improve visibility for drivers coming off the slipway from the M4"

Party Political

(Maynooth Labour Notes Contd.)

Yellow Boxes for Main Street and Mill Street

Following representations from Lyreen Residents' Association, Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

"That yellow boxes be put in place at Buckleys Lane/ Main Street junction and at Mill Street/Pound Lane junction, Maynooth".

It is disappointing that the quality of driving has become so bad that it is found necessary to put yellow boxes at practically every junction. Yellow boxes were introduced initially to get the bad drivers to do what the good drivers do all time. And even this is failing, witness the yellow box at the exit from the Greenfield Shopping Centre on permission for 128 two bedroomed apartments in two the Straffan Road.

Taking Housing Estates in Charge

Cllr. John McGinley's motion "That the Council take-incharge the following housing estates in Maynooth without any further delay: Castledawson, Moyglare Abbey and Moyglare Village. Furthermore, that a report outlining the steps taken so far and outlining obstacles, if any, to taking these estates in charge be presented to the Area Committee" was considered at the Area Meeting on 6 December. The Planner present advised Cllr. McGinley that he would have the report ready for the Area Meeting on 17 January.

Safety Measures Required on Celbridge Road, Maynooth

Following representations from Rockfield Residents' Association, Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

"That the following works be carried out on the Celbridge Road. Maynooth in order to improve safety for pedestrians:

- Erect traffic route standard public lighting from the Gael Scoil to the junction with the Straffan Road (the civil works for the lighting was carried out 18 months ago when the new footpath was constructed).
- Lay a footpath from the corner on the Railpark side, opposite the Maxol Station, to the bus stop at Railpark (50m length).
- Extend the footpath on the Laurence Avenue side down to the Straffan Road junction.
- Erect Barriers at the pedestrian exit from the Maxol Station and at the pedestrian exit directly opposite at Railpark, in order to prevent children from running directly on to the road.
- Trim the trees at the junction of the Celbridge Road/Straffan Road junction from top to bottom in order to increase the amount of light. (They were trimmed at road level last September).

Westside Waste, Leixlip Road, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley asked, at the December Area Committee Meeting, for a report to be presented to the January Meeting of the Area Committee on how the Council propose to encourage Westside Waste to relocate in accordance with Clause 3.2.6 of the Maynooth Development Plan.

Appeal lodged in relation to Three Storey development on Nun's Field

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John Mc Ginley have lodged observations with An Bord Pleanala following the appeal by Glenmoy Developments Limited against Kildare Co. Council's decision to refuse planning and three storey buildings at Dillons Row, Maynooth, on lands formerly known as the Nun's Field.

38 of the dwellings are to be provided in 3 two storey blocks of which two are to the rear and side of the existing senior citizens bungalows at Nagle Court. In their appeal the developers state that the second storey of these blocks will contain bedrooms and that this does not cause a problem of overlooking. They also suggest that they would move the block at the rear eastwards away from the senior citizens bungalows. Deputy Stagg and Cllr. Mc Ginley have called on An Bord Pleanala to insist that these buildings be reduced to one storey to prevent overlooking of the senior citizens bungalows.

Two three storey blocks are proposed which will overlook Pebble Hill Housing Estate and the Presentation School. The appellants intend to partially reduce the block overlooking Pebble Hill and state that the three storey block overlooking the school is complimentary to the Presentation Convent. Deputy Stagg and Cllr. Mc Ginley have indicated that these blocks should be reduced to two storey to prevent overlooking and to also ensure that the three storey element is not an imposing feature when viewed from Carton Avenue. They also state that the Presentation Convent is a considerable distance from the three storey block and as such could not be described as complimentary to the old Presentation Convent (Now Charter House).

Deputy Stagg and Cllr. Mc Ginley also criticised the large number of same type apartments proposed (all 2 bedroom). If An Bord Pleanala were to allow them to be built in this old residential area it would not benefit the local community as those residing in such apartments tend to be very mobile and do not get involved in local community affairs. The provision of a mix of standard housing with apartments would give some balance to these proposals.

Deputy Stagg and Cllr. Mc Ginley are hopeful that Glenmov Development Limited's appeal will be rejected by An Bord Pleanala.



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Party Political

(Maynooth Labour Party Notes Contd.)

Objection to Four Storey proposals for old Pitch and **Putt Course**

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John Mc Ginley have lodged objections to the proposal by Tony & Tom Bean to develop 137 apartments in 4 storey blocks and 11 two Deputy Stagg will continue to apply pressure on the storey plus attic houses on the old Pitch and Putt Minister in relation to the provision of a permanent Course on Dunboyne Road, Maynooth.

Of the 137 apartments proposed, 126 of them are two bedroomed. Deputy Stagg and Cllr. Mc Ginley are concerned that the large number of two bedroomed apartments are for starter accommodation and student accommodation. Because of the mobile nature of such occupants no sense of community will be created and this will be detrimental to existing nearby residents and to the proposed occupiers of the apartments. Such residents tend not to get involved in local community affairs which is essential in creating sustainable development. The proposal does not include a strong mix of house types which is required under the Maynooth Development Plan 2002 (See also Nun's Field Proposal).

The density of the proposal is also of concern as at 29 dwelling units to the acre it is excessive when compared with existing nearby densities of 6 dwellings to the acre. Two of the four storey blocks will cause major disruption to residents in Leinster Cottages by blocking a view of the Lyreen River which has existed for about 200 years and also because these buildings will overlook the rear gardens of these cottages. Deputy Stagg and Cllr. Mc Ginley have called on the Council to ensure that these blocks are removed completely from the proposal.

Finally The Green or Pound Park is a passive recreation area which borders the subject site. Deputy Stagg and Cllr. Mc Ginley feel that the four storey buildings as viewed from this Public Area will be visually obtrusive as the height of the buildings will dominate the skyline.

Deputy Stagg and Cllr. Mc Ginley have called on Kildare Co. Council to comprehensively reject this planning application.

Permanent Building Project for Maynooth Gaelscoil dropped by Government

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Education in relation to progressing the Building Project for Gaelscoil Ui Fhiaich, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

The Minister in his response indicated that 'in view of the current financial situation, my Department will not be in a position to start architectural planning for a major building project at Gaelscoil Ui Fhiaich in the forseeable future'.

The Ministers comments consign the provision of a Permanent School Building for the School to the dustbin and it will be years down the road before any provision

is made. This is simply unacceptable and gives no hope to the pupils, teachers and parents involved with the school.

The prefabricated buildings on the Celbridge Road, Maynooth, at the school site are fairly new but the Minister must realise that they are only a temporary measure to get the school up and running.

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RECENT DEATH

Murray Thomas Edward (The Big T)

Brisbane Australia, formerly of Dublin Road, Maynooth, passed away on 9th January 2003. Age 79 of beloved husband of Oonagh, much loved father of Adrian, Tosh, Noel, Lenny and Micca, loved and respected father in law, grandfather, sadly missed by all family and friends.

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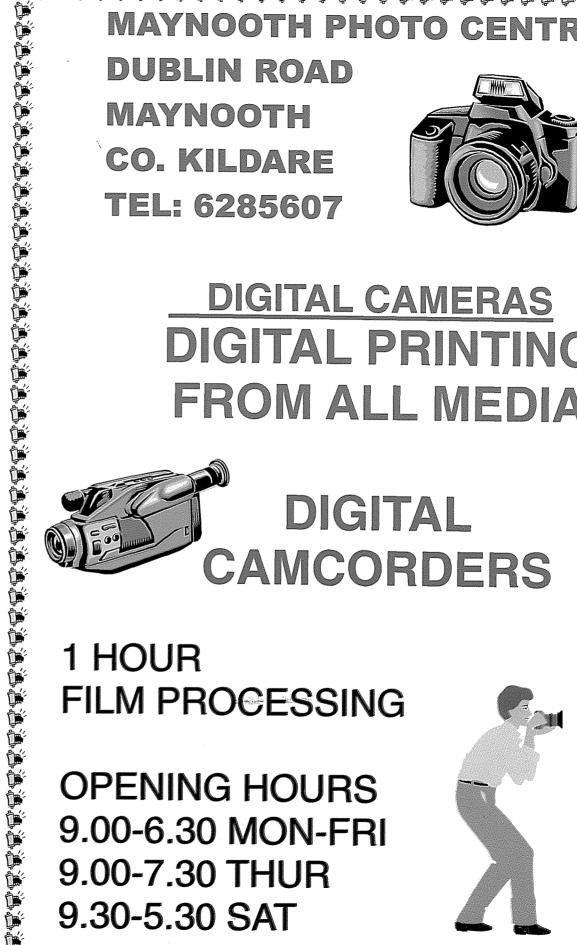
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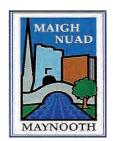
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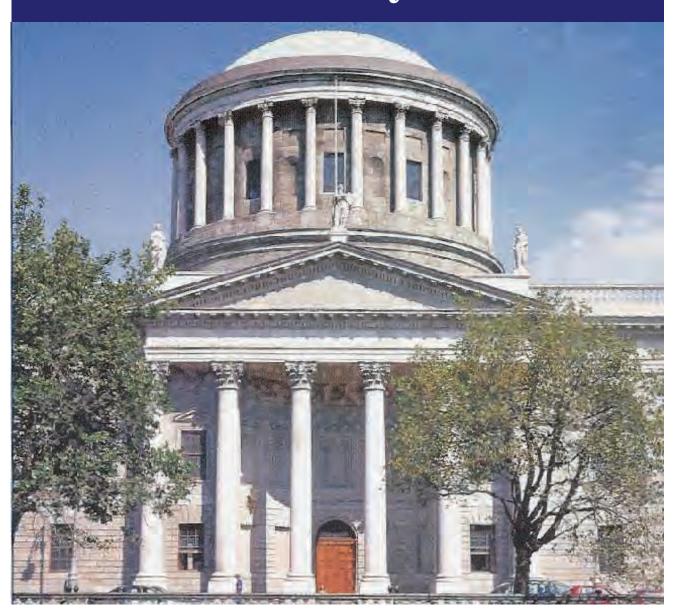


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Editorial

As we go to print it is uncertain as to what will happen between America and Iraq. The weapons inspectors have been given more time but that is fast running out again. It appears that some extra efforts are being made by Iraq to respond to their requests but the talk of war continues. Saturday the 15th saw the biggest march in Dublin since the late 70's when the PAYE workers crowded the streets. There was a wide range of opinion reflected by the marchers; seasoned campaigners walking with those who had never before taken to the streets. Old and young, families with small children, students and political parties chanted goodhumouredly as the march crawled from the Garden of Remembrance to Dame Street. There was a certain carnival atmosphere to the event with Mary Coughlan, Christy Moore and even Shane McGowan joining their voices to those of the protesters. The reaction of the Government to the numbers involved was diverse to say the least with the Taoiseach saying that they spoke for him and the Tánaiste maintaining that many of them were anti-American. Unfortunately, the diversity of opinion is reflected in the unpleasant split between America and some European states, France in particular.

We would like to welcome the fact that the work for Bond Bridge and Meadowbrook Link is finally put out to tender. The document is published inside. However, the chairman of the old Bond Bridge committee has expressed concern at the erection of traffic lights on the bridge and the intention to build a footpath. It is feared that this could become a permanent fixture and the work will be delayed. We hope that his fears are unfounded and we will be watching with interest.

We would like to thank the Bookshop for sponsoring the prizes for the crosswords for the last number of years. Their support is greatly appreciated.

The Newsletter would like to wish good luck to those workers in the Community Council office who are leaving shortly: Dorin Goyvaerts, Annette Foran and Niamh Holland. We would like to thank them for their participation in the project and to wish them the best in the future.

It is with sadness that the Newsletter heard of the death of Eoin Byrne recently and we would like to sympathise with his family. Eoin served the community at all levels and the Community Council in particular when he led the St. Patrick's Day Parade every year.

It was disappointing for the Editorial Board to note that we had no response to the little questionnaire that we put in the last magazine in regard to the Festival and the events that people would be interested in. Indeed the response to the crossword is also very poor.

We would like to remind our readers again that the parcel post section of the An Post has moved to the Business Park beside the Motorway. We would like to wish them well in their new premises.

Finally, celebrate our patron saint, put in a float or attend the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Have a lovely day and let's hope the weather is fine.

Community Council Notes February Meeting

The February meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on the 10th February in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Tributes were paid to the late Owen Byrne at the February meeting.

Vice-Chairman, Tom McMullon remembered Owen with great fondness. He said he had known Owen for many years. He said he was a gentleman and got things done. He was involved in so many events that went on in the town. Owen had always led the St. Patrick's Day Parade which he did with great dignity.

Cllr. Senan Griffin said that Owen worked excessively hard for anything he believed in.

Cllr. John McGinley said that Owen led the St. Patrick's Day Parade with great dignity and will be a great loss to Maynooth.

Matt Callaghan said that he received an award from Owen on behalf of the Tidy Towns and Owen was in full attire for which he felt very much honoured.

Many tributes were paid to Owen. There followed a minute silence.

Maynooth Community Council Elections

There will be full Council elections in April. This is a reminder to all interested in getting involved in Maynooth Community Council. It is very important that all groups and Resident Associations have a representative on the Council.

The Council is as strong as it's members, it is important to have a wide range of people and groups represented.

It is through the Community Council that your views can be heard.

Maynooth Community Council over the years has helped groups establish themselves and form their own committees like Maynooth Action Strategy, Community Games and Maynooth Community Centre Partnership.

There will be applications forms available in the office and also in this issue of the Newsletter.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Cllr. John McGinley said that all is going well and that the Narraghmore Pipe Band will also attend this year. The Special Olympics will also have a Samba Band in the Parade. Again he is appealing for more bands to come along to the Parade.

Sub-committees

Maynooth Community Centre Partnership

Ann Burns asked what was happening with the Action Area Plan at the moment. She said they are now looking at something smaller than first expected, also that they would like to know what is happening about the pool for Maynooth. Maynooth getting a swimming pool would effect their plans for a Centre.

Cllr. John McGinley said that Doyle's land, 50 acres, would be the only place big enough to accommodate the Centre. He also said that Doyle's land and the Harbour Field would come under the ownership of Kildare County Council shortly.

Ann felt that they need to know what is happening about the pool, as the issue seems to be up in the air at the moment.

Cllr. Senan Griffin said that Kildare County Council had taken on consultants and that submissions from groups and the people of Maynooth are being looked at.

Tidy Towns Committee

Paul Croghan remarked on the new seats in the town and that they look very well. He said he had raised the issue of 30 black-spots that needed looking at, also the area in front of the Castle.

Cllr. John McGinley said this area should be pedestrianised. Also the dreadful state of rubbish left at Carton along the Leixlip Road it was stated that Kildare County Council will deal with it. It was also stated that there was an application for a licence for a landfill site at Laragh.

Community Games

Matt Callaghan told the meeting that the winter programme was up and running.

Traffic Problems

Hugh Gallagher, Chairperson, raised the issue of heavy traffic in Maynooth. He said the new Leixlip Interchange now open should help bring heavy traffic out of the town. It was suggested that a sign should be put up at the Blacklion Road to bring heavy traffic out to the Interchange and if this does not work to ask Kildare County Council to put a full ban on heavy traffic coming through the town. It was agreed to write to Kildare County Council to put up the sign.

It was also noted that traffic lights were all over the place for two days during the month of February. It was also stated that there was no gardai presence, also that people had to drive to Tagadoe to get out of the town. Hugh said that on such occasions people should be more respectful of other people.

Town Council Status

Again it was agreed to write to Minister Cullen regarding Town Council Status for Maynooth. Cllr. Senan Griffin said that Shannon and Leixlp were the only new Town Councils set up in years.

Sunday Opening - Chemists

Richard Farrell raised the point about Sunday morning opening. It was decided to write to the Chamber of Commerce.

Festival

Just a reminder. There is a survey form in the Newsletter. You are asked to express your interest in the events listed and return it to Unit 5, Newtown Shopping Centre, Beaufield.

Next meeting of Maynooth Community Council till take place on Monday 10th March in the Glenroyal Hotel. **Marie Gleeson P.R.O.**

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2003

Community Council Elections

Elections for the new Community Council take place in April 2003. There are 73 seats to be filled with a nominee from the Student's Union. Co-options may take place after the first meeting.

Election arrangements

The number of Council places per electoral area is based on a rough ration of 100 voters (from the Electoral Register) per Council member.

Electoral Areas

1. Town Centre (5 seats)

The area bounded by Bond Bridge, Mullen Bridge, Blacklion, Kildare Bridge

(Dunboyne Road) and the Parish Church

- 2. Railpark/ Straffan Road including the Cresent (1 seat)
- 3. Castle Dawson (2 seats)
- 4. Lyreen Park/Nagle Court (2 seats)
- 5. Parson's Hall (2 seats)
- 6. Pebble Hill (2 seats)
- 7. Railpark Estate (2 seats)
- 8. Greenfield Estate (5 seats)
- 9. Carton Court (2 seats)
- 10. Kingsbry (5 seats)
- 11. Greenfield Lane/ Greenfield Phase 1 (1 seat)
- 12. Greenfield phase 2 (1 seat)
- 13. Greenfield Phase 3/private sites (1 seat)
- 14. Beaufield (3 seats)
- 15. Meadowbrook (4 seats)
- 16. Cluain Aoibhinn (2 seats)
- 17. College Green (2 seats)
- 18. Moyglare Road/Moyglare Meadows/Moyglare Village (4 seats)
- 19. Moyglare Abbey (2 seats)
- 20. Newtown/Woodlands/Ashley Court (2 seats)
- 21. Newtown Court (2 seats)
- 22. Parson Street/Parson Lodge/Court (2 seats)
- 23. Silken Vale (2 seats)
- 24. Castlebridge (1 seat)
- 25. Parklands (5 seats)
- 26. Rockfield (5 seats)
- 27. Outlying Area A (1 seat)

including Carton Demesne, Old Carton, Catherinestown, Kellystown, Blakestown

28. Outlying Area B (1 seat)

including Windgates (east side of Straffan Road), Toolestown, Corbally, Griffinrath, Moneycooley, Ballygoran

29. Outlying Area C (1 seat)

including Rowanstown, Dowdstown, Taghadoe, Toolestown (west side of Straffan Road), Windgates (do), Newstownmacabe, Rooks, Smithstown, Johninstown, Graiguesallagh, Cowanstown, Kealstown, Graiguelin, Derrinstown, Donaghstown

30. Outlying Area D (1 seat)

including Timard, Laraghbryan East/West, the Maws, Ballycurraghan, Treadstown, Cormickstown, Crinstown, Laragh Demesne

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2003

Election Schedule

Nominations

The Nomination Form is included in this issue of the **Newsletter**.

Extra forms may by obtained from the Community Council Office, Unit 5, Newtown Shopping Centre, Beaufield, Maynooth.

All nominations should include the signature of the nominee signifying her/his acceptance of the nomination.

All nominations to arrive at the Community Council Office by **Thursday 17th April at 5 p.m.** Any resident over 18 is eligible for the election and to vote.

Voting

If elections are required, voting papers will be distributed to all eligible households between **Tuesday 22nd** and **Thursday 24th April**. Votes will be collected the following week, if they are not collected they may be brought to the Community Council office. All votes must be returned by **Friday 2nd May**, they will be counted on **Saturday 3rd May**.

Counting will be done by neutral volunteers under the supervision of outside scrutineers. For single area electoral areas, the single transferable vote method of counting will be used (as in by-elections to Dáil Éireann). For multiple-seat areas, each voter will have as many votes as there are seats available, with the candidates obtaining the most votes being elected, as appropriate.

The first meeting of the new Council will take place on Monday 12th May. This will be an AGM including the election of new officers for the Council.

Notices will be sent to all councillors.

There will be an informal meeting beforehand - councillors will be notified in advance.

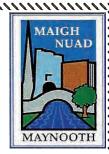
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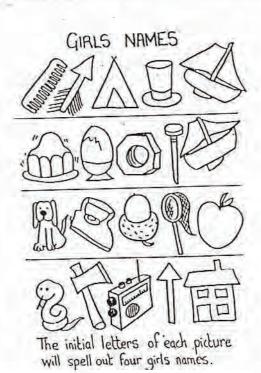


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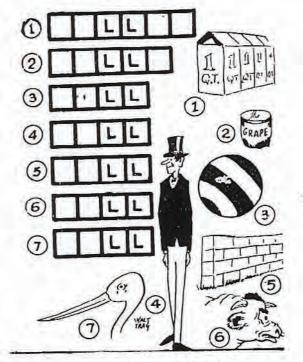
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ANSWERS: 1. GALLON, 2. JELLY, 3. BALL, 4. TALL,

WINNER

Jennifer Kelly 16 Beaufield Green Maynooth Co. Kildare

Crossword No: 9

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Across:

- 1. Not Expensive (5)
- 4. Embarrassment (5)
- 10 Swarm (5)
- 11 Gangster.
- 12 Expert in languages (8)
- 13. Friend (4)
- 15. Root vegetable (6)
- 17. Quarrelled (6)
- 19. Ancient Peruvian (4)
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- 5. T ramp (4)
- 6. Water US actor (7)
- 7. Island republic, Capital Manila (11)
- 8. Accumulate (5)
- 14. Three-wheeled vehicle (8)
- 16. Discreet (7)
- 18. Robber (5)
- 21. Port of southern Japan (5)
- 22. Dingy (5)

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Wednesday, 23rd April	Visit to Supreme Headquarters, Allied
Thursday , 24th April	Visit to the European Commission and
Friday, 25th April	Visit to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
Saturday, 26th April	Morning at leisure in Bruges; drive to the UK.

At each institution there will be high level briefings, and the chance to ask questions. The price of the Tour will be £350 and will include travel by executive coach, en suite accommodation at good, well-situated hotels, breakfast and dinner. In the evenings, after dinner at highly commended restaurants, there will be the opportunity to explore the historic city of Brussels, and the final evening and the last morning of the Tour give a similar chance to the party to enjoy the beauties of Bruges. A number of bursaries are available to practising teachers in the UK. Single room £90 extra. Rates guoted are ex-London.

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Spring Gardening



Following on from the enormous success of last year's Spring and Autumn gardening seminars, Intel will be hosting another seminar onsite at 8pm on Thursday 17th April. The evening will cover a brief history of gardening, alpines and small shrubs plus container gardening for summer colour. Once again there will be time allocated to a 'question and answer' session with a panel of gardening experts. Places will be limited to 350 so you are advised to be there early! There will be a small gardening gift given to everyone who attends. Anyone interested in hearing more about the evening should call **Evelyn Pender at Intel on 606 7305.**



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Over the two years of the project there will be six European meetings and St. John of God Kildare Services will be hosting one of these meetings in October 2003.

In November 2002, the Irish contingent travelled to Austria for our first meeting with our European partners. We have just returned from our second meeting in Slovenia. In the next edition of the Newsletter we will let you know how we got on and what we learned from our trip.



Claire Murphy & Maria Slattery in Slovenia



Darragh Moore & Family

40 Irish leaders participate in Environmental Day hosted by Intel Ireland.

Intel Ireland hosted an environmental awareness day for the Common Purpose organisation's Matrix programme. Common Purpose is a registered charity whose aim it is to facilitate the sharing of learning's across public and private sector organisations. The Matrix programme, run annually for 40 senior leaders, takes place in one-day slots over a period of a year.

The environmental day consisted of a variety of speakers addressing the group as well as practical community visits to see environmental practices in action. The group was first addressed by Ken macken, Regional Licensing Manager, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Ken outlined environmental responsibility from global to individual perspectives. He also explained the history of the EPA and the role it plays in licensing and monitoring various industries.

Intel Ireland showcased its own world-class environmental management system as the primary corporate case study on the day. Mark Rutherford, Intel Ireland's environment manager made a presentation detailing Intel's overall philosophy towards the environment and specifically Intel's environmental management systems.

The group then broke into 4 smaller groups of 10 and went out into the community to see community case studies firsthand. The first group visited the Glebe Montessori School who are participating in An Taisce's Green Flag project. The group on this visit were greeted by the students lined up in the main corridor of the school ready to explain the differences that they had made to the school, i.e. significantly reducing waste by changing packaging on lunches, keeping the school tidy, recycling batteries and cans and reusing cartons, containers etc. for arts and crafts. The students led by principal, Frances Kellegher, explained that they were recently informed by An Taisce that they have qualified for a Green Flag for successfully completing the first section of the programme. After the visit, members of the Matrix group were in absolute awe of the work and effort that had been put into achieving the Green Flag by this small school. Some even commented that they felt 'comforted in the knowledge that the next generation has such a keen interest in helping the environment'. Another group of Matrix participants met with Paul Kelly, convenor of the Leixlip Town Council subcommittee, LIWI (Leixlip Intergrated Waste Initiative). Paul explained the aims of LIWI and the achievements the group had made in the areas of segregated waste collection, its annual 'Broomsday' and the promotion of compost bins.

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The third group met with Paul Croghan from Maynooth Action Strategy Group to review the work on the Lime Avenue project. The Matrix group were most

Maynooth Action Strategy Group to review the work on the Lime Avenue project. The Matrix group were most impressed with the level of research and coordination that went into devising and funding this worthwhile restoration project which is due to be completed in March 2003.

The Final group met with Anne Morrissey of the residents' group KIWI (Kilcock Integrated Waste Initiatives). The Matrix visitors were surprised to hear what a small group of enthusiastic residents could achieve by themselves. Anne explained about their fundraising to increase awareness, their promotion of recycling and composting and the lectures, which they run. Her report of the success of the communal wormery was really enjoyed by the Matrix group.

One of the participants commented, "What really struck me was the amount of money, time and effort that's being spent on waste management by companies like Intel and voluntary groups. If everyone puts in such an effort then it would be a very successful venture."

Participants on the current Matrix programme include leaders from AIB, Bank of Ireland, Department of Education and Science, Department of Health and Children, Department of Justice Equality & Law Reform, Department of the Taoiseach, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, Barnardos, National Maternity Hospital, St. James's Hospital, St. Patrick's Institution, Ulster Bank Group, Vhi Healthcare, Coyle Hamilton Ltd Insurance Brokers, Irish Life & Permanent plc and IBEC to mention a few.

The Matrix programme is a powerful educational experience that brings together leaders from all sections of society. They are people who would not normally meet. They are people who are very different from each other, whose experience of society is varied, who are enterprising and who are building powerful reputations in their fields and communities. The programmes' aim is to improve the capacity of leaders to lead, and for leaders and their organisations to work more effectively together. The programmes expose leaders to common interests, collective purposes and new opportunities. To find out more check out http://www.commonpurpose.ie.

Karina Howley, Media Relations Manager, Intel Ireland.



Justin Cullinan with his mother Florerence and his brother Eoin



Conor Bean with his Dad Tony



Barry Kilduff & Family

1Early Irish Society

(Contd. From February Newsletter)

This month we celebrate the feast of our primary saint, Patrick, Pádraig, on the 17th March. The story is fairly familiar to all of us but many myths have attached themselves to his coming to Ireland over the centuries. His writings are the first documents that come down to us from the early period when the Irish had not yet taken to the pen instead of their oral transmission. His are also the first Latin documents that have survived; in much later manuscripts let it be said. He does not mention the shamrock or getting rid of the snakes or the Pascal fire. These are elements of his life that appear at a much later date. In fact, Patrick tells us very little about himself and is short on detail of all kinds in his writings. This can be very frustrating for the researcher and many different interpretations and theories have been put forward over the centuries. Even his earliest biographers did not necessarily agree on their political agendas.

We do know for a fact that a missionary was sent to Ireland by the Pope Celestine. This is mentioned in Continental sources but, whatever the reason; he only lasted a year in the country and returned home. He is said to have been sent to the Irish who believed in Christ; thus indicating that there were Christians in Ireland before Patrick's arrival.

He was brought here by an Irish raiding party who had travelled to Roman Britain to search for slaves. Slavery was a commonplace in early Irish society until the twelfth century at least and Dublin became one the main centres of European slavery. Slaves were also an essential part of this society and they were utilised to build a complex and relatively affluent organisation. We know relatively little about the lives of ordinary people in early Ireland. They rarely appear in the sagas and the laws, genealogies and annals seldom make any mention of their lives or even their existence. The capture of Patrick highlights an activity that must have been relatively common in all countries at the time. Slaves provided a cheap form of labour from abroad and indeed from within the native society itself and there is sufficient information to give some indication of what their work would have been in early Ireland. Apart from raiding parties, slaves were provided by prisoners of war and those who could not pay their fines. They had absolutely no rights within society being unable to swear an oath or make a contract and the master can treat him as he wants. There is no protection from brutality or death.

The Old Irish word for a male slave is Mog/Mug and it appears at times in personal names such as Mog Nuadat (slave of Nuadu) and Mog Corb (slave of Corb). The female equivalent, cumal, is used commonly over centuries as a unit of currency. In the historical period, the word is used as a general currency with the understanding that no actual slaves are handed over; but originally this must have been the case. Certainly, some Welsh texts talk about male

and female slaves being paid for certain legal offences. In one case it is said that either a male or female slave could be paid so that the value is seen as being more or less equal. There is the odd mention in Irish sources as well; the well-known medical legal text *Bretha Déin Chécht* (Judgements of Dian Cécht) says that a male slave should be the fine for injuring a king in the temple. The famous king of *Emain Mhacha*, Conchobar mac Airt, had an honour-price paid of 50 male and 50 female slaves.

Although the Vikings introduced currency on their arrival in Ireland and used it for a period of time, barter was the common method used in society until the arrival of the Normans. Therefore the term *cumal* usually applies to a unit of currency that can be paid in gold, land or silver. With the plethora of references to currencies and equivalents, it is difficult to ascertain the actual price of a *cumal* in relation to other units or currency. Figures seem to indicate that a *cumal* is equivalent to approximately 3 cows but there are conflicting references as well. The word is also in general usage as referring to a value, a payment or a fine. The picture is quite confused, particularly in the law texts.

Young slaves of both sexes commonly herded animals, as Patrick himself did. Our second saint, Brigit, is said to have been the daughter of a female slave and she is treated as a slave by her father Dubthach for whom she herds pigs. She is not alone in literature to be described as the offspring of a lord's slave. The famous pre-historic king of Ulster *Niall Naigiallach* (Niall of the nine hostages) is famously the son of a foreigner, Cairend, who was his father's second wife. The first wife treated her abominably and his life was in danger from a young age. Despite the fact of having four older brothers who would also be entitled to the kingship, Niall overcame all the difficulties to succeed his father, against the natural order that would bar his entry to this office.

There is ample evidence that there were relationships between slaves and free persons. If a man makes pregnant a slave belonging to someone else, the man must arrange for the rearing of the child. If a free woman has a child by a male slave she alone is responsible for the rearing of the baby. It is clearly stately that the son of a slave woman cannot become a lord because he will be flawed like his mother. But historical evidence does not always agree; although there are few references in historical times to the sons of female slaves who become kings there is one that stands out. The twelfth century text, the Banshenchas (Lore of Women), says that Cres, a cumal of the Uí Mhaine married Muirchertach the king of Cenél nEogain of Ailech and her son, Flaithbertach (+1036) became king. But this is exceptional.

Adult slaves did most of the heavy work on farms and in the households of the better off and the women would have been involved in milking, churning and providing grain for baking bread. Both saga and law texts mention their use of the guern, kneading-trough,

Early Irish Society Contd.)

the sieve and the kneading-slab. They also worked with the water-mills after their introduction in the early Christian period.

It is clear then that up to and including the twelfth century, the use of foreign slaves was relatively common in Ireland. Under Patrick's influence there was a somewhat enlightened attitude to slavery in the early church. Early Christian texts legislated against the use of female slaves for sex and if she became pregnant she was to be freed. Patrick himself mentions the dangers to female slaves who embraced the faith. But this attitude changed with the passage of time and the Church employed slaves themselves.

Another method was the slavery of certain of the native population. In the case of those who could not pay fines, as mentioned above, one of the methods of recouping the debt was to enslave the individual. The possible alternative was the execution of the culprit. In the case of a victim of serious crime who survives, he alone makes the decision as to what will become of the non-paying culprit. Slavery was also an alternative to the death penalty. The economic considerations were considerable as society would benefit further from enslavement rather than execution.



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To mark this historic event a Festival will take place from 31st May to 2nd. of June next with events taking place in Athy, Carlow and Portlaois.

Two of only three of the original Gordon Bennett race cars which survive to this day will be present. The Napier driven by Selwyn Edge in the 1902 race in France is being brought from Wales by its current owner Johnny Thomas whilst Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, Patron of the Festival, will bring the 1903 Napier which was driven by Charles Jarrott.

Many other race and rally cars, marking a century of motorsport in Ireland and Kildare in particular will be competing in the various events over the weekend.

A WebSite has been set up for the Festival. You can get further information as well as a brief history of the Gordon Bennett races from there. The address is http://www.gordonbennett.ie.

Don Foley, Webmaster, Gordon Bennett Festival.







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Freshly grated nutmeg

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

9 oz cherry tomatoes

5 tablespoons olive oil, plus extra for serving

1/2 teaspoon cumin seeds

2 courgettes

Few sprigs of thyme

4 fresh salmon escalopes, about 5 oz each

To garnish: fresh basil leaves or baby spinach

leaves, deeped-fried

Method:

First make the potato puree. Boil the potatoes until tender, drain well and return to the pan over a low heat to dry them off. Mash the potatoes until smooth, then beat in 3 tablespoons of the cream, half the butter, and nutmeg, salt and pepper to taste. Set aside and keep warm. To make the sauce, puree the tomatoes in a liquidizer or food processor, then pass through a sieve, rubbing through with the back of a ladel. Heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in a saucepan and fry the cumin seeds for 30 seconds. Stir in the tomato puree and simmer for about 10 minutes or until reduced by half. Beat in the remaining cream and butter, season and set aside. Slice the courgette thinly. Heat 2 tablespoons of the oil in a frying pan and saute the courgette slices with the tips of the sprigs of thyme and a little salt and pepper for 2 minutes. Heat the remaining 2 tablespoons of the oil in a nonstick frying pan. When hot, add the salmon and cook on one side until well browned, about 3 minutes. Turn carefully and cook the other side for 1-2 minutes. season well and keep warm. To serve, reheat the sauce and add a little extra olive oil to thin it slightly. Make a ring of courgette slices around each plate, spoon the potato puree in the centre and place a salmon escalope on top. Spoon over the sauce and garnish with deep-fried basil or spinach leaves.

Deep-Fried Camembert

Serves 4

2 whole Camembert 9oz each, not too ripe

2 eggs, beaten

4 oz dried breadcrumbs

8 oz apricot jam

Juice od 1/2 lemon

Vegetable oil for deep-fryung

Salad leaves for serving

Method:

If the Camembert is not the kind which has already been cut into sections, cut each cheese into six equal portions. Put the beaten eggs into a bowl, and the breadcrumbs in another. Dip the pieces of Camembert into the egg, then into the crumbs, to coat them evenly. Repeat the process so that they are realy well coated. Chill them in the refrigerator for at least 30

minutes. Put the apricot jam into a saucepan with the lemon juice and melt it over a very gentle heat.

To serve, heat the oil for deep-frying. To test that it is at the right temperature, dip the end of a wooden chopstick or wooden spoon into it: the oil should bubble immediately. Carefully lower some of the pieces of Camembert into the hot oil and fry for 4-5 minutes, until they are crisp and golden brown. Remove them with a slotted spoon and drain on crumpled kitchen paper. Keep them warm while you fry the rest, then serve immediately, with the apricot sauce and a salad garnish

Seared Garlic, Lemon and Chilli Chicken with Parmesan

Serves 4 as a starter

2 large boneless chicken breasts, skinned

Coaresly grated zest of 1 lemon

2 teaspoons chilli oil

2 teaspoons olive oil

1 garlic clove, very finely chopped

1 red chilli, seeded and very finely chopped

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

2 tablespoons sunflower oil

Juice of 1/2 lemon

2 oz Parmesan cheese, shaved

Tomato and chive dressing

6 tablespoons olive oil

2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

2 plum tomatoes, skinned, seeded and finely diced

1 tablespoon chopped fresh chives

Salad of fresh herbs

4 oz sugar snap peas, each cut into 3 or 4 pieces Small bunch each of fresh flat-leaf parsley, tarragon, chives and rocket

Method:

Remove the little fillet from the underside of each chicken breast. Cut the breasts into very thin slices and cut each fillet into three. You should end up with about 25-30 pieces of chicken. Mix the lemon zest, chilli oil, olive oil, garlic, red chilli and some salt and pepper in a bowl. Stir in the chicken and leave to marinate for 3-6 hours. Fot the tomato and chive dressing, whisk the oil, lemon juice and some seasoning together in a small bowl. Spoon out 2 teaspoons of the mixture and set aside. Stir the diced tomatoes and chives into the remainer. Heat a frying pan until very hot. Add the sunflower oil and the chicken(in batches if neccesary so that you don't overcrowd the pan) and stir-fry over a hot heat for a few minutes until well browned. Sprinkle over the lemon juice and some salt and pepper, shake the pan over a high heat for a second or two and then set aside. To serve, place the sugar snap peas and the mixed fresh herbs in a bowl and toss with the reserved dressing to coat the leaves lightly. Pile into the centre of four large large plates. Place the chicken around the edge of the salad and spoon over the tomato and chive dressing. Scatter the Parmesan shavings over the chicken and serve immediately.

Dorin's Recipes Cont'd

Lion of Pork braised in milk

Serves 6-8

3 lb neatly tied lion of pork, boned and rindless but

with a thin layer of fat

4 tablespoons olive oil

2 cloves, bruised

Pinch of ground cinnamon

1 sprig of rosemary

2 garlic cloves, bruised

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

6-7 peppercorns, bruised

1 bay leaf

2 oz unsalted butter

10 fl oz full-fat milk

Method:

Put the meat in a bowl and add 2 tablespoons of the oil, the cloves, cinnamon, rosemary, garlic, 1 teaspoon salt, the peppercorns and the bay leaf. Coat the pork all over in the marinade, cover and marinate for about 8 hours. Turn the meat over whenever you remember. Heat the butter and the remaining oil in a heavy casserole into which the pork will fit snugly. When the butter foam beging to subside, add the meat and brown well on all sides and on the ends. Heat the milk to boiling point and pour slowly over the meat. Sprinkle with salt, place the lid over the pan slightly askew and cook for about 3 hours at a steady low simmer. Turn the meat over and baste approximately every 20 minutes. By the end of the cooking the meat should be very tender and the sauce should be a rich dark golden colourand guite thick. Transfer the meat to a carving board and cover with foil. If the sauce is still too thin, boil briskly without the lid until it darkens and thickens. Skim off as much fat as you can from the surface of the sauce, add 2 tablespoons hot water and boil over high heat for about 2 minutes, scraping the bottom of the pan with a metal spoon. Taste and adjust the seasoning. Remove the string and carve the pork into 1/2 inch slices. Arrange on a large warmed plate and spoon the sauce over the pork. Serve with mashed potatoes and spinach.

Potato & Lobster Salad with Lime Dressing

Serves 4

1 lb waxy potatoes, scrubbed and sliced

8 oz cooked lobster meat

1/4 pint mayonnaise

2 tbsp lime juice

Finely grated rind of 1 lime

1 tbsp chopped fresh parsley

2 tbsp olive oil

2 tomatoes, seeded and diced

2 hard-boiled eggs, quartered

1 tbsp quartered stoned (pitted) green olives

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

Method:

Cook the potatoes in a saucepan of boiling water for 10-15 minutes or until cooked through. Drain and reserve. Remove the lobster meat from the shell and seperate it into large pieces. In a bowl, mix together the mayonnaise, 1 tbsp of the lime juice, half the

grated lime rind and half the chopped parsley, then set aside. In a seperate bowl, whisk the remaining lime juice with the oilve oil and pour the dressing over the potatoes. Arrange the potatoes on a serving plate. Top with the lobster meat, tomatoes, eggs and olives. Season with salt and pepper and sprinkle with the reserved parsley. Spoon the mayonnaise on to the centre of the salad, top with the reserved rind and serve. Crabmeat or prawns may be used instead of lobster, if prefered.

Lamb and Mushroom Pie

Serves 4

1 onion

4 oz mushrooms

1 oz butter

1 lb lamb

1/2 pint beef stock

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

Pinch mace

4 oz frozen puff pastry

1 egg, beaten

Cooking time:

60 minutes

Oven setting:

200c, 400f, Gas Mark 6 180c, 350f, Gas Mark 4

Method:

Peel and chop onion. Wash and roughly chop mushrooms. Fry both gently in butter until soft. Cut meat into 1-inch pieces and add to pan. Cook and simmer for 20 minutes. Place mixture in pie dish, cover with pastry, trim edges and flute. Brush with beaten egg and bake in centre of oven for 30 minutes. Reduce temperature to 180c, 350f, Gas Mark 4 after 15 minutes.

Normandy apple flan

Serves 4-6

12 oz rich short crust or flan pastry

1 pint thick apple puree, well sweetened

3 dessert apples, peeled, cored and sliced Juice of 2 lemons

2 tablespoons apricot jam

2 tablespoons water

Cooking time:

35 minutes

Oven setting:

190c, 375f, Gas Mark 5

Method:

Line a 9-inch flan ring or tin with the pastry. Prick the base, and bake 'blind' for 5 minutes. Fill the flan case with the apple puree. Toss the sliced apples in half the lemon juice, and top the flan with concentric slices of apple. Bake in a moderate oven for 25-30 minutes. Remove and cool. Heat the jam, water and rest of lemon juice until syrupy but do not allow to boil. Press through a sieve and spoon over the tart to glaze.











March Murder – a mother's persistence

When a murder goes undetected, the relatives can become very disillusioned with the police force and the system in general. In certain cases they can become a nuisance to the police in their enquiries but this was not the case in the following 9-year investigation. Jacque MacDonald refused to let go after her 32-yearold daughter was murdered in Merced, California in 1988. She knew that she could not rest until the killer was found and she never gave up until that aim was fulfilled. She took it as a mission to unearth the murderer and the police were unusually sympathetic to her feelings because her methods were so clear and logical. She worked tirelessly to ensure that her daughter was not forgotten by either the authorities or the public in general. It is probably what all parents want to do under the circumstances but find it impossible to do so. She gave up everything to devote herself to identifying and convicting the killer. She did not allow herself to become a victim but fought back bravely until sheachieved her goal.

Jacque was originally from England and her family moved to America because her grandfather was American. Her father's position necessitated moving frequently and she grew to love her new country. When she was 26 she married her first husband, Bill Woodman and they had two daughters. The marriage did not last and they divorced after ten years. Shortly afterwards she met Dennis MacDonald who was an airline pilot. She did not hold out much hope of meeting another man, particularly when she was the mother of two small children. Most men do not want to take on the children of another man but Dennis was different and he was to become a rock of strength to Jacque when disaster befell the family. Apart from being her second husband there was 17 years between them, he being much younger than his wife but this did not deter them and the marriage was successful. He and the two girls, Debi and her younger sister Karen, got on very well.

Debi turned into a very talented young woman with a brilliant future ahead of her. She went to work for the chain department store, Sears, and became their youngest female manager. There she met her husband Harold Whitlock and they had a little girl, Courtney but he did not succeed as well as his wife.

On March 25th 1988 the MacDonald family heard the news that no one wants to hear. The phone rang in their Detroit home late at night and Dennis answered it. He had just finished a long haul flight to Tokyo and this was the last thing he expected to hear. His wife was asleep but she was standing in front of him when the call was over. She knew immediately that something frightful had happened. Debi had been brutally murdered in her Californian home while her three-year-old daughter slept in the bedroom next door. Debi had been stabbed and raped.

The police did not have any suspects and their

attention was drawn to Debi's husband of five years, Harold Whitlock. He had been having an affair with another woman for a number of months and they felt this was a sufficient motive for the murder. This case was made in the face of the alibis provided by his friends and the police were convinced that they need not look any further. They maintained that in the case of most murders, the culprit did not lie very far away from home. Jacque was furious at this turn of events. She was completely convinced of her son-in-law's innocence and maintained that the police were wasting precious time by pursuing this course of enquiry.

Jacque's marriage pulled her through the worst of the first year. Dennis said that she was in complete shock for that time and nearly unaware of what went on about her. When she pulled herself back to reality she made the decision to pursue the case to the bitter end. She had the option of retreating into bitterness and anger but she channelled these emotions in a positive direction. To be closer to the investigation she, and indeed her son-in-law, moved from Detroit to Merced, California and left Dennis behind them. He visited them whenever he could and tried to understand the crusade that his wife had embarked upon.

Despite interviewing hundreds of people the police made no headway at all with the case and when Jacque used to call every week they had no further news for her. Over the years, fresh minds were put to work on the murder, all to no avail. They continued to suspect Harold and this was despite the fact that there was nothing at the crime scene to link him to the case, no blood or semen or any other forensic evidence.

Jacque was convinced that someone was keeping quiet about the crime and that there was no option but to get involved in the detection herself, particularly in reminding people that the killer was walking among them. With Dennis, she set up a support group to help the relatives of murder victims. She renting hoarding spaces with Debi's photograph on them and she was then given financial support by the general public to help her cause. It was essential to her that she kept her daughter's face and name before the public. She offered a reward for information and published thousands of posters with Debi's photograph on them. Sears helped her out and displayed the posters in their stores all over the country. Jacque went further: both Pizza Hut and supermarkets allowed her to display the photographs on pizza boxes and on trolleys. The next step was television although she was terrified of the thought.

As she tried to get on television, it became obvious that there were many other families in the same position. It was four years before she convinced the TV show *Murder most Wanted* to do a feature on Debi in 1992. But it was a disappointing result; any phone calls were dead ends. Then she targeted the show *Unsolved Mysteries*. According to herself, she called the producer so often that she felt that they were going out together!

(Murder of the Month Contd.)

again the response was not great. But Jacque would not give up. After appearing on 50 TV shows the country was becoming aware of the story and she had a twice-monthly slot on another TV show called *Victim's Voice*. She was launching a personal campaign of psychological terror against the killer, constantly reminding him of his crime.

When it looked like a lost case, in 1996 a drug-dealer, Michael Warnell came forward and said that an acquaintance of his called Scott had admitted killing and raping a woman. Michael had not gone to the police at the time as he was involved in drugs and did not want to draw attention to himself. It turned out that Scott Avery Fizzell had lived close to Debi at the time of the murder. DNA tests proved conclusive and the police had the happy task of phoning Jacque to give her the news she had awaited for so long. She also attended every day of the trial and heard Scott confess his crime and what had happened on that awful night. He blamed his drug habit and escaped the death penalty because he did not have a previous conviction. He was given 25 years to a life sentence and an additional 6 years for burglary.





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Food safety

Bacteria lurk in the cracks and little knife nicks on your wooden chopping board. Use a brush to scrub the board vigorously with hot soapy water after each use. And don't let any meat, fish or poultry-raw or cookedsit on the board for more than a few minutes. plastic boards can be cleaned in the dishwasher. Before freezing uncooked poultry, remove it from the package, rinse well, and rewrap with your plastic film or freezer paper; this reduces the bacteria accumulated between processing and purchase. It's also a good practice to rinse chicken under cold running water before you cook it.

Salt substitutes

Try this blend of herbs: 1 teaspoon garlic powder and 1 teaspoon each dried basil, oregano and celery salt. Use a mortal and pestle to grind them together; transfer to a salt cellar. Add a few grains of rice to keep the mixture dry. For a spicier salt replacement, use 1 teaspoon each ground cloves, black pepper and crushed coriander seed mixed together with 2 teaspoons paprika and 1 tablespoon rosemary.

Tiredness

Are you tired all the time? See your doctor for a checkup; there may be a medical reason for your fatigue. Give aerobic exercise a try. It can combat the tiredness caused by insomnia, anxiety, stress, hormonal changes and - believe it or not - inactivity. It tones up your body, pumps oxygen to you brain and revs up the production of certain positive body chemicals. Cut down on caffeine and alcohol by refusing both after dinner. Caffeine may appear to give you energy, but the lift is short-lived; it will also keep you awake. Alcohol makes you drowsy but interferes with normal sleep patterns. Review your eating habits; crash diets cause tiredness by producing nutritional deficiencies. The cure is a well-balanced diet.

Wrapping packages

If you want to tie up a package very tightly, moisten the string before you tie it; it will shrink as it dries.

Women's World Day of Prayer

St. Mary's Church of Ireland Maynooth 8.30 - 9.10 p.m. Friday 7th March 2003

Did you know that Christian women in over 170 countries and islands around the globe pray with, and for each other, on the Women's World Day of Prayer. It is the largest ecumenical movement in the world organised by women. The twenty-four hour prayer event begins at the International Date Line in the Pacific, when the first service is held at dawn at Queen Salote's school in Tonga, and then moves across the world and back to Samoa on the side of the International Date Line.

Women's World Day of Prayer participants pray with, rather than for, women of other races and nations, thus enriching experience and releasing the power to accomplish tasks entrusted to them. The annual Day of Prayer began in 1812, but was not observed in Ireland until 1934. The theme is selected each year from ideas submitted from women's groups worldwild. Last year the women of Lebanon chose Holy Spirit, fill us as a theme for this year. The Lebanese women tried to convey the peace that comes through the healing power of the Holy Spirit, as it fills their hearts to guide them to normal living again. Each group says the same prayers but in their own language. This year every group is encouraged to plant a tree as a gesture of support for efforts to replant areas destroyed by In Ireland services are held in rotation in churches of the different denominations. Last year it was at St. Mary's Catholic church, Maynooth. This year we invite you to join this global prayer service at 8. 30 p.m. on Friday 7th March at the medieval St. Mary's Church of Ireland Maynooth. Women and men welcome.

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Points of View from the Youth of Maynooth

What I would like to see in Maynooth.

What I would like to see in Maynooth is a public swimming pool. Because if we had a public swimming pool we shouldn't have to pay something like 1 grand for just a year. With a public swimming pool you would only have to pay about 4 Euro every time you want to swim. And everyone would great use out of it. In school instead of just 5th and 6th classes being able to go for swimming lessons all the school will be able to go to swimming lessons. This would be very important because the earlier you learn how to swim the better. And everyone should get a chance to be able to swim because some day it could save your life.

Dean McAvinue

Improvements for Maynooth

I think Maynooth could be improved with more places for children to go. I think there should be a cinema because when anyone in my family wants to to to the cinema they have to drive to Liffey Valley which is pretty far from my house. I also think an arcade would be good because every one I know loves to play computer games. I think another children's restaurant would be nice because on Friday every one can get kind of bored of just going to Supermacs. There should be a McDonalds or Burger King. I would also like it if there was a restaurant that specialises in selling ice-cream and banana splits and stuff like that. I also think there should be a park because my family loves to have picnics and I would like to have a place to bring my dog for exercise. There should also be a toy shop because anytime its someone's birthday we can never get them anything in Maynooth. I would also love if there was a pet shop. My Mam always says there should be more clothes shops in Maynooth like Marks and Spencer's or Dunnes Stores. brother says that he would like a shop that just sells computer games. I hope some of these things come through for mostly the benefit of children.

Johnathan Sheils

What This Town Needs

In my opinion I think Maynooth could use a place where kids can go and hang out, sort of an arcade.

It would be good if you and friends could go somewhere for like two hours and just have a lot of fun and all that. I mean, it would be so much better then going all the way to Liffey Valley or Blanchardstown just to see a movie or something like that.

I think some people might agree with me as some people have been asking for like a skate-park, something like that.

The reason I'm talking about this is because the only thin g (In Maynooth) is probably the internet cafe but that costs way too much. Or maybe like a place where all sports are played, the things that would be set up inside: a heated swimming pool, indoor soccer etc., that would be open all winter. Maybe a sort of Leisure Plex, with a bowling ally and Quazer and a small price to pay.

Oh yeah, I think it would be good to have an amusement park in Maynooth. (Even if we might not have the space)

Possibly a cinema, wouldn't it be great having a cinema how convenient could it be?

Hope you like my suggestions!

Rorai Eames

How Maynooth Could be Improved

I think Maynooth could be improved by getting a cinema, and getting a sports comlpex, just like the Leixlip Amenities centre. The cinema could go in where the mart is, up near Tesco. The Mill could be knocked down and put up a Leisure Plex. The leisure plex could be used for bowling and a whole pile of car machines and gun machines. A better Garda station, not the little one that looks like a tiny house. When Rathcoffey is ready, Dublin road won't be in use so we could get astro turf.

All these things I have written down probably won't even happen, but this is what I hope Maynooth should be like. Everybody has their different opinions. When I was talking about knocking down the mart and putting up the cinema, well I think there will be a car park for Tesco.

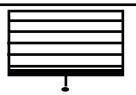
The handball hall should be bigger and so should the Post Office up in the G.A.A. I know we would or Ireland would never be able to afford all this. And in behind the big Shopping Centre they could put a little shop for sports gear and football gloves and everything that would have anything to do with sports.

Ciaran Scally

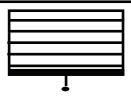
What Maynooth needs

I would like to see a skate-board park in Maynooth. There is nowhere good to skate that you aren't kicked out of. If you want to get a skatepark, you have to travel to the airport or to Drumcondra. I rarely get to a skatepark, because of the hassle involved in getting to them. I really think that people should get more involved in the sport, especially in Maynooth, but this won't happen unless there are facilities to use. Even a small area of ramps would make a brilliant place as the streets are to dangerous to skate. Maybe a small skate-shop could be built. I hope this happens to make our parents lives easier and ours better.

Sean Damery.



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Points of view from the Youth of Maynooth

Activities

There is lots of activities in Maynooth. I play Gaelic football for the school and club team. We won the county Bun Na Scoile cup in November. I have played with the GAA club since I was four years of age. I joined with the club at the age of eight. I play in goals but mostly as a striker. I go swimming every Friday with my school since fifth class. I do hurling for the school team. We got to the final this year but lost by one goal and five points. I used to play rugby before soccer.I broke my arm playing soccer. A lad came up behind and slid me, I fell on rock hard ground. I play full forward for gaelic football. My coach is Donal Mc Auenime. He brough us to lots of wins. My soccer coach is Yan Knop. We have not lost a match and we ars second on the table. I scored nine goals this season. I love fishing down the bait lake. I have caught 29 fish in two days. The biggest fish I caught was a nine pound fish. There are so many activities in Maynooth so do at least one.

> Conor O' Brien Mr Grundy 6th class

Club Football

Hi my name is Ian and I am a big soccer fan.I play for the under 12s soccer team. We are an okay team with star players, such as Micheal Fathy and Manuell Ali. The only two problems we have are players who dont listen to the manager. And we dont have a good pitch. My first problem is not that bad ,only for the fact we always loose. The other problem concerns me because the pitch has chunks out of the ground. And the goals are tacky and crooked. And the worsed of all is that we cant play on the pitch because there are blocks all over it. But hopefully we will get to play all the matches that were called for by summer.

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How Maynooth Can Be Improved

Maynooth can be improved in many ways for many people of all ages. There could be a petrol station on the west side of Maynooth and north side. If there were petrol stations there people wouldn't have to go through Maynooth to get to one. They could also make a ramp down the Parson Street motorway so that people going towards Dublin would'nt have to go through Maynooth to get onto the motorway. These things would help people getting to work or other things on the way to Dublin. There could also be a cinema so that people of all ages could go in their spare time to watch a film and have a good time. There could also be a bowling alley which is another thing people of all ages could enjoy and have a great time. There could be a skatepark so young people could have fun and practise tricks and improve their skills. There could also be a Quasar so young people could go and have fun often.

There could also be an activity centre, it should contain a large hall where you could play soccer, basketball and hockey. There could be a handball room and a swimming pool. There could also be rockclimbing, absailing and archery. Outside there could be astro-turf pitches, a gaelic pitch, soccer pitch and a basketball court. The activity centre would be used all the time for school tours, birhtday parties and by people just going to have fun and a brilliant time.

David Thompson

Things I'd like done in Maynooth. Well there are a whole rake of things I want done and not done. Well here they are. I wish the Moyglare road was replaced. I would like a cinema and a real one. I'd love to see a proper soccer pitch. I'd rather see more facilities for children rather than houses being built on the Moyglare road. I'd like a few parks in Maynooth. I'd like to see a swimming pool because the pool in the college is not open to the public. I'd like to see more sports shops. I'd like less and less lorries coming through Maynooth. I would like another bookshop in Maynooth. That would be it.

Thank you for reading.

Cian Taylor Mr Grundy 6th class

School Football

I was wondering why our school doesn.t have a soccer team? We do have an amazing under 11s football team, well gaelic team but lets admit it in my school which is more popular, gaelic, soccer or hurling? 3 hurling, 2 gaelic and **No 1** soccer. So why doesn't our school have a soccer team? My opinion is get one! If we did have a soccer team we would always win with the people in our school.

Ian O Regan Casabon
Mr Mc Bride 6th class

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Points of view from the Youth of Maynooth

Skateboarding

I think there should be a skatepark in Maynooth because kids are skating on the streets and breaking things and wrecking curbs and breaking bones. The closest skatepark is in Dublin near the airport and its to far I think we need one. If we had a skatepark kids wouldn't get knocked down and people wouldn't hurt themselves. It is very boring in Maynooth and there is nothing to do so if you had a skatepark young people wouldn't drink or smoke because they'd have something to do. It would make Maynooth more a popular town and more people would come and people would wear head protection cause you would have to in a park and if you didn't you would'nt be allowed in. And it would be a lot safer for the skaters.

Richard Hawkins

How we can improve Maynooth

Lets face it I am an eleven year old boy and just like many other boys my age all we want is a football stadium in our home town. A football stadium could improve Maynooth greatly. If Maynooth had a cinema complex or it was a tidier town who knows what we could achieve. We could attract more tourists if we had more hotels and facilities and housing estates. But what question is everyone asking? their asking "How could Maynooth become a safer highly populated town? Well its quite easy. We should widen Bond Bridge so there would be less accidents and less loss of lives. This really increase the population of Maynooth. Many people may say Maynooth is the best, safest town in Ireland but in my personal opinion their wrong. If you take a good look at Maynooth you will eventually see something you dislike about it. Everyone in Maynooth knows where the GAA is and as far as I can see everyone loves it. But the pitch beside it is in dreadful condition. I know the rain messes it up a bit but we could at least cut the grass now and again. It would put smiles back on young children's faces because they could play gaelic, hurling, camogie or whatever they play. We could also improve Maynooth by putting traffic lights in places where they are needed. The schools in Maynooth are great but it would be safer if the children crossed with the traffic wardens as we have had many vital accidents where children are not crossing where there supposed to. That is how we could improve Maynooth.

Darragh

Dunning

More for Maynooth

I dont think there is much to do in Maynooth for children and teenagers. I would like it if there was a complex you could meet your friends. I would like a cinema, arcades and some sports facilities in the arcades. It would be great if there was a skate boarding park in Maynooth. I would also like a swimming pool in Maynooth.

Anonymous

My Favourite Sports

I have a lot of sports as my favourites and I disike none. Here's a list of the one's I play down below. My favourite sport is soccer. I play for Maynooths under 12s. I started playing for the team when I was five. I played firstly for an indoor soccer team in 'Leixlip Amenities Centre' until I was seven. Then I started to play with the under 8s in Maynooth.

I love to go swimming as well. I started swimming lessons at the age of four in 'Stewarts' in Palmerstown. First I had to use two floats when I was in beginners. Then I was in improvers and then in the deep end. When I was finished all of them on Saturdays I did lengths which was the hardest of them all.

I also play golf. I mainly play in Knockanally with my dad or my friends. I play in competitions once every month. I have all the clubs and a bag and all the other accessories. I play Gaelic in my school as well every year. Last year I played for the under 13s A-leauge. I play left half - forward and left full - forward . In every sport I play on the left wing because I'm left footed. My favourite soccer players are Paul Scholes and Canisairez. My favourite golfer is Tiger Woods and Padraig Harrington. These are all the different sports I play and do in my life.

Darragh Moore

Skateboarding

I would like to see a skate park being installed because most people I know skateboard. I love skateboarding myself and would like to go to a place and skateboard for a whole day. So please make sure you put in a skateboard park. If you think that's all your mistaken! I think you should put a skateboard shop in Maynooth with loads of different kinds of skateboards in it, it should be right beside the skateboard park.

I think that there should be more skateboarders in Ireland. And some skateboard teachers. I think that no boy should be without a skateboard. That brings me to another topic. In Ireland you can't get a decent skateboard unless you go into Dublin and pay a lot of money for an imported one. So they should have a skateboard factory, so we don't have to pay as much as we do. If you do this maybe there would be more happy faces in this town There is only one more thing I'd like to see, a paintball park and then this town would be a perfect town.

Sean Senchyna Mr Grundy 6th class









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What I Want In Maynooth

First of all I would like to have a public swimming pool open to the public. We could have a lot of exercise and we could be healthy and we could live a long life. Then I would like Maynooth football team to have a stadium and we could raise a lot of money and give money to all the charities that would need money. I wouldnt mind if Maynooth had a cinema or something like a cinema. So I could go and hang out somewhere else with my friends. And I wouldnt mind if we had an arcade, that would be cool. The End.

By Barry Kilduff.

How Maynooth Can be Improved

I would like to see a skate park being installed because most people I know Skateboard. I love skateboarding myself and would like to be able to go to a place and skateboard for the whole day. There is no place that is good for skateboarding so please make sure you put in a skateboard park. If you think thats all then your mistaken. I think you should put in a skateboard shop in Maynooth with load of different skateboards. It should be right beside the scateboard park. I think that there should be more skateborders in Ireland

SAINT PATRICK

OUR PATRON

Patrick (c.390 - 461) the 'aposle of Ireland' was a Romano-Briton who was captured by Irish raiders at the age of sixteen and shipped to Ireland. After six years of slavery he became a student in Continental monasteries and a disciple of St Germanus (c.378 -448) at Auxerre. He was ordained bishop in France sometime before 432, when he left to establish the Catholic faith in Ireland that he had grown to love. Although there were pockets of Christianity in the island before St. Patrick's arrival, it was his work that essentially made the whole island Christian and laid the basis for its permanence. He travelled widely in Ulster, Leinster and Connacht preaching, baptising, opening monasteries and schools, and winning a majority of the Irish Chieftains and their followers over to his side. He established Armagh as his primatial See (c.444) but the pattern of Irish Church rule was to be abbatial rather than Episcopal and diocesan. Uniquely among the sancti of the period, he has left two personal documents, Confessio and Epistola ad Milites Corotici, which depict a man full of humility, stern piety and righteous anger against the soldiers of a so-called Christian Prince who killed Irish captives. According to tradition, he is buried in Downpatrick not far from the supposed site of his first church at Saul, County Down. His feast day is 17 March

Heavenly Father, you called Saint Patrick to be the missionary of your gospel to the people of Ireland. By the help of his prayers, may we be inspired to proclaim your love to all people, we ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Sprit, one God, Forever and ever. Amen.

PRIVATE PRAYER TO SAINT PATRICK

Glorious Saint Patrick, you were filled with passionate love for our Lord Jesus Christ. Obtain for me a deep and lasting love for Jesus and the desire to live the gospel in my life. Hear the requests I make to you (mention your intention here). Help me keep my eyes fixed on three Savior. May Christ be the beginning and end of all my actions. Saint Patrick, pray for me. Amen.

Victoria Ali



Tanya Walsh & Family



Michael McDonagh & Dad

Points of View from the Youth of Maynooth

Books that I enjoyed.

When Harry Potter came out on the shelves everyone wanted one, they couldn't get enough of the little scared wizard along with his friends Ron and Hermione. Another good book is the book Holes by Louis Sachar. Here is a little bit about it: Stanley Yelnat's family has a history of bad luck, so he isn't too surprised when a miscarriage of justice sends him to a boys juvenile detention centre. At Camp Green Lake the boys must dig a hole a day, five feet deep, five feet across, in a dried up lake bed. The Warden claims the labour is character building, but is a lie. Stanley must dig up the truth. Oh and by the way don't get bitten by a yellow spotted lizard. I give this book five stars, you just have to read it. Another trilly story is Lord of the Rings, its about a hobbit called Frodo Bagins the volunteer who will bring the one ring to mordor with the help of seven companions. I give this book a five star rating. Here is a story that I like, The Falcon's Malteser, he is a bit from it: When vertically challenged Johnny Naples entrusts Tim Diamond with a package worth over three million pounds, his making a big mistake. For Tim Diamond is probably the worst detective in the entire world. Next day, Johnny's dead. Tim gets the blame, his smart, wisecracking younger brother Nick gets the package and every crook in town is out to get them! I would read this book if I were you. I would rate this book four and a half. There is also good book's by Anthony Horowitz like Public Enemy number Two and South by South East. And that is my article on famous books by **Gareth Geoghegan**.

What I want in Maynooth

Maynooth is a good town and it is very historical but I would like to see a few changes. I like skateboarding and there are not many places to go skateboarding so I would like a skatepark to be built outdoor or indoor this would make a big change in Maynooth. I would go there every day. Another change I would like is a cinema, I would not have to travel to Dublin to see films. Maynooth is a good town and these are a few changes would make it a even better place.

Andrew Kavanagh.

How Maynooth can be Improved

I reckon Maynooth can be one of the best towns in Ireland. Maynooth is the only town in Ireland that has a pimrary school and a secondary school and a college in the one town. Maynooth has some great places such as the Glenroyal Hotel and Leisure Centre.

Maynooth has a serious problem with litter in some parts. If people could stop littering Maynooth it would be great. There are some places in Maynooth that have no use such as The Mill. They could build a shopping Centre

entre or a skatepark or Cinema. When I first came to Maynooth I thought it was a great town. I have some great friends in Maynooth. My Mum and Dad found me a great school (St. Mary's Boys National School). Now they have great jobs.

Joe Gerry

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Gardening Tips





Trees, Shrubs and Climbing Plants:

Finish planting new trees, shrubs and climbers by the end of March. Top dress them with compost, peat or manure.

Set out hedging plants in the ground prepared last month.

Prune floribunda and hybrid tea roses. Remove dead wood and old wood from winter-flowering shrubs. Hoe to remove weeds and apply a general-purpose fertilizer over the root area of trees, shrubs and climbers.

Flowers:

Fork soil and add a general-purpose fertilizer in order to prepare ground for sowing of hardy annuals. In warm gardens for the first sowing can be made at the end of the month. Remove dead heads of spring-flowering bulbs. This conserves the strength of the bulbs. Plantgladioli corms, lily bulbs and also hardy herbaceous perennials. Hoe, feed and mulch herbaceous borders. Plant out unsprouted dahlias and protect them from frost by covering them with a mulch. Water outdoor container plants in sheltered areas if neccesary.

Fruit:

If not done last month, apply fertilizer to the soil area around fruit trees and bushes and hoe it lightly. Then add a layer of mulch. To get early fruits place cloches over strawberries. Continue to plant strawberry plants, but remove the blossoms in order to prevent them from producing fruit in the first year. Spray apple and pear trees with a fungicide to prevent scab disease. Remove damaged or low-growing stems from bush fruits such as currants and gooseberries.

Vegetables:

Fertilize spring cabbages in order to encourage growth. Thin out broad beans and peas sown last month. Put in stakes or supports where needed. As soon as the weather is suitable start sowing green vegetable crops, including lettuces and radishes, either in seed beds or where they are to mature. Continue the planting of onion sets, shallots and potatoes. Dig up any swedes, parsnips and leeks that are still in the ground and prepare the soil for new crops.

Under Glass:

Complete the sowing of summer bedding plants and half-hardy annuals. Prick out seedlings of those sown in Febuary into boxes for hardening off in April. Sow greenhouse flowering plants. Discard Winter flowering

plants are to be retained for next year. Take cuttings of chrysanthemums, dahlias, fuchsias and perpetual-flowering carnations. Start into growth tuberous begonias. Sow celery and cucumbers. When forced bulbs have completed their flowering, move them to a cool place and feed with a liquid fertilizer.

General:

Thread and firm any soil that has been loosened by frost and re-firm plants that have been rocked by the wind. Rake lawns and mow when the grass is 2-3 in. high. Finish preparing the site for any new lawns which are to be created from seed or turf next month. Check all plant supports and make sure they are secure. As soon as insect pests are noticed start spraying.

Shrubs and trees:

Trees and shrubs from the backbone of a garden. They add height and substance, not to mention their beauty. No garden is too small for a shrub and even a very small garden can benifit from a carefully selected tree. The key to success is discrimination, and in the small garden this is more important. When space is limited it is better to confine yourself to one specimen tree or a couple of shrubs rather than trying to cram too many different species into an overcrowded border. The difference between a tree and a shrub can be subtle. Trees are generally considered to have a clean trunk for some distance with the main growth forming a head. Always prepare ground well before planting trees and shrubs. As they are permanent garden features good preparation is very important.

Make your own pot-pourri

Bowls of fragrant pot-pourri are easy to make, and they're a wonderful way of bringing the garden's perfume into the house all year round. Their delicate lingering fragrance is far more pleasant than the smell of those gastly chemical air fresheners.

Any scented flowers or leaves can be used to make pot-pourri. Fragrant flowers include roses, lavender, violets, broom, pinks, jasmine, honeysuckle and wallflowers. Plants with aromatic foliage include lemon verbena, lemon balm, eau-de-Cologne mint and pelargoniums with scented leaves. For extra colour add a few flowers of marigolds, pot marigolds, love-in-a-mist, cornflowers or sweet peas.

Pick the flowers and leaves early in the day when the wreather's dry. Choose flowers that are nearly, but not quite fully open. Spread the flowers and foliage to dry outside on a wire mesh that's fixed above the ground to let the air circulate thoroughly, or put them on trays in a very low oven with the door open.

When the material is dry and crisp to the touch, mix it together in a large bowl with some citrus peel and about half a cup of powdered orris root to "fix" the fragrance. Store it in an airtight container for a month or so, then put it in decorative bowls or jars around the house.

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- 3. Best Band Perpetual Cup
- 4. Best Marchers Trophy
- 5. Most Topical Float Trophy
- 6. Funniest Trophy
- 7. Best Costumes Trophy

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

Thank you Owen

When I think of Owen Byrne, words such as 'legend', 'institution' or even 'icon' spring to mind. Then I think.....these are just words, meaning many things or sometimes meaning nothing at all. None of them can adequately describe the man or what he meant to this community.

My childhood memories are of trips to the sea-side at Gormanstown organised by Owen and his colleagues on the Pioneer Council. As teenagers growing up in the sixties this organisation kept us all on the 'straight and narrow' and taught us by their action and example that there was more to life than alcohol.

As time went by I had the pleasure of serving on many committees and watching the 'master' at work. Further down the line my own children like many others experienced his guiding hand through activities such as the swimming club.

Whether it was an aspiring pioneer, a promising swimmer, a church function or a fundraiser, Owen was the one to get you through. A man with a big heart, endless energy and a positive attitude that assured you that all things could be accomplished.

I will remember Owen most of all for his warmth, his generosity and his diplomacy. He has touched, nourished and enriched so many aspects of this community that we are now impoverished by the void his passing has created.

My sincere sympathy to Nell and all his family who's loss is even greater than ours.

Go ndeaneadh Dia trocaire ar a anam.

Josephine Moore



Owen Byrne R.I.P.

Owen was one of the finest and most positive people that you could ever meet. He was always willing to help out, be it for individuals or community groups. He achieved the Honorary Mayor title through his fund raising activities for the Maynooth Swimming Club. It was in his Mayor of Maynooth role that he has led all of our St. Patrick's Day Parades, even when he was not feeling too well last year. As a mark of respect to Owen's memory, the Community Council has agreed to award The Owen Byrne Memorial Trophy to the Best Community Entrant at our St.Patrick's Day Parade.

John McGinley

Maynooth Swimming Club

The Maynooth Swimming Club would like to express their condolences to the family of Owen Byrne who died recently. Owen had been involved in the club for over 30 years. Owen started the Swimming Club with only a handful of children, and it has successfully grown to what it is today with Owen as it's chairperson. he was always there to give advice when needed, and the children enjoyed meeting him year after year during our galas at which Owen always presented the medals.

He will be missed dearly by the club.

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Maynooth Town F. C. Notes



Maynooth Town's Under 16's Squad line out in their new kit sponsored by

Maynooth Town Football Club will take part in this year's St Patricks Day Parade. Any member wishing to march should contact their team manager or be at Londis Greenfield S.C. 30 minutes prior to parade commencing.

Maynooth Town F. C. Weekly Lotto Results Sponsored by Caufields Lounge Maynooth					
Date	Numbers	Jackpot		3 x ∈35 Winners	
19-Jan-03	9,10,13,22	∈750	ALAN O' KEEFE	SARAH GREALLY	THOMAS Mc GOVERN
26-Jan-03	2,5,16,27	∈825	LARRY O' BRIEN	RUTH MILLER	RONNIE CASSIDY
2-Feb-03	2,15,19,23	∈900	MARY HOUTON	CAM DUNNE	JASON DEMPSEY
9-Feb-03	14,17,25,28	∈975	M. MOORNE	KEITH BRADY	BRIAN WALKER

The Chinese New Year

This year, 2003, the Lunar Calendar started on February 1st. It is the Year of the Ram. There is a cycle of 12 years: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Ram, Monkey, Cock, Dog, Pig.

On the Eve of the New Year, the Chinese families come together for a big celebration. Before that, the houses will have been cleaned thoroughly; the New Year's decorations inside the house and outside on the door will have been arranged. The Chinese character (writing) "Fu", meaning "Happiness", "Good Luck", "Blessing" and another word: "Ju" meaning Bamboo which symbolises "Peace", are mostly used. Red paper bands with golden-coloured writings of good wishes are pasted on the two door posts and the lintel of the main doors.

The festival meal includes, as last dish and before the sweet dishes, fish, of which some part should be left over on the plate, expressing the hope that the family will have sufficient food during the coming year. "Fish" has the same pronunciation as "plenty".

After the meal the younger generation will pay respect to the older generation by bowing or even kneeling, as a reward they get a "red envelope" with money inside. By midnight the family gathers in front of the family shrine and venerates the ancestor with incense sticks. Then the New Year is welcomed by fire crackers and fireworks.

The next day children and adults wear new clothes, or at least their best ones. The Catholics go to participate in the special Eucharistic celebration in the parish, to show gratitude for the past year and entrust the coming year into God's hands. Everywhere in the streets one can hear the greeting "Happy New Year" often adding "Felicitations for wealth" or "May all go according to your desire". Besides these, "Good Fortune", "Wealth", "Long Life", "Joy" are the most traditional good wishes in printing, writing, papercutting art or even woven on silk for clothings.

Schools, offices, shops are closed for some days; trains and buses are full with travellers who go to visit friends or go on an excursion. Even if modern life goes back to normal after a few days, the lantern Festival on the 15th day of the New Year closes the celebrations.

To you, dear reader, Late but best wishes on this occasion!.

Helene Reichl National Centre for Liturgy.

(Helene is a missionary in Taiwan, China).



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What a Chauffeur should know in 1903.

The motor car consists briefly of two parts - the motor and the car. Thus we have two factors to deal with: first, the care to be propelled - the dead factor; and, second, the propelled power, the motor or engine - the live factor. The car without the engine is powerless; the engine alone may run without effect. Only when they are coupled together do we have a resulting active combination which must be guided by the hand of the driver.

To Start

The engine having been started, is connected with the car by means of a hand or foot lever within easy reach of the driver, which controls the connecting mechanism known as the clutch. "What shall I do to stop?" then simply becomes a matter of pulling out the clutch disconnecting the engine from the car - and applying the brake to bring the car to rest.

To Stop

So intimately connected are the clutch and brake as factors in stopping that in many cars the throwing on of the brakes at the same time throws out the clutch. In other cars, however, the clutch must be first pulled out before the brake is applied. In his first driving the question of stopping will be the one which will most agitate the novice, and in "ganging o'er his fundamentals" he might well rehearse to himself with many reiterations: "To stop! Clutch out. Brake on." Later in his experience he may be confronted with the "forcible" proposition of "What shall I do to start?" (when the engine refuses to turn), but that is something about which he can take his leisure and learn by experience, whereas the stopping is often a situation calling for immediate and rapid action.

Maintenance

Whoever aspires to run the rapid and untiring motor car in town or country in place of the slower and soon-tiring horse must remember that the machine will supply the power, but he must furnish the brains; that if he will feed it (with oil, etc.), clean, inspect and care for it with one-half the regularity that he would feed and care for his horse, he will get a manifold return in work done and enjoy an exhilaration and pleasure which must be tasted to be known; it cannot be adequately described. If, however, he expects, as many do, that simply because the motor car is a machine it will run week after week without care and attention, he will be doomed to disappointment.

Mechanics

To the man who is the fortunate possessor of an inclintation toward mechanics, the motor car affords a fertile field for the employment of such a talent.. The

average man, though he may have no especial mechanical faculty, soon learned the intricacies of the motor car. If he puts into practice the instructions received from the maker's mechanic, the *operation* of the car will be rapidly acquired.

Do Not Adjust

As to maintenance, he should first, above all, avoid the not uncommon error of "taking things apart" to see how they are put together. Presumably the car is delivered to him properly adjusted and in order, and it should be allowed to remain so until ordinary wear and tear makes it necessary for new adjustments to be made or worn parts replaced.

(Continued in April Newsletter)



Ballad of the Motor Car

When our yacht sails seaward on steady keel
And the wind is moist with breath of brine
And our laughter tells of our perfect weal,
We may carol the praises of ruby wine;
But if, automobiling, my woes combine
And fuel gives out in my road-machine
And it's sixteen miles to that home of mine—
Then ho! For a gallon of gasoline!

When our coach rides smoothly on iron-shod wheel
With a deft touch guiding each taut drawn line
and the inn ahead holds a royal meal,
We may carol the praises of ruby wine;
but when, on some long and steep incline,
In a manner entirely unforeseen
The motor stops with a last sad whine—
Then ho! For a gallon of gasoline!

When the air is crisp and the brooks congeal And our sleigh glides on with a speed divine While the gay bells echo with peal on peal, We may carol the praises of ruby wine; But when, with perverseness most condign, In the same harsh snowstorm, cold and keen, My auto stops at the six-mile sign—

Then ho! For a gallon of gasoline!

Envoy

When yacht or Coach Club fellows dine We may carold the praises of ruby wine; But when Automobile Clubmen convene Then ho! For a gallon of gasoline!

Ellis Parker Butler 1869 - 1937

Folklore

(Traditional orally transmitted beliefs, tales and practices of the people)

In an article entitled 'Education as a Hobby' in the February addition of the Newsletter reference was made to the revised curriculum for Irish primary schools which places important emphasis on the exploration of personal and family history in the context of the immediate environment of the child.

In this connection Folklore Surveys which are suitable for younger children are often seen by communities as an ideal way for stories about their own particular area to be recorded.

Possible themes include:

- 1 Ordinary folktales/stories.
- 2 Legends and folk belief.
- 3 Historical traditions.
- 4 Holy places/wells.
- 5 Folk prayers.
- 6 Popular charms.
- 7 Proverbs.
- 8 Riddles.
- 9 Rites of passage/customs associated with same birth, marriage, and death.
- 10 Songs and ballads.

Much of the above was recorded during the work of the Irish Folklore Commission when schools in the area were visited furing the 1930's. However, the fact is that since then, people from all over the country, and indeed, from overseas have settled in the Maynooth area. Also, and more importantly, while the children are talking to their parents, uncles, aunts, grandparents, granduncles and grandaunts about these topics, they are learing about these things for the first time. When subjects or topics have been chosen the children should be helped to put together a simple questionnaire which will put some kind of structure on the interviews. An example of such a form is given below:

Person Interviewed: Mother/Father/Grandmother/Grandfather, etc.

Name:

Place of Birth:

Age:

How long have you lived in Maynooth? Did you go to school in Maynooth?

If not, where?

Tales: Stores about certain people, characters, etc. Places: Old graveyards, holy wells, customs around same, castles, mills etc.

Prayers: Example of fisherman's prayer - 'May the good luck of John and St Peter be on our nets, Amen'. Riddles: What is brought to the table and cut, but never eaten? Answer: a deck of cards.

Proverbs:

Great minds think alike, but fools seldom differ.

Charms/Remedies/Cures:

Dock leaves as a cure for nettle stings.

Poems/Songs/Ballads:

Example - The Siege of Maynooth, Tone's Grave, The Geraldines, The Devil and Tom Conolly. (Journals of Co. Kildare Archaelogical Society - available in Library, Main St Maynooth).

Pupil's Name/School/Class/Teacher.

When the material is collected it can be bound and a copy placed in the various schools and in the library.

As an added bonus, it is possible that some of the children involved in such a project could develop an interest/hobby in local and family history which would last a lifetime.

Rita Edwards



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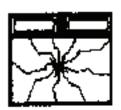
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This incredibly successful show, which is provided by Pallas Marketing Services Ltd, is being run by North Kildare Educate Together School to aid the completion of their new school. When asked about the show, a spokesperson for the NKETS Fundraising Committee, Vincent Hogan, said "We have spoken to several schools and clubs who have run "Want to be a Thousandaire?" around the country. This show is really hi-tech and offers a superb night's entertainment. Don't miss it!"

Tickets for "Who wants to be a Thousandaire?" are available from

- Joan Healy (6270887) or Aine O'Reilly-Nesson (6272369)
- or by contacting the school itself which is situated on the Clane Road, Celbridge Ph: 6274388,
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File Numbe	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
03/113	Eugene Mara	Doctors Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	21/01/03	for two-storey office extension to side and first floor extension to rear at Eugene Mara Accountant	Doctors Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/118	Gerard Percival	Clonagh Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	22/01/03	development will consist of a dormer bungalow and puraflo unit	Clonagh Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/119	Siobhan Tighe	5 Parklands Grove Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	22/01/03	development will consist of first floor extension above existing converted garage, consisting of two no. bedrooms and new entrance porch	5 Parklands Grove Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/130	Tony Gannon	Lady Chapel Road Newtown Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	24/01/03	to erect a new two-storey extension and alterations to the side and rear of existing house, permission to construct a boundary wall to the front, permission to retain existing general purpose shed and all associated site development works	Lady Chapel Road Newtown Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/141	Colm & Lorraine Keogh	32 Rockfield Green Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	24/01/03	for retention of alterations made to front elevations of existing two-storey semi- detached house, connected to existing	32 Rockfield Green Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/163	Tina Lawless	4 Parklands Grove Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	29/01/03	for 1st floor conversion above converted garage consisting of 2 no. bedrooms and kitchen extension at rear	4 Parklands Grove Maynooth Co. Kildare
03.202	Ciaran & Diedre Glynn	Dillon's Row Mariavilla Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	05/02/03	new 2 storey dormer style extension with velox windows to rear of existing house	Dillon's Row Mariavilla Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/233	Dan & Jean Broderick	8 Parklands Grove Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	10/02/03	extend existing ground floor utility room and to construct two bedrooms at first floor level over existing playroom and extend utility	8 Parklands Grove Maynooth Co. Kildare



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Maynooth Tidy Towns

Maynooth entered in Irish Business Against Litter Competition

Maynooth Tidy Towns has secured the support of Maynooth Action Strategy in submitting an application on behalf of the town for consideration by the organisers of the Irish Business Against Litter(IBAL) Competition 2003. The IBAL competition started last year and the towns that take part are selected by the competition organisers. It is generally one town per county and the cities. The judging is carried out by An Taisce and towns are assessed three times during the competition. Although, the name suggests that litter is the only area considered, in fact grass cutting, weeds and graffiti are also assessed. If the application is successful it will be necessary for many local organisations to come together to ensure that Maynooth achieves a respectable score in the competition. It is a requirement that the local authority lead the efforts and co-ordinate the work. Last year Newbridge represented Kildare in the IBAL competition.

Thirty Blackspots identified in Maynooth

Maynooth Tidy Towns have identified thirty areas in the town that need special attention this year. The list has been forwarded to Kildare County Council in an effort to alert them to the need to include these works in their plan for 2003. Our local area Councillors have been copied in order to secure their support. The full list appeared in last month's Maynooth Newsletter. Some voluntary effort will be needed to address these issues.

Grass Cutting Contract for 2003

Maynooth Tidy Towns submitted a list to Kildare County Council of areas to be included in the contract for the maintenance of public places in the town this year. A response was received in mid February stating that the budget has not yet been finalised for this year. Maynooth Tidy Towns believe that Kildare County Council should not reduce this budget but to make savings if necessary on other initiatives that could be postponed until next year. Local Area Councillors have been asked to support this approach.

New seats in Main Street welcome

Maynooth Tidy Towns is pleased to see the replacement of what became known as the "Butcher's Blocks" seating in Main Street by new metal seats. The original seats had become a serious health hazard due to the collection of food between the blocks and the consequent attraction for vermin.

Spring Clean 2003

The national Spring Clean week will be held in April again this year. In previous years Maynooth has not made much of an effort around that week. This year Maynooth Tidy Towns hope to return to the schools as we have already provided litter pickers to schools in the town and run a litter free school competition. Area Clean-ups and other events will be supported and we are considering a competition for the Best Litter Free Residential Area in the town. More information on this next month.

Would you like to join us...

Maynooth Tidy Towns is a very positive and proactive group whose aim is to improve our local environment. New people are welcome to get involved in any aspect of our work. If you would like to join us or be associated with any of our initiatives why not contact us by writing or ringing us through the Community Council office.

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MAYNOOTH HILLWALKING CLUB

Time is flying again. We are into Spring, the long awaited stretch in the evenings is noticeable and the weather in general has been very favorable. With the change in time later in the month we will be able to plan for longer activities and move further afield. the time this is published I hope we will have had an eniovable weekend of trekking in the Glendalough Our main event over this weekend is a night hike covering a distance of 8 miles with an ascent of 800 ft. This has been a very successful and popular activity in past years. It will be followed on Sunday with a Moderate hike taking in the mountains on both sides of the road from the Wicklow Gap to Glendalough. Our next weekend event will be a trip to Newcastle, Co. Down for three days of rambling in and over the Mourne mountains. We are planning different grades of activities over the three days with two events available on Saturday and Sunday. there is sufficient interest we may have a hike available on the Friday of the long weekend, escaping before the mass exodus later in the day. This is our third such trip to the Mournes.

Our Easy hike on Sunday Feb 2nd proved somewhat exciting. Although the hike itself was short, by the time we finished the first part of it had started to snow. The conditions were very windy so it was decided to finish up that little bit early just in case the Sally Gap got snowed in. We enjoyed out picnic lunch in the forest admiring the snow falling all around us.

For March 2nd. We plan an Easy hike on part of the Wicklow Way in the Dublin Mountains above Markley Park and Ballinteer. This will be an 8 mile hike with ascent in the region of 700 ft. For the most part it will be on forest track and road. In the past it has been a popular day out for newcomers.

The next area I am going to have a look at is the hills to the east of the Blessington Lakes in West Wicklow. I am sure most of you may have seen them from time to time if you have visited or passed through the Blessington area. There are a number of easily accessible hills in the Lackan and Ballyknockan area, villages which straddle the eastern shore of the This area is within 45 mins Blessington Lakes. driving from Maynooth. It should be pointed out that going into the hills must be conducted in good weather, with proper equipment and accompanied by someone with experience. From sitting in the comfort of your car in one of the car parks, it may look very tempting to wander off unprepared unknown of the hidden dangers. In this area the winds rise up very suddenly, low cloud can drop onto the tops of them at short notice from nowhere, and occasionally fog on the lakes can rise up and envelope the mountainside in a white blanket. One can even be tempted by the beauty, challenge or curiosity to explore further into the mountain range and within a very short period everywhere will look strange and unknown and to the ill prepared no references or identifiable features. On

top of this darkness may not be very far away and a series of problems are knocking on your door. Take care and exercise due caution and be continuously vigilant of the conditions around you if you do decide to take even a short stroll up the side of that hill that beckons you.

These hills once housed many families is small communities which sadly were abandoned for one reason or another. Some stretch back as far as the famine days. One good example is Glenbride, the only remains that exist today are a few ruined houses and stone walls. This was in pre-famine times a The area east of these hills is wilderness village. where streams running from the sides of the adjacent mountains runs into one another and eventually forms All of them eventually end up in the Blessington Lakes including the river Liffey. the right conditions the scenery can be breathtaking. You can see across the Liffey valley to Kippure with its high mast, the Sally Gap and the long ridge which runs from the Sally Gap westwards Mullaghcleevaun where the mountain range changes direction and heads towards the Wicklow Gap and Turlough Hill to the west of Glendalough. From this area on a clear day you can see westward to the Slieve Blooms which stretch from Mountmellick to Roscrea. Nestled just below you to the west are the big lakes themselves which on a good summers day are dotted with small sailing craft from centers located on the western shoreline.

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 (in the region of 5 kms per Only attempt our outings if you are consider yourself fit enough 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. People attending should ensure they have sufficient food and water to meet their needs for the event. We generally stop for 45 mins for lunch. Depending on weather it may be longer or shorter. Remember in the mountains in a lot of cases there no quick exit routes back to the cars. Please do not put the leader in the awkward position to have to turn away those who are not properly equipped or whom he considers are not adequately fit for the event. We have had to refuse to take people in the past and if necessary will do so in the future. Our numbers are not sufficient to support

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bus transport to our activities so those attending will need transportation. Unless otherwise advised on particular events, out meeting point is in front of the Glenroyal Leisure Club and departures at 9 am. Sharp. There will be no waiting or delays.

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.

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For those starting off a general guide for time and distance, would be to walk 1 mile in 20 minutes. A fitter walker could cover 1 mile in 15 minutes.

Having worked hard to build up a regular pattern and your level of fitness, you will now feel fitter, more relaxed and notice some improved muscle tone.

To continue to reap all these benefits, it is recommended to be active most days of the week for at least 30 minutes and if you have a busy schedule the 30 minutes can be over 2 - 3 shorter sessions. Include at least 20 minutes of brisk walking for full benefits.

Good Walking Tips

- Wear good comfortable walking shoes
- Wear comfortable loose clothing. In winter add light layers rather than thick chunky clothes
- Start gradually. Increase the duration and pace over weeks and months.
- Vary your walking routes. As you progress, include the odd hill to make your walk more interesting and challenging.
- Walk with friends, family or work colleagues.
- Keep a record of your progress distance, time and how you felt. It can be a great help in keeping up your motivation.
- Stop, if you have any unusual symptoms, such as chest pain, breathlessness or dizziness and consult your doctor.
- If you have a history of heart trouble or other significant illness, you should talk to your doctor before you start.
- Make sure that you warm up at the beginning and cool down towards the end of your walking session.
- Drink a glass of water before and after your walk.

Get Active Today

To get started try and be more active at home and at work each day. You will be surprised how a walk to the shops and some gardening add up to 30 minutes of activity in your day. Consider the following exercises in your daily routine.

Home

- Give the car a rest. Walk or cycle to the shops, bank and church.
- Walk the dog or take the family for a walk.
- Tackle housework sweep, scrub, vacuum.
- In the garden rake leaves, pull weeds and mow the lawn.
- Play active games with children, e.g. hid and seek, follow the leader, ball games.

Remember when doing gardening or housework, take good care of your back and avoid overusing any one muscle group. Change from one activity to another every 15-20 minutes..

Work

- Cycle or walk at least some of the way to work.
- Walk during lunch break.
- Stretch at the desk.
- Move about during the day.
- Climb stairs.

Leisure

- Take up recreational activities that require physical activity, e.g. dancing, hill walking, swimming.
- Share some of the activities with a friend or partner.
- Check out local teams and sports clubs.
- Enquire about local activities from VEC or county council offices.
- Join a good exercise class.
- Look out for your nearest Sli Na Slainte Route.

Resting Heart Rate (RHR)

Your muscles need food and oxygen to keep you going. Your heart pumps your blood (containing food and oxygen) to your muscles. A heart will be bigger and stronger (pumping more blood with each beat) and therefore, beat less often.

- Turn left hand palm-side up.
- Use the tips of the first two fingers (not your thumb) of your right hand.
- Place them gently on your left wrist, just below thumb.

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- Take some time to familiarise yourself with the pulse. Then count for 30 seconds starting with 0 (i.e. 0, 1, 2, 3,...etc.)
- Multiply your result by two to give you the number of times your heart beats per minute (bpm).

Waist Hip Ratio (WHR)

In the normal human body, the waist is narrower than the hips. In the average male, the waist is approximately 90% the width of the hip. Because of wider hips, the ratio in the average female is 80%. Inactive lifesytle, coupled with poor dietary habits can lead to excess fat gathering around the waist thus increasing the ratio.

- Use a tape to measure your waist at the narrowest point.
- Now measure your hips at their widest point.
- Divide your waist measurement by your hip measurement and multiply by 100.

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Passive Smoking

What is passive smoking?

Passive smoking is breathing in other people's tobacco smoke. Other people's tobacco smoke is sometimes called environmental tobacco smoke.

Why should I be worried?

Only 15 per cent of the smoke from a cigarette is inhaled by the smoker - the rest goes into the surrounding air and other people can breathe it in. Breathing air which contains tobacco smoke can be bad for your health. This is because the tiny particles and gases in tobacco smoke contain over 4,000 chemicals, many of which are harmful- at least 60 are know to cause cancer.

What's in cigarette smoke?

Carbon monoxide - the same that comes out of car exhausts - is the main gas in cigarette smoke. The smoke also contains over 4,000 other chemicals. Some of these have links with cancer in humans - arsenic, benzene, chromium, nickel, vinyl chloride, cadmium, formaldehyde, etc.

What can I do to clear the air?

The trouble with cigarette smoke is that it gets everywhere. Separating smokers and non-smokers in the same room may reduce the level of smoke in the non-smoking area, but it is not enough. Air filters, ventilators or extraction systems may reduce, but not prevent, exposure to other people's smoke. We must make sure that non-smokers do not have to live or work in smoky conditions by ensuring that all enclosed public places are smoke-free. Where appropriate, separate rooms should be provided for smoking.

What can I do about smoking at work?

It's at the workplace that most adults will have problems with passive smoking. However, many employers now have policies which guarantee smokefree working areas.

If you are an employer, make a healthier workplace and safeguard your legal position. Every company should have a smoke-free working policy.

If you are an employee, talk to your employer about passive smoking worries and your desire for a safe workplace.

Smoking and my health.

Breathing other people's smoke is uncomfortable and can cause:

- Nose, throat and chest irritation and breathing difficulties.
- Coughing
- Sneezing
- A runny nose

- Headaches
- Dizzines
- Nausea and lack of concentration

If you have a long-term problem, such as asthma, chronic bronchitis or certain allergies, passive smoking can make it worse. Doctors now say that passive smoking causes serious and sometimes fatal illnesses. The UK Government's Independent Scientific Committee on Smoking and Health has estimated that several hundred non-smokers die each year from passive smoking. The risk of lung cancer from passive smoking is small, but some 50 to 100 times greater than the risk of lung cancer from exposure to asbestos.

Also, passive smoking can be linked to heart disease and death from heart attack.

Smoking and your child's health.

Babies and children who cannot avoid smoke where they live and play are at particular risk. Babies of smokers are much more likely to be taken to hospital with chest trouble in their first year of life than non-smokers' children.

Children with a parent who smokes have more chest, ear, nose, and throat infections than non-smokers' children. And the more cigarettes smoked at home, the greater the risk to the child. Children exposed to smoke are more likely to develop breathing problems as adults.

What about unborn babies?

The risk to unborn babies of pregnant women who smoke has been known for many years, but it now seems that unborn babies of pregnant non-smoking women are also at risk if the women are exposed to passive smoking. Women who have been regularly exposed to passive smoking during pregnancy tend to have smaller babies. Being small at birth makes it harder for the baby to make a good start in life.

- If you are pregnant, do not smoke.
- Avoid smoky places.
- Family and friends should avoid smoking in front of children and pregnant women. Ask your guests not to smoke.

The risk of having an under-weight baby can be increased by passive smoking.



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Maynooth Local History and Civic Forum

Fóram Cathartha agus Stair Áitiúla Mhaigh Nuad

Promoting local history and social debate

The first Annual General Meeting of the Maynooth Local History and Civic Forum was held in Maynooth Library on Monday 3 February at 8.00 p.m. Maynooth Local History and Civic Forum was established in 1999. The group evolved from a group of people, who had come together in 1997 to commemorate the bicentennial of the 1798 rebellion. The first objective of the group is to promote greater interest in our local surroundings, its history, heritage and physical environment, thus promoting a greater sense and pride of place.

As a second objective, the group has set itself the task of promoting social debate on topical issues of the day.

Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month in Maynooth Branch library at 8.00 p.m. Maynooth Local History and Civic Forum is also affiliated to the National Federation of Local History Societies. There are thirteen local groups affiliated to the Federation of County Kildare. Most of these groups had their origin in 1798 commemorations.

At the A.G.M. Chairperson Michael Quinn outlined the work undertaken by members of the group to date which included the publication of three booklets, '1798 and Maynooth', 'Exploring Maynooth-five self-guide historical walks', and Myth and Memory - the history and story of the graveyards of Maynooth.' These publications were published in partnership with Maynooth Action Strategy and with the generous support of KELT.

A series of historical lectures were organised in Maynooth Branch library and these included: The Battle of Kinsale, Dr Tom O'Connor, and the History of Maynooth, Dr John Bradley, both of NUIIM. Social debates were organised on such varied topics as Arguments for and against the Nice Treaty, Irish Neutrality and on Genetically modified foods.

The group also instigated, secured funding and acted as consultant to Kildare County Council on the street signs with the new Town Crest erected in Maynooth, they submitted plans to Kildare Sports Partnership for three *Slí na Sláinte* routes in and around the town.

In conjunction with Annual Heritage Week, the group has organised a serious of guided tours. These included a tour of St Patrick's College, a Maynooth Town walk, A Royal Canal walk and Flora and Fauna Walks of both Carton Avenue and St. Patrick's College.

The group organises annually, in partnership with the local writer's group, a poetry evening as part of the Maynooth Community Festival.

The group had a general discussion on plans for 2003.

The highlight of the year will be a commemoration of Robert Emmet's rebellion which took place in Dublin on 23rd July 1803. People from the town of Maynooth also got involved. On the evening of the 23rd a group of up to 400 men occupied Maynooth. In his report the Irish State Solicitor, James McCelland stated: 'It is difficult to account for this insurrection breaking out in Maynooth and in its progress being almost exclusively confined to the inhabitants of that town, while the remainder of the county of Kildare continued tranguil, altho' it is certain that a strong spirit of disaffection prevails throughout the whole county.' (see Liam Chambers, 'The State Solicitor's Report on the 1803 Rebellion in County Kildare' in Raymond Gillespie, (ed.), Journal of the County Kildare Archaeological Society, 2000-2001, Vol. XIX, Part 1).

The meeting concluded with the election of officers.

Rita Edwards Secretary

Maynooth Flower & Garden Club

Results of recent fund-raising held by the club. Christmas Gala in Glenroyal, we were able to donate \in 2,000 to the Irish Heart Foundation. The women of St Mary's Church of Ireland, and Maynooth Flower & Garden Club, held a Bazaar in the Boys' school on December the 1st to raise funds for the Maynooth Special Olympics, As a result we presented a cheque of \in 1,503.34 to the Maynooth Special Olympic fund. Thanks to all who supported these events.

Loftus Hall, Maynooth College

On the 18th of March the club have a teaching demonstration by Maire O' Leary. Her tittle is *New Ideas/Techniques*. Competition for club members . Class A, `Still Life'

Class B&C, `Spring Exhibit - Gig Plant Competition. 1 Daffodil. Visitors Welcome - Spring Show April 12th-13th. DETAILS IN APRIL NEWSLETTER.

Moira Baxter P.R.O.



Maynooth Citizens Information Centre

Question

What are the new Medical Card income guidelines for 2003?

Answer

The Medical Card income guidelines are updated in January each year. The new income guidelines, effective from 1st January 2003, are as follows:

Medical Card Income Guidelines from 1st January 2003 Weekly income limit (gross less PRSI deductions)				
Age	Single Person Living Alone	Single Person Living with Family	Married Couple	
Up to 66 years	∈138.00	∈123.00	€200.00	
66 - 69 years	∈151.00	∈130.00	€224.00	
70 -79 years			∈447.50	
80 years or over			∈471.00	

Allowances for each child under 16 \in 25.00 Allowance for other dependants \in 26.00 Allowance for (rent, mortgage) excess over \in 25.00 per week Allowance for cost of travelling to work in excess of \in 22.00 per week

For the year 2003 the guidelines have been increased by between 4.5% and 5%. For example, for a single person living alone, aged less than 66, this means an increase of \in 6.00 and for the age group 66 - 69 years an increase of \in 7.00. Similarly, for a married couple the increases are \in 9.50 and \in 10.00 respectively.

Everyone age 70 and over normally resident in Ireland is entitled to a Medical Cart irrespective of income. This medical card is not means tested. It covers the cardholder only and does not cover their spouse/dependants. If you do have a medical card because you are over 70 but your spouse is under 70 years of age, she/he can apply for a means tested medical card. For example, where one spouse is aged 75 and the other 68, the means limits applying to the younger spouse are those of a married couple aged 70 - 79 years. Further information is available at 01 6285477.

Question

I believe there have been some changes to the Rent Supplement scheme. Can you please give details of the changes?

Answer

Rent Supplement is paid to those who are eligible, living in private rented accommodation, who cannot provide for the cost of the accommodation from their own resources and who do not have alternative accommodation available to them. The supplement is available under the Supplementary Welfare Allowance Scheme (SWA) through the Community Welfare Officers at local health centres.

There is usually a maximum level of rent considered by Health Boards as being reasonable, depending on

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household size and on the 'going rate' for rents in the local area. In November 2002, the Health Boards set the weekly maximum rent levels for the period 22nd November, 2002 to 31st December, 2003. A Rent Supplement will not normally be paid where the amount of rent exceeds the appropriate maximum rent level which has been set.

If you are considered eligible, you will have to make a contribution towards the rent with the Rent Supplement covering the balance. The amount of supplement you get should leave you with an income equal to the rate of SWA appropriate to your family circumstances less a 'housing element'. This 'housing element' is the minimum contribution which you will have to pay. From the 30th December, 2002 the minimum contribution which you will have to make has increased from \in 7.62 to \in 12.00.

In the means test for the supplement there are a number of income disregards. In April 2001 an income disregard was introduced for social welfare pensioners aged 65 or over. Since January 2002 the disregard had been $\in 10$. In the case of a couple aged 65 or over where both were receiving a pension or where they were receiving a pension with a qualified adult allowance the disregard had been $\in 20$ per week. From 30th December, 2002 the income disregard has increased to $\in 23$ per week in all cases i.e. $\in 23$ per household.

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

Question

I recently lost my job and I am now receiving Unemployment Benefit from The Department of LSocial and Family Affairs. Is my social welfare payment taxable.

Answer

Like most social welfare payments, Unemployment Benefit (UB) is a taxable income and must be declared in addition to other sources of income of yourself or your spouse on any form from the Revenue Commissioners which requires details of income to be stated. However the first \in 13 per week of UB is exempt from tax as well as any increases for child dependants.

For those who are in a short-time working arrangement the UB payable is not taxable. Short-time employment means employment in which, for the first time being, a number of days is systematically worked in a working week which is less than the number of days which is normally worked in a working week.

if you make a claim for a tax refund, the taxable portion of UB paid since you became unemployed will be added to your pay and the appropriate refund will be made. When you resume employment advise the tax office of the name and address of your new employer. The tax office will notify your new employer of your earnings and net tax deducted up to the date you resume employment and both you and your employer will be issued with an amended certificate of Tax Credits.

If you don't claim a tax refund, when you resume employment give your new employer your Form P45 Parts 2 and 3. Both yourself and your employer will be notified of your reduced tax credits and standard rate band.

Further information is available at 01 6285477.

Question

I recently heard about 'force majeure leave' and I would like to know what this covers. Could you explain what it means and under what circustances I would be entitled to take this leave?

Answer

'Force majeure leave' is covered under Section 10 of the Parental Leave Act, 1998. It refers to circumstances in which you, as an employee, are entitled to leave with pay from your employment for urgent family reasons. The entitlement to the leave is limited to circumstances where your presence is indispensable owing to the injury or illness of a close family member such as your spouse or partner, your son or daughter, your brother or sister, your parent or grandparent.

Force majeure leave cannot be treated as part of any other leave (e.g. sick leave, adoptive leave, maternity leave, annual leave or parental leave) to which you are entitled.

You may not be absent on force majeure leave for more than 3 days in any 12 consecutive months, or 5 days in any 36 consecutive months. Absence for part of a day is counted as one day of force majeure leave.

Compassionate leave following a death in the family or to attend a funeral is not an entitlement in legislation and is not covered by force majeure leave. Whether you are able to take time off on such occasions may depend on your contract of employment providing for such leave, on custom and practice at your place of work or on your employer's discretion.

Further information is available from the Employment Rights Information Unit, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Davitt House, 65A Adelaide Road, Dublin 2. Tel: 01 6313131, LoCall 1890 201615



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Maynooth Irish Countrywomen's Association

The Maynooth guild of the Irish Countrywomen's Association met at the ICA Hall Maynooth Harbour. Several were absent owing to holidays or illness, so we shall meet them at the March 2003 meeting.

Heartiest congratulations to Eileen Flynn, the new Craft Promoter who won the Margaret Gee Perpetual Memorial Cup for her Christmas table centrepiece. Enthusiasts look forward to Mondays with Eileen and her many varied crafts.

Thank you to Netta Crowley, county development advisor, for her plaudits. She focused on many aspects of women's rights, from lessening the burden of washday through rural electrification, to health awareness with the Osteoporosis Foundation and Breast Screening. In a broad-ranging talk Netta mentioned the Tidy Towns competitions, and the involvement of ICA's Nora O'Herlihy with the Credit Union movement. Over the past ninety years the ICA has listened to the voices of women, and now in the age of the nuclear family it continues to listen, with its counselling service.

The book *Women of Maynooth 1953-2003* will be a treasured lasting memorial to the hundreds of ladies who created greater social awareness as they participated in many aspects of life in Maynooth.

Dates for your diary:

21st March 2003 Daffodil Day

5th April 2003 Craft Day at Maynooth

Badminton continues on Mondays and Thursdays.

Thank you to Betty Farrell for her entertaining Bingo session. Winners were Mairead Scanlon, Betty Moore and Grainne Kelly. Other winners were Mary MacNamara, Mary Halton and Rosemary Hanley.

Owen Byrne was prayerfully remembered.



Special Olympics Maynooth Host Town Programme

Not long to go now until June 16th and the arrival of the Brazilian Special Olympics team in Maynooth. Plans are well underway for the reception of the team and all our volunteers' talents and energies are about to be fully tapped.

As people may be aware, after the public meeting on January 21st in the Glenroyal Hotel, the Brazilian team numbers have been reduced due to financial constraints in Brazil and we now expect to host around 40 athletes and chaperones. The Brazilian Special Olympics Committee has done their utmost to send as many participants as possible and we hope to make their stay memorable.

A further general meeting of all those who have volunteered their services was held on Tuesday 18th February, again in the Glenroyal Hotel. Volunteers were asked to brainstorm ideas on the various areas that need to be considered for the Brazilian Team's stay: transport, entertainment, catering, accommodation, town preparation, art exhibition, torch run, publicity, etc. Every little detail has to be looked at and planned, and every volunteer needs to be aware of what is happening and what their important role is.

Maynooth is going to feature on the last leg of the Olympic Torch Run. On Friday 20th the torch will arrive in the town where a reception for the torch bearers and a celebration of the event will take place. Don't miss the arrival of the Olympic torch in Maynooth - it may be the only time in your lifetime that an Olympic flame will burn on Irish soil!

Watch out as well for the participation of the Host Town Volunteers in the St. Patrick's Day Parade and let's hope that we have a little Brazilian sunshine for the event.

Any volunteers who did not make it to the two general meetings mentioned above can contact any of the committee to get an update and find the date of the next meeting as written notice of such meetings will not be sent due to the numbers involved.

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Bond Bridge & Approaches

Tenders are invited by Kildare County Council for construction of Bond Bridge and Approach Roads. The Bond Bridge and Approaches, Maynooth Site is located to the south west of Maynooth Town Centre. The road works will link Parson Street directly with Meadowbrook Road crossing over the Royal Canal and the Dublin to Sligo railway line.

Application Deadline: Wednesday 12 March 2003 Tender Deadline Date: Wednesday 26 March 2003

Tender Deadline Time: 17.00

Notice Type: Tenders

Bond Bridge & Approaches, Maynooth

Tenders are invited from experienced Contractors/Civil Engineering Contractors for the construction of Bond Bridge and Approach Roads, Maynooth in accordance with documents and drawings prepared by the Director of Services/County Engineer, Kildare County Council

The scope of the works is summarised briefly as follows:

- 1 Construction of approximately 470m of single carriageway road and associated footways and cycle tracks linking Parson Street to Meadowbrook Road;
- Construction of approximately 80m of single carriageway road and associated footways and cycle tracks linking Newtown Road with the new link road;
- 3 Construction of drainage and ducting;
- 4 Relocation of existing services;
- 5 Installation of road lighting;
- 6 Construction of accommodation works;
- 7 Construction of fencing and safety fencing/barriers;
- 8 Grassing and landscaping;
- 9 Traffic Signs;
- 10 Construction of Dublin Sligo Railway Under Bridge:
- 11 Construction of Royal Canal Under Bridge;
- 12 Installation of approximately 470m of large surface water box culvert;
- 13 Installation of approximately 500m of Foul Sewer;
- 14 Demolition of existing Railway Bridge;
- Dismantling, in ordered manner, of existing Canal Bridge;

And as described in the Contract Documents.

The works are to be constructed in stages and shall be maintained by the Contractor for a period of 12 months after issue of Certificate of Completion. The full scope of the Works and the obligations of the Contractor are to be ascertained by reference to the Contract as a whole.

Tender documents may be obtained from the Roads Administration Section, Kildare County Council, St. Mary's, Naas, Co. Kildare on payment of a deposit of €100, which is refundable on receipt of a bona fide Tender not subsequently withdrawn and return of all documents and drawings not returned with the Tender.

Sealed Tenders and Bill of Quantities, in the appropriate envelope marked "Bond Bridge & Approaches, Maynooth" should be lodged with the County Secretary, Kildare County Council, St. mary's, Naas, Co. Kildare not later than 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday 26th March, 2003.

It will be a condition of the award of the Contract that the successful tenderer, and all sub-contractors appointed by him/her, produce the specified insurances and performance bonds and must provide a current and valid Tax Clearance Certificate or C2 Certificate from the Revenue Commissioners. In the case of a non-resident tenderer, a statement of suitability on tax grounds from the Revenue Commissioners will be required.

It should be noted that the lowest of any Tender need not necessarily be accepted.

The Freedom of Information (FOI) Act applies to the Council. If a Tenderer considers that any of the information supplied by him/her is either commercially sensitive or confidential in nature, it should be identified and the reasons for its sensitivity specified. In such cases, the relevant material may, subject to the provisions of the Act, be protected from access in

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Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

Planning Application 02/2491, Mycete Construction for 538 units at Mariaville, Maynooth.

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following objection to this Planning Application:

"I wish to object in the strongest terms to this application for planning permission.

- 1 The application does not comply with Clause 3.8.1.T1.3 of the Maynooth Development Plan for the following reasons:
- a It has a vehicular exit onto the Moyglare Road
- b It does not propose to complete the new road before commencing the development
- c It makes no reference as to how and when the roads in County Meath will be upgraded in line with Map No.1 of the Maynooth Development Plan.

In the absence of a completed ring (from the Moyglare Road to the Blacklion Road) the proposal is untenable because of the impact the extra cars would have on Maynooth Town Centre.

- The density proposed is greater than that used when the Council decided on the Population Targets for Maynooth in the County Development Plan. The proposed density is 11 houses per acre, whereas the Council envisaged 7 houses to the acre when setting a population target of 12,600 by 2006. If approved the proposed density would make the population targets meaningless.
- The proposal is in conflict with Clause 2.1.3 of the Maynooth Development Plan for the following reasons:
- a Apart from a creche it does not a have a full range of social facilities e.g. children's playground, local shops, clubs and recreational facilities.
- b Proposals for large residential developments should be made in the context of Action Area Plans in order to ensure that new residential estates develop as integrated neighbourhoods.

It is my view that the application in it's present format should be rejected and that proposals for development of this 19.39 hectares site should be made in the context of an Action Area Plan as per Clause 2.1.3 (last sentence) of the Maynooth Development Plan.

I enclose fee of €20 for my objection."

When Cllr. McGinley attempted to propose that the Leixlip Area Committee recommend refusal of the application, at their meeting on 7th February, he was told by the Director of Services, that he could not do so as the last date for objections was 2nd. February. This advice was the exact opposite to that given by KCC officials at the previous Area Meeting and it was contrary to normal practice i.e. Area Committee's could normally make recommendations to the County Manager after the closing date for statutory submissions. Cllr. John McGinley stated that he rejected totally the stance taken by Council officials and that it would be an outrage if permission was given for this development without it being made in the context of an Action Area Plan.

FF, FG and PD Councillors Vote for Massive 33% Increase in Bin Charges

At the Budget (Estimates) Meeting of the Council on 27th January all of the FF, FG and PD Councillors voted for a 33% increase in the wheelie bin charges, bringing the annual charge to ∈335 for the large bin. All of Labour

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Party and Independent Councillors voted against the increased charge.

Cllr. John McGinley proposed the following alternative policy and this was seconded by Emmet Stagg T.D.:

"That the Council adopt a Policy of issuing the small 140 litre bin, for the weekly collection, in the towns of Leixlip, Maynooth, Celbridge, Clane, Kilcock and Newbridge and that the existing 240 litre bin be used for dry recyclables in these towns. And that this policy take effect on the passing of the 2003 Budget. Given the savings in landfill, that the annual charge for this service be ∈240."

The policy would have resulted in recycling being encouraged and households paying the same charge as last year, but this time getting an additional bin for recycling. The motion was defeated as only the Labour Party and Independent Councillors voted for, with the FF, FG and PD Councillors voting against.

County Manager Decides to Put Temporary Traffic Lights and a Footpath on Bond Bridge

The Leixlip Area Councillors were advised on 6th February that the County Manager had allocated \in 60,000 for temporary traffic lights and a footpath on Bond Bridge. At the Leixlip Area Committee Meeting the next day Cllr. John McGinley asked what prompted the County Manager to take the action at this late stage and he asked for an assurance that in no way would it result in any delay in the construction of the new Bond Bridge. In reply the County Engineer stated the County Managers action was as result of advice, on safety grounds, from senior engineers and he assured the Councillors that the action would in no way delay the construction of the new Bond Bridge. He also stated that the ∈60,000 would not be a loss to the Council as the traffic lights could be used elsewhere and that the footpath design was of a temporary nature.

Removal of HGV Through Traffic From Maynooth's Main Street

Cllr. John McGinley has asked for the immediate erection of signs at Blacklion and at Barrett's Roundabout directing HGV through traffic to the M4 and the INTEL Link. If such trucks used the new link road they would save valuable time and Main Street, Maynooth would benefit from their absence.

Trucks using Convent Lane, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the local Area Engineer to re-erect the sign at Convent Lane prohibiting trucks from entering Convent Lane (Dunboyne Road) from Main Street. It is totally unacceptable that trucks should be using this narrow road when the much quicker Blacklion Road is available (or in the case of through traffic the INTEL Link).

Withdrawal of Westside Waste Appeal

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have welcomed the withdrawal of the appeal by Brivin Enterprises against Kildare County Council's decision to refuse planning permission for 3 light Industrial Units and a waste procession centre at Blacklion, Maynooth.

The proposed facility would have been located just North of Parklands Housing Estate and to the 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 site. Cllr. McGinley successfully argued for the exclusion of such waste processing facilities in the zoning of the site under the Maynooth Development Plan because of the proximity of houses in the area.

Given that the appeal has now been withdrawn and the original refusal stands Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley have again called on Kildare County Council to close down the existing waste separation facility under Clause 3.2.6 of the Maynooth Development Plan.

Objection to Application for 18 dwellings 0.9 acre site East of Parklands Grove

Cllr. John McGinley along with his colleagues Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. Catherine Murphy have lodged an objection to this planning application on the grounds of Density, Residential Amenity, Overlooking, Private Open Space, Design and Mix of Housing. The proposal seeks to maximise the profitability of the site for the developers by seeking to cram in 18 dwellings into a site of less than an acre. The proposal does not integrate with the existing housing in the area because of this and a more appropriate development would be 6 normal houses built back to back.

Bus Shelter Opposite the Glenroyal Hotel

Following representations from Cllr. John McGinley Dublin Bus has agreed to erect a much needed shelter at the bus stop on the Straffan Road opposite the Glenroyal Hotel and in order to facilitate this the County Council has removed the small front wall.

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Government Drop Plans For Maynooth Post Primary Extension.

Deputy Emmet Stagg has reacted angrily to the decision by Minister Dempsey to effectively drop plans for the required extension to Maynooth Post Primary School.

Minister Dempsey has announced his Post Primary School Building Programme for 2003 and no new projects in North Kildare received approval for funding.

Maynooth Post Primary School sought approval for an extension in August 1999 based on their existing and projected enrolment and since then the Government has refused to sanction funding for the project. Planning Permission for 10 additional classrooms and administration rooms was granted by Kildare County Council in December 2001.

The Extension is at an early stage of Architectural Planning and according to the Minister will not be allowed to proceed beyond their current stage for the time being, despite the acceptance by the Minister that the project is <u>necessary</u> based on their criteria for examining such proposals.

Given the fact that Post Primary Schools at an advanced stage of Architectural Planning are dependent on Exchequer allocations in 2004 and subsequent years, and the fact that the Maynooth Post Primary Project is at an early stage of Architectural Planning, then it could be 2005/2006/2007 before Maynooth receives approval to proceed to construction.

This is simply unacceptable and consigns Pupils and Teachers to more years of studies in prefabs at the school. Deputy Stagg will continue to raise the issue of Maynooth with the Minister but following this Government's lies to the Electorate last May it looks like the dye is now cast.

Extension to Presentation Convent Delayed Further

The required extension to the Presentation Girls Convent School, comprising 2 classrooms, 4 resource rooms, 1 general purpose room, 1 multi purpose room, 1 library and 3 administration rooms has been excluded from the 2003 Primary School Building Programme.

The project is at an early stage of Architectural

Planning and will not be allowed to progress any further during 2003.

Deputy Emmet Stagg stated that the project is deemed <u>essential</u> under the Minister's criteria for examining such projects and yet no funding has been provided. Deputy Stagg will continue to pursue this matter with the Minister.

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The family of the late Pauline: Sons: Paddy and James. Daughters: Patricia, Kay, Elizabeth, Collette, Noeline and Pauline. Brothers: Joe, John and Anthony, wish to thank most sincerely all who sympathised with them on their recent sad loss. We were very moved by those who attended the removal Mass and funeral and sent Mass cards and floral tributes.

A special thanks to all the priests who officiated at the ceremonies.

As it would be impossible to thank everybody individually, we trust this acknowledgement will be accepted as a token of our sincere gratitude. The Holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions

Byrne Owen, Parklands, Maynooth.

Owens family would like to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them on their recent sad loss; to all those who attended his removal and funeral mass and those who sent mass cards, letters of sympathy, Hospice donations and floral tributes. A special word of thanks to neighbours from Old Greenfield and Parklands, and to friends and relatives for their help and support. Sincere thanks to Dr. Christopher O'Rourke, Msgr. Alex Stenson, Rev. Sean Ryan, the Nurses and Doctors of The Mater Hospital, the Nurses and Doctors of St. Brigid's Hospice, and to all those who looked after Owen with great care. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually hope we that this acknowledgement will be accepted as a token of our appreciation to all. The Holy sacrifice of the mass will be offered for your intentions. The Months' Mind mass will be offered in Ladychapel Church on Sunday 2nd March at 10.00 a.m.

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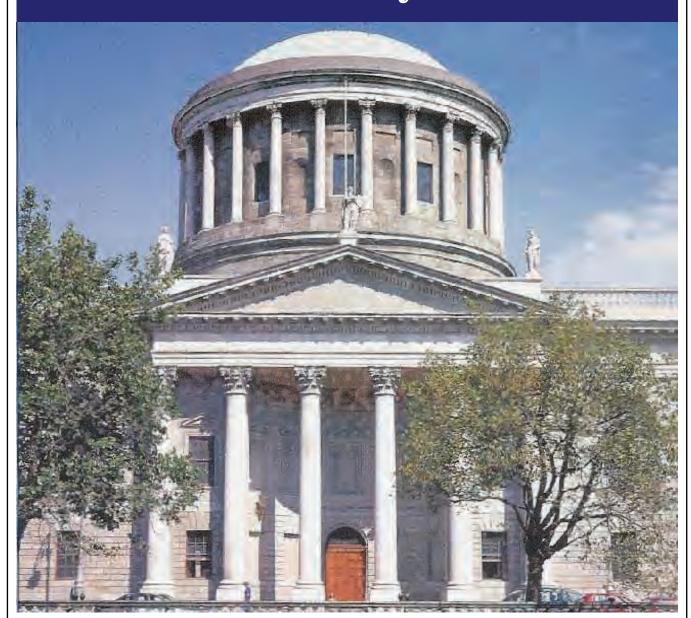


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Community Council Notes March 2003 Meeting

Maynooth Community Council Elections

Elections for the New Community Council will take place in April 2003. Forms can be obtained from the Community Council Office.

The election schedule is included elsewhere in the Newsletter.

It is now important that all groups and Resident Associations put forward people for the Council.

Remember

- ⇒ Nominations close Thursday 17th April
- ⇒ Voting closes Thursday 24th April
- ⇒ Votes counted Saturday 3rd May
- ⇒ First meeting of New Council Monday 12th May

The March meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on the 10th march in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Bond Bridge and Meadowbrook Link Road

The issue of Bond Bridge was raised again. It was noted that tenders have gone out for the Bond Bridge and Meadowbrook Link Roads project. However people still remain worried.

The fact that levies have been collected over the years from residents was raised, also Des Matthews said that he read that money is in short supply for these projects, also the fact that permanent lights are going up now, it was wondered why is this happening at this late stage.

Des also said that the lights at Bond Bridge are causing traffic problems at the Roost now. It was also noted that taxis are speeding and trying to beat the lights.

Traffic Management Plan

Paul Croghan raised the point about a Traffic Management Plan for Maynooth.

Cllr. John McGinley said that consultants have being contracted to do a study and that all households will be contacted.

Hugh Gallagher said that the ramps in Celbridge are doing a good job, also the new interlink is working well.

Des Matthews said that a very positive motion should go out from this meeting that no further agreement be given on further planning until all infrastructure is in place.

Hugh Gallagher, Chairperson, took this up and stated that he will contact Kildare County Council about this, also that Maynooth Community Council would be very concerned if Bond Bridge and Meadowbrook projects don't commence immediately.

Peter Connell raised the point about social infrastructure. Maynooth he said has no swimming pool, no community centre, social levies should be raised from further development. There will be 1,500 units built in Maynooth over the next few years.

Maynooth Community Council, also our County Councillors should take this on board.

Geraldine Hall

It was noted that Kildare County Council now hold a 99 year lease on the building, also that Kildare County Council would secure the building. Cllr. John McGinley said that Kildare County Council would want a plan for the Geraldine Hall under the Maynooth Action Area Plan. There will also be a decision on the location of a swimming pool for North Kildare soon.

Office

Paul Croghan said that there are 6 vacancies in the office at the moment. To apply people need to be O/35 and in receipt of benefit for 3 years and O/25 in receipt of benefit for 1 year. Please send CV to Unit 5, Newtown Shopping Centre, Beaufield, Maynooth. Tel: 01 6285922 / 01 6285053.

Tidy Towns

Paul Croghan said that they are launching a separate competition this year "Litter Free Area". They will be contacting businesses and resident associations. He also said that a grass cutting contract for Maynooth was not yet granted. Kildare County Council not responding to requests.

Maynooth Community Centre Partnership

Ann Burns told the meeting that if Maynooth don't get the swimming pool it would make a big difference to their plans. They are also meeting with the Swimming Club. It is also hoped to have a night in the Festival. She also said that they hoped that the Maynooth Lord Mayor competition could be re-activated. However Ann was told that Maynooth Community Council did not think it appropriate to talk on the matter at the moment.

Festival

Chairperson, Andrew McMullon, said their committee were looking for more members of Maynooth Community Council to come forward. Also it was noted that any person wanting to get involved with the Festival could do so. Please contact the office.

Town Twinning

Maynooth Twinning with a town in France was raised. While it was agreed that this is a nice idea it would involve a great deal of expense. Also there would not be any free holidays. However it was agreed to look at it.

Language Learning Courses

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Next Community Council Meeting will be held on 14th April in the Glenroyal Hotel.

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Community Council Elections

Elections for the new Community Council take place in April 2003. There are 73 seats to be filled with a nominee from the Student's Union. Co-options may take place after the first meeting.

Election arrangements

The number of Council places per electoral area is based on a rough ration of 100 voters (from the Electoral Register) per Council member.

Electoral Areas

1. Town Centre (5 seats)

The area bounded by Bond Bridge, Mullen Bridge, Blacklion, Kildare Bridge

(Dunboyne Road) and the Parish Church

- 2. Railpark/ Straffan Road including the Cresent (1 seat)
- 3. Castle Dawson (2 seats)
- 4. Lyreen Park/Nagle Court (2 seats)
- 5. Parson's Hall (2 seats)
- 6. Pebble Hill (2 seats)
- 7. Railpark Estate (2 seats)
- 8. Greenfield Estate (5 seats)
- 9. Carton Court (2 seats)
- 10. Kingsbry (5 seats)
- 11. Greenfield Lane/ Greenfield Phase 1 (1 seat)
- Greenfield phase 2 (1 seat)
- 13. Greenfield Phase 3/private sites (1 seat)
- 14. Beaufield (3 seats)
- 15. Meadowbrook (4 seats)
- 16. Cluain Aoibhinn (2 seats)
- 17. College Green (2 seats)
- 18. Moyglare Road/Moyglare Meadows/Moyglare Village (4 seats)
- 19. Moyglare Abbey (2 seats)
- 20. Newtown/Woodlands/Ashley Court (2 seats)
- 21. Newtown Court (2 seats)
- 22. Parson Street/Parson Lodge/Court (2 seats)
- 23. Silken Vale (2 seats)
- 24. Castlebridge (1 seat)
- 25. Parklands (5 seats)
- 26. Rockfield (5 seats)
- 27. Outlying Area A (1 seat)

including Carton Demesne, Old Carton, Catherinestown, Kellystown, Blakestown

28. Outlying Area B (1 seat)

including Windgates (east side of Straffan Road), Toolestown, Corbally, Griffinrath, Moneycooley, Ballygoran

29. Outlying Area C (1 seat)

including Rowanstown, Dowdstown, Taghadoe, Toolestown (west side of Straffan Road), Windgates (do), Newstownmacabe, Rooks, Smithstown, Johninstown, Graiguesallagh, Cowanstown, Kealstown, Graiguelin, Derrinstown, Donaghstown

30. Outlying Area D (1 seat)

including Timard, Laraghbryan East/West, the Maws, Ballycurraghan, Treadstown, Cormickstown, Crinstown, Laragh Demesne

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2003

Election Schedule

Nominations

The Nomination Form is included in this issue of the **Newsletter**.

Extra forms may by obtained from the Community Council Office, Unit 5, Newtown Shopping Centre, Beaufield, Maynooth.

All nominations should include the signature of the nominee signifying her/his acceptance of the nomination.

All nominations to arrive at the Community Council Office by **Thursday 17th April at 5 p.m.** Any resident over 18 is eligible for the election and to vote.

Voting

If elections are required, voting papers will be distributed to all eligible households between **Tuesday 22nd** and **Thursday 24th** April. Votes will be collected the following week, if they are not collected they may be brought to the Community Council office. All votes must be returned by **Friday 2nd May**, they will be counted on **Saturday 3rd May**.

Counting will be done by neutral volunteers under the supervision of outside scrutineers. For single area electoral areas, the single transferable vote method of counting will be used (as in by-elections to Dáil Éireann). For multiple-seat areas, each voter will have as many votes as there are seats available, with the candidates obtaining the most votes being elected, as appropriate.

The first meeting of the new Council will take place on Monday 12th May. This will be an AGM including the election of new officers for the Council.

Notices will be sent to all councillors.

There will be an informal meeting beforehand - councillors will be notified in advance.



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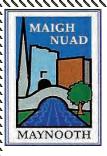




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File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
03/265	Thomas & Roma McDonagh	18 Rockfield Green Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	17/02/03	sought to construct a two- storey extension comprising at first floor two bedrooms with shared ensuite facilities and at ground floor a study to the rear of the dwelling	Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/271	Dan & Jean Broderick	8 Parklands Grove Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	17/02/03	to extend existing gound floor utility room and to construct two bedrooms at first floor level over existing playroom and extend utility room	8 Parklands Grove Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/319	Glenkerrin Homes Ltd.	Glenroyal Centre Maynooth Co. Kildare	R	21/02/03	retention of changes to evelational treatment on the previously approved extension to the Glenroyal Hotel and Leisure Centre register ref 01/520	Glenroyal Centre Maynooth Road Co. Kildare
03/335	Karen Donnellan	18 Pebble Hill Dunboyne Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	R	24/02/03	retain change of use of part of existing dwelling house from domestic sun/ playroom to mother and todler music workshop	18 Pebble Hill Dunboyne Road Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/374	Brian & Winifred Noone	Boycetown Kilcock Co. Kildare	Р	28/02/03	include pitched roof discount foodstore (1661m2 gross area) and two commercial units 171m2 groos area) associated corporate singage, free standing flagpole sigh, car parking (C175 car spaces) and all associated site development work etc	Straffan Road Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/391	Tom & Michael Madden	15 Greenfield Drive Maynooth Co. Kildare	0	03/03/03	demolish the existing single-storey three bedroom dwelling and replace with the construction of 3 two storey two bedroom town houses	9 Doctors Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/396	Raymond Eustace	61 Silken Vale Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	04/03/03	front porch, second storey extension at side two storey extension at side single-storey extension at rear	61 Silken Vale Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/399	Killian O'Carroll & Helen Sherman	18 Parklands Close Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	04/03/03	erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house and alterations	18 Parklands Close Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/403	Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich	Celbridge Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	95/03/03	construction of two additional temporary classrooms and associated alterations to the existing temporary school building	Celbridge Road Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/414	Michael Mazilu	5 Parklands Court Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	06/03/03	erect a new shop front	Main Street Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/432	Pat & Teresa Mooney	85 Main Street Leixlip Co. Kildare	R	07/03/03	retention of foul and surface water sewers from Parklands Lawns Maynooth to the existing 225mm diameter foul sewer at Parklands Crescent and tof the existing 1200mm diameter public water sewer at the entrance	Parklands Maynooth Co. Kildare

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File Numbe r	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
03/435	Noel Forster	Barrettstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	07/03/03	erect a bungalow and "bio- disc" small waste water treatment unit complete with percolation area	Barrettstown Upper Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/466	Linda Stanley & Noel McKenna	18 Rockfield Park Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	13/03/03	single storey extension to the rear of existing utility room and a first floor extension to the side of existing house	18 Rockfield Park Maynooth Co. Kildare









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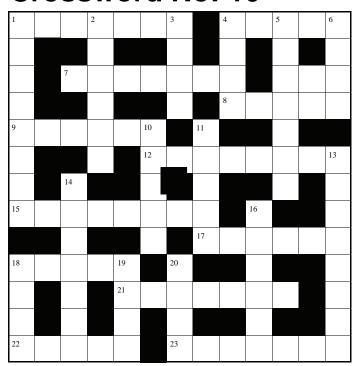
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- 8. Goods vehicle (5)
- 9. Adventurous (6)
- 12. Publican (8)
- 15. Front of a rocket (4,4)
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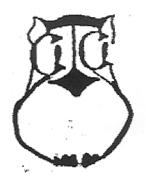
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- 4 Name any 3 spring flowers?
- What is the name of the canal in Maynooth?
- 6 What is an omelette made from?
- 7 If a kitten grows up to be a cat, What does a tadpole grow into?
- 8 What do you use to write on a blackboard?
- 9 If you stay in a hospital what is the room called?
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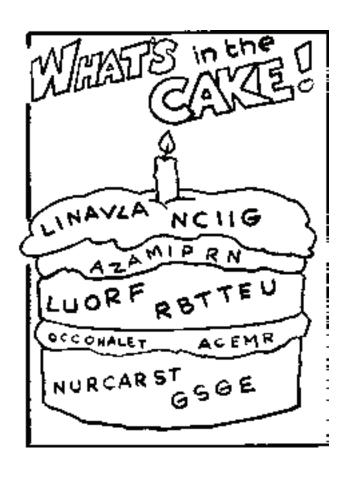
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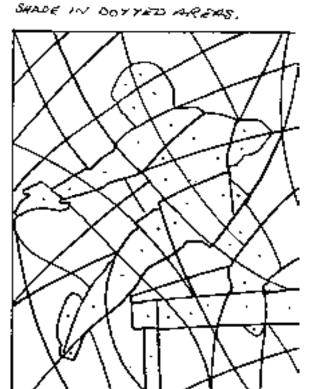
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Come To Dinner With Andy Mac

Menu for 6

Smoked Salmon Tartare with Cucumber

Smoked Salmon flavoured with dill and Mustard Seeds served with Cucumber and Creme Fraiche

Braised Peppered Beef

Steaks coated in Pepper Corns baked in a rich Mushroom and Wine Sauce

Glazed Baked Lemon Tart

Sharp Lemon Tart in a Sweet Pastry Case with a brittle Caramel Glaze.

How to get ahead

The day before make up smoked salmon tart are mould into cakes, cover with clingfilm and chill. Prepare and cook braised peppered beef, leave to cool, cover and chill. Bake lemon tart but do not glaze.

On the day, reheat beef, covered at $180^{\circ}\text{c}/350^{\circ}\text{f}/\text{Gas}\ 4$ for 30 - 35 mins. Make cucumber salad. Cook vegetable dishes. Glaze tart. Assemble starters and serve.

Shopping List

1 Cucumber 350g/12oz Smoked Salmon 3 Shallots 1 tbsp Chopped Fresh Dill 2 tsp Yellow Mustard Seeds ½ Lemon 90ml/3fl oz Creme Fraiche

6 x 175g/6oz Braising Steaks 25g/1oz Butter 350g/12oz Mushrooms 180mls/1 pint Beef Stock 2 tablespoons of Chopped Chives

125g/4oz Unsalted Butter 6 Eggs Medium 3 Lemons 240ml/8fl oz Double Cream

Smoked Salmon Tartare with Cucumber (Prep time 30 mins)

For the Salad 1 Cucumber, cut in half lenghtways and deseeded.

For the Smoked Salmon 12oz/350g Smoked Salmon 3 Shallots finely chopped 1 tbsp Chopped Fresh Dill 2 tsp Yellow Mustard Seed crushed ½ Lemon Juice only Sea Salt Olive Oil for drizzling 90ml/3fl oz Creme chill to garnish.

For the Salad

Cut Cucumber into thin strips abofut 2 inches long. Cut Salmon into dices. Mix with the Shallots, Dill, Mustard Seeds and Lemon Juice. Season with ground black pepper, sea salt. Using a 6cm/2¼ inch scone cutter mould salmon mixture into 6 cakes. Place on a lightly greased baking tray and chill.

Braised Peppered Beef (Prep time 15 mins - Cook time 2½ hours)

6 x 6 oz Braising Steaks
Flour for dusting
2 tbsp Dijon Mustard
4 tbsp Blackpepper Corns crushed
Sea Salt
2 tbsp Olive Oil
1 oz of Butter
12 oz of Mushrooms sliced
6 fl oz of Red Wine
1 Pint of Beef Stock
2 tbsp of chopped Chives for garnish

Preheat oven to 170°C/Gas 3/325°F. Dust steaks with flour. Spread mustard on one side. Sprinkle mustard with crushed peppercorns. Season with salt. heat oil and butter in a frying pan. Add steaks and cook for 2 mins each side. Transfer steaks to a casserole dish and put aside. Add mushrooms to pan. Fry for 2 mins and add wine. Pour over steaks. Add stock and cover dish. Cook for 1½ hours. Remove lid and cook for a further 1 hour. Remove steaks. Pour over sauce and garnish with a sprinkle of chives

Lemon Tart (prep time 35 mins + resting - Cook Time 45 - 50 mins)

Sweet Pastry Case

125g/4 oz Unsalted Butter 25g/1 oz icing Sugar sieved Pinch of Salt 175g/6 oz Plain Flour 1 Egg Yolk

Lemon Filling

3 Lemons grated and juiced 225g/8 oz Caster Sugar 5 Eggs 240 mls/8 fl oz Double Cream Icing Sugar for glazing

Come To Dinner With Andy Mac Contd.

For the Pastry Case

Cream butter, sugar, salt. Beat in 55g/2 oz flour then add egg yolk and remaining flour 1 tbsp at a time. Mix in 1 tsp water. Tip out onto a floured surface and knead dough gently until smooth. Wrap in cling film and chill.

For the Filling

Whisk zest juice, sugar and eggs together. Stir in Cream. Chill until required.

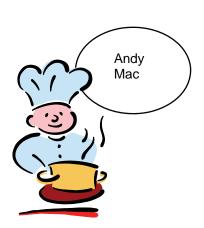
Preheat oven 200°C/400°F/Gas 6. Take pastry from the fridge. Leave at room temperature for 10 mins. Roll out and use to line a 20cm/8 inch loose bottom flan tin. Cover pastry with greaseproof paper and cover with rice. Chill for 10 mins then bake for 10 mins. Remove paper and rice and bake for a further 10 mins until brown. Reduce oven to 160°C/300°F/Gas 7. Pour in filling. Bake tart for 25 - 30 mins until set firm on the outside. Leave to cool. Carefully lift tart out of flan tin. Score tart into portions. Sieve icing sugar on and glaze under a hot grill.

Serve your main course with mash potatoe and a selection of fresh vegetables of your choice.

For the starter drink a spicy wine such as a Gewurztraminer. Good examples come from Alsace, California or New Zealand.

For main course go for a red such as Crozes Hermitage from the Rhone, or a young red Bordeaux from the Mecloc.

Next month I will be showing you how to plan a Sunday lunch for 6 and I will let you into a few tricks of the trade.







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Features

Early Irish Society

(Contd. from March Newsletter)

Most early Irish houses were made of wood and one of the most dangerous offences was arson (forloscud) although there is relatively little discussion in the law texts concerning the damage to buildings in general in comparison with the offences against animals. But there exists some evidence that there was a text on arson that is now lost. We do have the later commentary on the text and it distinguishes between a deliberate fire (comraite) and a fire that is the result of negligence (anfot). There are also fines for burning other buildings rather than the house and the resulting death of animals therein.

The saga material also mentions arson as a method of attacking the enemy - a king and his followers are trapped in a building and then it is set alight. This is how the infamous, prehistoric king, Conaire Mór, died in the story Togail Bruidne da Derga (The destruction of da Derga's hostel). The annals also contain some references to death by arson, in 1253 both Sadb daughter of Dondchad Cairprech Ua Briain and her husband Séfraid Ua Dondchada were burned to death and in 1446 a daughter of Tigernán son of Tadg Ua Ruairc was burned to death in a fight. It is said that St. Patrick forbade arson along with the killing of trained oxen and milch cows but it was permissible for a king to set alight the property of subjects who had failed to pay taxes etc. Arson would also be used as part of warfare and during cattle-raiding, a common activity of the time.

When the culprit was caught and brought to trial arson is treated as a violent crime, the laws says 'a firebrand is like a naked weapon' (*amal arm nocht int aithinne*). Another law text contains information on the penalties due when the thatch of the house is damaged. These range from a yearling bullock, the fine for taking a wisp from the thatch, to a milch cow for removing a sheaf. The perpetrator must also restore any damage that has been done. There are also the penalties for breaking a door, the front door-post and the back door-post.

The law also covers the unauthorised use of a farmer's buildings, grinding corn in the mill, drying corn in the kiln, opening the house and squatting in a house and lists the various penalties to be paid.

We also have information on damage to movable goods. Irish law does not list the collection of tools. This contrasts with Welsh law that gives a complete list of such utensils, weapons, ornaments and the legal value of each. But there are some sections that include passages on the fines that an intruder or indeed a guest must pay for damage to such household items as vats and pillows. He must also pay for damage to furniture or fittings on the floor of the house. But if damage is caused to precious objects of gold, silver or copper left on the floor he is exempt from payment — it is understood that they should have kept in a safe place and not lying around

on the floor.

There is no concept of cruelty to animals in early Irish law and the offences to animals relate to the livestock that belonged to someone else. If an animal is stolen for food, the culprit can be identified by the evidence of entrails, bones and gore beside his house. But there is recognition of malicious damage to animals; one legal text mentions the case of a wife who starved a household dog to death. This is found in the context of a legal dispute within marriage that could lead to divorce.

But not all damage to animals is a result of deliberate intention - there are also cases of carelessness and rough treatment. A farmer may drive straying cattle from his land and damage them in the process. There are seven illegal drivings listed: driving them into the sea, into a mire, a march, a place where wolves are gathered, with spite or carelessness, frightening them so that bones are broken and driving them into an infected cow-house. There is the extraordinary story in the Life of Saint Colmán mac Lúacháin about a bull called Grogín. This bull was capable of mating with mares as well as cows. On one occasion he strayed into a cornfield belonging to a man called Mac Coisemnaig. He chased it out but as a result the bull broke a leg and died. As compensation Mac Coisemnaig had to give the field in which the accident happened to the bull's owner. The owner gave it to God and to Colmán and the field was known henceforth as Grogín's field (Gortín Grogín).

Animals may also suffer damage as a result of negligence. A farmer is responsible if an animal dies on a fencing stake that is left in the wrong place. But if the stake is properly constructed and the animal dies by some unusual accident then the farmer is exempt.

There is also the case of seeing an animal in trouble. The passer-by must intervene if he sees an animal in trouble; if he does not then he is held responsible. The offence is called 'looking on' (aircsiu). Sometimes a person may kill an animal deliberately; a stray dog that is a nuisance or a neighbour's cat if it is found in his larder of food-vessel. The commentary on the Law of Dogs (Conshlechtae) states that a straying bitch in heat (cú shodaig) can be killed if she proves impossible to keep confined.

There is a large variety of payments due for illegal killing of livestock. This depends on the value of the animal itself and also on the way in which the offence occurs. In the case of the illegal killing of a guard dog the culprit must pay ten cows and provide a substitute of the same breed. If the dog guards livestock he must pay five cows and also provide a substitute. But there may also be additional restitution – any animals eaten by wild animals must be replaced for a year. Famously, Cú Chulainn killed the guard dog of Cuala as it attacked him as he tried to enter the locked fort. In compensation, he offers himself as a guard dog until a proper replacement comes of age. Dogs are frequently mentioned in early Irish sagas and they have pride of place within the household.

Features

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replacement value of the animal. But the penalty-fine for a domestic animal is usually fifteen or twenty times its normal commercial value. But on other occasions the penalty can be dependent on the rank of the owner. Therefore if a hunting dog belonging to a higher grade lord is killed the fine is one seventh of his honour-price. This penalty would then be even greater if the dog belonged to a king.

There are also lapdogs mentioned (*mesán*) as distinct from farm or hunting dogs. These are the household pets and the penalty fine for this killing is one third of the owner's honour-price in the case of a deliberate killing and one sixth if the death is inadvertent.

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Murder of the Month

Who killed John Conlin?

John Conlin kept a bar and supper-room at the Castle Hall amusement centre in Astoria, Long Island, New York and on the night of April 20th 1931 he had a particularly successful evening. There had been a large christening in the establishment and his takings were higher than usual. He did not bother to count the takings but stuffed the money into the pockets of his suit and coat and locked the centre. He then joined three of his friends in a waiting taxi. Charles Carell, Herman Rysner and Joseph Murphy rode with him and dropped him off home before they themselves were left at their various addresses.

When Conlin entered his home at 3132 Thirty-seventh Street, Astoria, he went to the first floor. He took out his key and inserted it in the lock. Suddenly, he felt a gun in the small of his back. A voice ordered him back downstairs. He did as he was told. Then he saw the man - tall, dark, about thirty years old. He had never seen him before. The man told him to empty his pockets and to give him a ring. When Conlin asked him which ring he meant, the man pointed to his left hand and said 'that ring'. John Conlin could not understand how the man knew that he was wearing a ring. It was too dark in the hallway for him to see it. But again he obeyed and handed it to him. The man now had all his money and the ring. He told Conlin to walk back down the hall and to stand with his face to the wall. When he did this, the man shot him in the back. The strange man disappeared.

A patrolman arrived at the house and immediately called the detectives to the scene. Conlin was still alive but in dreadful pain and begged them to send for the ambulance. They could make very little sense of what had happened to him. In hospital, the surgeons removed a bullet from his spinal column and he eventually woke from his ether-produced sleep to see a group of serious faces around him. These included Detective John Dust who had spoken to him at the house before being taken to hospital. Also present in the room was the Assistant District Attorney Joseph V. Loscalzo of Queens Borough, New York City. Painfully, Conlin gave them the above account of what had transpired.

The police had very few leads, robbery seemed obvious but the attempted murder seemed inexplicable. They checked with the three men who had shared the taxi with him but they were quickly eliminated from their enquiries. This was also true of the taxi driver, Howard Springer. The police had hoped that he would be able to help as his usual cab stand was beside Castle Hill and that he might have some knowledge of the habits of customers and employees in the area. He said that he was aware of Conlin's movements, when he went home and that he usually carried the takings with him. Many other

people would have the same information and would have been aware that the christening took place and that the takings would be larger than usual. The logical theory seemed to be that someone with this knowledge waited for John Conlin to rob him on a particularly profitable night.

But there was a problem with entry to the building in which he lived. The street door was always locked. No one could gain entry without a pass-key or with one of the four families who lived there. None of them could recall allowing a stranger in on that evening. Be that as it may, the stranger had somehow gained access to the building and had lain in wait for his prey.

The shooting puzzled the police. Why shoot him after the fact? Was it a gang vengeance killing? Did the man think that John Conlin had recognised him? But Conlin did not know his assailant. The robber gave himself more time to get away by shooting his victim. So many questions with very few answers. Conlin could not help the police with a detailed description and the detective allowed his wife, Amy, to spend some time with him.

Amy Conlin was in tears as she sat, wordless, beside her husband. Neither of them spoke. Detective Dust did not leave the room although he found the silent scene somewhat discomforting. He was determined to question John Conlin further when his wife left. Eventually, Amy patted her husband's face, arranged the flowers that she had brought with her and then she left the hospital room.

Detective Dust sat beside the victim's bed and asked him about his business. It transpired that it was a speakeasy but Conlin said that his relationship with his clients was amicable. He himself could not understand why he had been shot. When the detective asked him about his marriage, the man denied that either he or his wife had been unfaithful. He said that is was absurd to think of his wife as having ever been unfaithful to him. Dust left the patient and decided to have a chat with his brother, James, who was due to visit him shortly. James Conlin seemed only too glad to talk to him. He said that he was convinced that there was a woman in the picture somewhere.

Dust waited at the hospital for the woman to turn up. When she left the building, Dust followed her into an office of the Postal Telegraph Company. There she made several attempts to write a telegram but she tore them up and shoved them into her bag. Eventually, she wrote the telegram and gave it to the clerk along with some money. Then she left. Dust went up to the counter and eventually gained access to the necessary information. The message and money were to be sent to James DePew at President Hotel, Manhattan, the woman signed herself Mrs. H. Hitz. Dust and his partner, Sullivan, paid a visit to the President Hotel. There was no one registered by the name of DePew. However, when the clerks were questioned it became clear that one of the guests, a J. B. Brooks, had accepted a message for James DePew. He had left the hotel but they were expecting him to return, his

Murder of the Month Contd.)

luggage was still in the room. As well as that, the receptionist remembered that this guest had also taken receipt of a parcel a few days beforhand. The parcel had come from the American Express Agency and after making enquiries it emerged that the parcel had come from the Wineholt Manufacturing Company at Woodbine, Pennsylvania. Dust knew that they were on the trail of a killer. The Wineholt company made inexpensive revolvers. The parcel had arrived on April 18th. John Conlin had been shot between midnight April 19th and 2 a.m. April 20th. The gun was a 32-calibre handgun, matching the bullet that had been taken from Conlin's spine. Mr. Brooks or Mr. DePew became a prime suspect.

Why did Brooks/DePew kill John Conlin? Who is the mystery woman of the case? Find out next month. M. Ní Bhrolcháin

Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade 2003









One Hundred years ago - What the papers said about the car 1903.

It is four or five years now since the comic papers began to hail the advent of the automobile with pictures of motor cars rearing wildly at the unwonted sight of a horse on the public highway. Business men do not care to risk capital, or to prophesy, unless they know, but they invested a good many millions in the automobile from the beginning. Yet business men understood very well that the manufacture of automobiles could never be put on a permanent industrial basis by building "Red Devils" millionaires and victorias for millionairesses. The only people who can support a great American industry are people in moderate circumstances, who can pay for a convenience what they will not pay for a luxury. The opportunity was a great one, the manufacturer seized it, and the result is the mightiest revolution in transportation since Stephenson stoked his first locomotive.

The automobile has come to stay. Already the prophetic eve of the suburbanite sees himself emancipated from the commutation train; the country doctor's horse will not be hitched eternally to the front post; the trucking horse is passing as certainly as the horse of the "bob-tail" car. From a luxury the automoblile has become a convenience. From a convenience it will become a necessity. And the public knows it. During the past year we have seen among our readers multiplying signs of interest in the subject of automobiles. To focus this interest and to bring to our public the information concerning automobiles which otherwise could only be gathered piecemeal, from a multitude of separate sources; to give this information in a clear, concise way; to put before prospective buyer the all the cars manufactured by reliable firms, which are open to his choice-in a word, to put the Case for the Automobile before the great jury.

The general utility of the automobile is best shown by what it has actually accomplished. Three automobiles one light run-about and two heavy touring cars-have crossed by their own power from San Francisco to New York, at average speeds of over one hundred miles a day. In an endurance test conducted from New York to Pittsburg, twenty-five of the thirty-four starters finished, over abominable roads and under weather conditions so severe as to tie up railway systems in the same section of the country. It is estimated that 50,000 automobiles were in use in the United States in 1903.

A new automobile cost from \$375 to \$17,000, the difference being more in size, finish and speed than in usefulness. Second-hand automobiles were had for less, but were rarely worth more than paid for them, and all out of date. Weights ranged from 400 to 3,500 pounds for pleasure and light commercial vehicles, and carrying capacity runs from 25 to 50 per

cent. of the weight.

The life of any good automobile, with renewable bearings and interchangeable parts, should be at least as long as the working life of several horses. The maintenance of a machine must be figured on a different basis from that of a horse, as horse costs so much per unit of time kept, while an automobile costs so much per unit of work done. In practically every instance on record, however, individual users have found the machine less expensive than the animal, even under the severe conditions of constant use. For irregular use, the automobile makes a still better showing, as it cannot eat its head off in idleness.

Fuel and lubricants for gasoline or steam machines will cost from one-half to two cents a mile. Current for an electric machine usually costs considerably more. A small annual outlay for repairs and relacements is always to be expected. Tires cost from \$40 to \$240 a set and will run 2,000 to 15,000 miles, according to the weight of the vehicle, the character of the roads and the speeds ordinarily maintained. One of the gasoline machines that recently accomplished the transcontinental trip made the distance on a tire expense of one and a half cents a mile, and a fuel and replacement expense of one cent a mile. Three passengers were carried most of the way. With five, the vehicle's full seating capacity, the cost of transporting each passenger would have been one-half cent a mile-equal to a railway fare of \$15 for 3,000 miles. A lighter vehicle, or better roads, would have reduced all expenses.

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My Trip To Slovenia By Claire Murphy

In the early morning of 8th February 2003 Maria Slattery, Breda Claffey, Theresa Doyle and myself met at Dublin Airport to begin our journey to Slovenia. We were too excited to be nervous and looked forward to the flights ahead while we munched out breakfast down in the airport restaurant. We would be making two stops, one in Frankfurt, Germany and the other in Grasse, Austria – it was from here that Marko and Allessandra would collect us and we would all drive to Slovenia.

I knew I was definitely not in Ireland anymore when I saw all the snow! We all sang songs on the drive to Slovenia because the radio was broken. Maria and I shared a room, and in it we had a sauna! We had two TVs and we quickly found out what station MTV was on. Outside our window in the snow was a heated pool which Maria and Breda tried out the next day.

During the first evening we had dinner and met people from different countries - Anna and Katherina and Lucia from Germany, Doris and Ernst from Austria, Sonya and Martina and lots of people from Slovenia. I even learned a little German, 'Guten Tag' which means 'Good Day'. That night Maria and I stayed up till late chatting about all the fun we'd had so far – and this was only the first night here!

The next morning we visited VDC Polz and we saw all the lovely work there, we saw cushions and embroidered tablecloths and greeting cards which the students there had made. We then visited Martina's workplace, a language school, and we met the Mayor of Maribor. Theresa and Maria were even interviewed for Slovenian television!

Back at our hotel Maria and I went to a workshop with Karen and Stefan from Germany. Marko helped us make traditional wooden pictures for bee boxes. We learned to say hello in Slovenian and we learned about some of the Slovenian culture – it's food, songs, dances and games.

Maria and I both made presentations to the different partners and we spoke about our exchange visit to Belfast last year. We had to pause after every line so it could be translated into Slovenian. I thought I would be nervous but I wasn't because I got to know them all and they were really nice and friendly to us.

We made lots of friends and I got their email addresses. Our Slovenian friends will be coming to Ireland in October and I look forward to seeing them all again. Slovenia was a really beautiful place and the people were really friendly.

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Fun and Games

Before there was G.I. Joe, Barbie and Pokemon, games such as Nip, Buck Buck and Relivio ruled.

And while most of the old-time games have gone the way of the dinosaur, the spirit of do-it-yourself games seems to live on in comparatively modern, more athletic activities such as Ultimate Frisbee.

The memories of those old games- Kick The Can is often mentioned-are treasured by some locals who used to while away the hours with whatever equipment they could find.

"Every once in a while, we think back and see what everyone has now," "we didn't have much, but I don't remember being unhappy."

We remember playing such concocted games as Nip, Buck Buck, Relivio and How Many Steps Before The King.

We would whittle two points into either end of a wooden peg, about 5 inches long. The players drew a circle and placed the peg in the middle and tried to make it jump out of the circle by taking turns whacking it with a stick.

Buck Buck is another game we and our friends played and it's a bit more physical than Nip. One player, bent over, leans against a wall. The other players pile on, one by one. The player on top holds up some of his fingers and hollers "Buck buck, how many fingers up?" The player directly beneath the yeller has to guess the answer.

Another popular game was called Duck on a Rock. It's also one of the most simple. A small rock-the "duck"-was placed on a large rock. Players then threw stones, seeing who could send the duck flying the farthest.

Relivio, a game where some players would form a big circle, and others, standing inside the circle, would try to break through.

Buck, Buck was made do by making trains out of sardine cans, placing cans on feet and galloping to a horselike "clippity-clop" or merely collecting coal and cracking it in the yard.



Cllr. John McGinley presenting the Best Costume Award to the Tully School of Irish Dancding

Easter Sunday - 20th April 2003

Major festival of the Christian church year, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus on the third day after his crucifixion. In Western churches it falls on a Sunday between March 22nd and April 25th, depending on the date of the first full moon after the spring equinox. The date was fixed after the Council of Nicaea (AD 325). In the Eastern Orthodox calendar, which uses a different calculation, it often falls later.

A joyful festival and a time of redemption, Easter brings an end to the long period of penance that constitutes Lent.

The word is probably derived from Eostre, a Germanic goddess of spring, and some of its folk customs (e.g., the decoration of eggs as symbols of new life) may have originated with ancient pagan spring festivals. From the late 2nd century it has also been a time for baptism.

Easter Sunday was on 20th April in 1919, 1924 and 1930. In this century it will be on the 20th April in 2003, 2014, 2025, 2087 and 2098.

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Question

My son has a disability and uses a wheelchair. I believe there is a parking permit which would allow us to park in places designated for people with disabilities when he is with us. Could you please give the details?

Answer

The Disabled Person's Parking Card (with the EU logo) is available to people with disabilities, including people who are registered blind, whether they are a driver or a passenger. It applies to the person rather than the car. The person can take it with him/her and display it no matter who is driving or in what vehicle he/she is travelling. The Parking Card is valid for two years from the date of issue and generally, it is not issued to anyone under 5 years of age.

The Parking Card allows the person to park in designated areas and also allows parking at parking meters and in disc parking areas free of charge. It can be used in other EU countries and it is also recognised in the US and Canada. However, you must observe the motoring laws and restrictions on parking in other countries.

If your son is in receipt of a Primary Medical Certificate from your Health Board (exempting you from VAT, VRT and motor tax on your car and fuel) he will automatically qualify for the Parking Card but he must apply for it.

If he does not have the certificate he still may qualify. He will have to get a form completed by his doctor and another form completed by the Gardai.

The application form for the Parking Card as well as the forms for the doctor and the Gardai are available from the following organisations.

- Disabled Drivers Association of Ireland, Ballindine, Co. Mayo. Tel: 094 64054/64266.
- Irish Wheelchair Association, National Mobility Centre, Ballinagappa Road, Clane, Co. Kildare Tel: 045 893094.

You should enclose a stamped addressed envelope with your application for a Parking Card.

Further information is available from the organisations give or from the CIC Tel: 6285477.

Question

My daughter intends looking for a job during the summer holidays. How many hours a week can she work?

Answer

The Protection of Young Persons (Employment) Act,

1996, sets limits on the maximum number of hours for young workers. Under the act a "child" means a person under the age of 16 and a "young person" means a 16 or 17 year old.

Under the Act a child aged 14 may not work during the school term. He/she may do light work during school holidays provided the hours do not exceed 7 hours a day and 35 hours a week. A 15 year old may do light work up to 8 hours a week during term-time. During school holidays the same maximum number of hours apply as for 14 year olds. During the summer holidays under 16s must have a break from work or at least 21 days.

Both 14 and 15 year olds are not allowed to work between 8 p.m. in the evening and 8 a.m. in the morning and they are entitled to a 30 minute break in a 4 hour work period.

A young person aged 16 or 17 may work up to 8 hours a day and 40 hours a week. However, in general, they should not work before 6 a.m. in the morning and after 10 p.m. at night. They are entitled to a 30 minute rest break in a $4\frac{1}{2}$ hour work period.

Where someone has two or more jobs, the combined daily or weekly hours worked must not exceed the maximum hours. While it is up to the employer to ensure that the law is not broken, a parent or a 16 or 17 year old who helps breach the law may be committing an offence.

If your daughter is offered a job she should request a contract of employment in writing. After one month on the job she is entitled to a written statement of her terms of employment. This is not, however, a contract of employment.

Further information is available from the Employment Rights Information Unit, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Davitt house, 65A Adelaide Road, Dublin 2. Tel: 631 3131 (Lo-Call 1890 201 615 from outside the 01 area) or from the CIC Tel: 6285477.

Question

I understand there is a social welfare payment for orphans. Can you please give the details?

Answer

There are two payments from the Department of Social and Family Affairs (DSFA) for orphans:

- Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance which is based on PRSI contributions
- Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension which is based on a means-test

There is a separate orphan's pension available under the Department's Occupational Injuries Benefit Scheme.

A child is regarded as an orphan where both parents are dead or where one parent is dead, unknown, has abandoned, refused or failed to provide for the child and the other parent is also unknown or has refused

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For Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension, which is means-tested, it is the orphan's means which are assessed, not those of the guardian. The orphan's own home or any payment from DSFA is not counted as means. The maximum weekly payment is \in 97.00. Providing his/her means, as assessed by the DSFA, do not exceed \in 100.10 some pension will be paid.

Payment is normally made to the orphan's guardian. Where there is no legally appointed guardian, payment may be made to the person (not adoptive or step-parents) with whom the orphan resides and who is responsible for his/her care. Where the orphan is attending full-time education and is aged 18 to 22, payment may be made directly to him/her. For those aged 22 in full time education payment continues up to the end of the academic year in which the orphan reaches age 22.

Further information is available from the CIC Tel: 6285477.

Question

I recently attended a job interview with a local business but failed to get the job. Can I get copies of any records or notes used by those interviewing me under the Freedom of Information Act?

Answer

Unless you were interviewed by an organisation that is listed as being covered by the Act or provides a service to such an organisation, it is unlikely you will be able to access the information.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, 1997 (FOI) you have the right to access information held by public bodies, and in particular, the right to access information held by a public body about you and to have that information corrected if it is incomplete, incorrect or misleading. It also gives you the right to be given reasons for decisions made by public bodies which affect you.

Examples of bodies that come under FOI are Government Departments, most state and semi-state bodies, local authorities, Health Boards and third level educational institutions. Certain voluntary organisations that provide services for people with intellectual or physical disabilities are also covered. A list of the organisations covered by the Act are

available on the Department of Finance's website (www.finance.gov.ie) in the Freedom of Information section.

Records, held by someone who is or was providing a service under a contract of service for a body which is covered by FOI, are accessible under the Act if the records relate to the service. If the job interview related to a service which is being provided on behalf of an organisation that comes under the Freedom of Information Act you may be able to access the information you want.

To access the information you should apply in writing to the organisation, stating that you are requesting the information under the Freedom of Information Act. You must give enough details of the information required to enable the organisation to identify exactly what records you want. The organisation has 2 weeks to acknowledge receipt of your request and up to 4 weeks to reach a decision on the request. If your request is refused or partially refused you will be told why it was and how you can have the decision reviewed. If you are still unhappy with the decision following the review you can appeal it to the Office of the Information Commissioner.

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St. Patrick's Day Parade 2003

We had a beautiful day and the biggest crowd that most of us can ever recall watching the Parade. On behalf of the Parade Committee I would like to thank all those who helped with organising and running what was yet again a very successful Parade. In addition I would like to thank all the business who contributed to ensure that we were not at a financial loss.

Our major sponsors were:

The Glenroyal Hotel, Brady's Clockhouse, The Roost, Carton Demesne Ltd., Allied Irish Banks and Coonan Auctioneers.

I would also like to thank the following:

- ◆ Mattie Callaghan and Paul Kelly Transport for providing the Reviewing Stand.
- Elaine Bean, Leo Bean, Melanie Oliver, Matthew Callaghan, Liz Callaghan, Willie Saults, Grainne Kelly and David Moynan for helping with the Reviewing Stand.
- ♦ The Byrne family for donating a Perpetual Trophy in memory of Owen who led our Parade for many years.
- Maurice Carty for providing the Public Address System.
- Dominic Nyland for taking on the task of Master of Ceremonies.
- The Parish Hall Committee for providing chairs for the Reviewing Stand.
- ♦ Jim McManus for the power supply for the public address system.
- Our guests on the Reviewing Stand.
- ♦ Emmet Stagg, T.D. for being our guest speaker.
- All the stewards who yet again performed their tasks very professionally.
- The Gardai for the great job they did controlling the traffic.
- Larine Court and Mary Doyle (Flowers for all Occasions) for providing the plants and floral displays for the Reviewing Stand.
- The Parade Committee and Christina Saults and her fellow Community Council workers for all their work.
- ◆ The residents of Greenfield Estate for their continued co-operation.
- All the business people who did such a splendid job of decorating their shop windows.
- Kildare County Council workers for cleaning the streets which began at 4.30 a.m.

The Shop Window Prize Winners were:

- 1 Je'Meilles
- 2 Ua Buachalla's
- 3 Freds Fashions

The Parade Prize Winners were:			
Best Commercial Float	The Royal Canal Ventures		
Best Community Float (The Owen Byrne Memorial Trophy)	Maynooth Town Soccer Club		
Best Band	St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band		
Best Marchers	Maynooth Scouts & Cubs		
Best Costumes	Tully School of Irish Dancing		
Most Topical	Special Olympics		

John McGinley, Organiser, Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade



Josh McCormack exhausted after all the excitement



Bridie Machello and daughter from Leixlip

St. Patrick's Day Parade 2003 Contd.

The Committee would like to thank the following local businesses and organisations who so generously contributed towards the Parade.

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Maynooth Special Olympics - Host Town Programme

Time is moving on swiftly and June 16th gets ever nearer. Volunteers for the Maynooth Host Town Programme are settling into a series of general meetings, becoming more frequent as the arrival date approaches. The next general meeting takes place at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8th in the Glenroyal Hotel. In particular at this time we are looking for two volunteers to represent Maynooth in the opening parade for the Summer 2003 World Games in Croke Park. volunteers must be 18 or over and be prepared for a little physical activity as the whole parade will, of course, be carefully choreographed. Rehearsals for the opening parade will take place on 18th, 19th, 20th June with the opening ceremony on the 21st. Any volunteers interested can give their names at the meeting on April 8th or can contact any member of the committee. It would be a marvellous event to be involved in, an event most unlikely to be repeated again for a very long time.

While training and practical details are still coming through from Brazil other events are occupying our minds at present. The St. Patrick's Day parade with Masamba providing the festive music will hopefully have left no one in any doubt that the Brazilian team is arriving in Maynooth!

The route and timing of the arrival of the Olympic Torch in Maynooth is almost finalised and we hope that a festive atmosphere will reign in the Square in Maynooth from approximately 11.30 a.m. on Friday 20th June to greet the torch and the athletes carrying it. The torch leaves Maynooth to make its way to Kilcock and finally to the North Kildare Club where all four torches, which have been touring all corners of the country, will meet up before heading on their final destination in Croke Park.

Keep an eye out for our notice boards which you will be seeing shortly in Tesco, SuperValu and Buckley's, Main Street.

Here's to a memorable month of June, not just here in Maynooth but also in Ireland as the world's media turns its gaze on us for the Special Olympics World Summer Games 2003!







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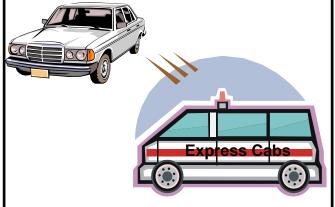
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Maynooth Community Games

Maynooth Community Games held the annual art competition in the Boys' National School on Friday 7th March. Despite the poor attendance lovely art work was produced. Congratulations to all who participated.

Boys	Maynooth East	Maynooth West
U 6	-	-
U8	-	1st Seoirse Murray
U10	1st Tim Finnegan	1st Donal Connellan
U 12	-	1st Ronan McCann
U 14	-	-

Girls	Maynooth East	Maynooth West	
U 6	U 6 J. 1st Laura Doherty 1st Clondag		
U 8	1st Jane Finnegan	J 1st Ciana Curley	
U 10	1st Ciara Farrell	-	
U 12	1st Susie Farrell	J 1st Ciara Murray	
U 14	1st Sinead Kearney	1st Elaine Houlihan	

Maynooth Community Games selected the following teams to represent Maynooth East and West.

Maynooth East				
Team 1 Team 2				
1st Colm Peelo	1st Ciaran Scally			
2nd Stephen Jennings	2nd Jillian Judge			
3rd Richard Judge	3rd Gareth Corcoran			
4th Sub	4th Lilly Kent			

Maynooth West			
Team 1 Team 2			
1 Ailbhe Durkin	1 Caoimhe Brennan		
2 Orla Kelly	2 Gareth Geoghan		
3 Barry Connellan	3 Emmanuel Ali		
4 Stephen Sheeran	4 Meave Durkin		

Swimming

At the moment competitors are training in the College pool on Sundays at 3 o'clock (1 Euro per head per swim). Please come along.

Date for competition for all ages will be Sunday 30th March in the Maynooth College Swimming Pool. Many thanks to Jim Fleming for organising same. Further dates:

Please support the Annual Collection Weekend, 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th April.

Athletics promised date for all athletic events Friday 23rd May at Maynooth G.A.A. field.

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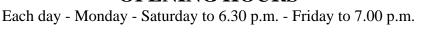




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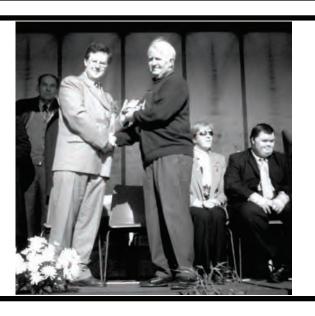


Winner





Second Place





Third Place

Congratulations to the winner and the runner ups of the 2003
St Patricks Day Parade Shop Front Competition.

We would also like to add that all the shop fronts looked well and it was a difficult choice to make.





Ar mhaith leat obair leis an Óige Would you like to be a Youth Group Leader?

We are setting up a new club in Maynooth

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Má tá suim agat cuir scairt ar Dheirdre ag

Ógras is an Irish Language organisation that runs youth clubs for young people so that they can meet and socialise through the medium of Irish. There are two categories of clubs; Óg-Ógras is aimed at primary school children between the ages of eight and twelve. While Ógras's members are in secondary school and are between the ages of twelve and nineteen. Young people's personal and social development is encouraged and nurtured through club activities such as drama, sport, art, music, debating and dance, in addition to traditional Irish cultural activities such as ceili's set dancing.





Presentations Made by St Mary's Boys National School





Mr Grundy, Mr Murphy and the
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Maynooth Tidy Towns

Maynooth Special Olympics need your help with litter clean up

As many readers will already know Maynooth will play a significant part in the Special Olympics during the month of June. Firstly, the town will host the Brazilian National delegation for the week before the games in mid June. Secondly, many participants in the equestrian and swimming competitions will be based in the student accommodation in NUI, Maynooth for the duration of the games. Finally, Maynooth is the final stop on the torch run to the opening event when it will be brought here from Ashbourne in Co. Meath.

In preparation for the attention that the town will receive from visitors as well as television coverage, the environment sub-committee of the local host town committee will be involved in a number of clean ups in an effort to promote the image of Maynooth. The first of these will take place in late April. Maynooth Tidy Towns members will be supporting these events and we would encourage everybody to play their part in improving the image of Maynooth this year.

Please do not recycle if you are going to litter

Maynooth has at least four bottle recycling points in the town, probably the highest number for any town in Co. Kildare. However, there may be a need to remove at least one of them because it is causing a serious litter problem. The picture shows the recycling point in the Public Carpark beside the Glenroyal Centre. Maynooth Tidy Towns cannot understand how people who are motivated to recycle can at the same time create such litter. The people that empty the bottle banks are not able to take extra bottles left around. When the bottle banks are full bring your bottles to the alternative sites in the town and please bring your boxes and bags home.

Maynooth Tidy Towns participate in the first seminar held for Tidy Towns Groups in Co. Kildare.

On Saturday March 8th the first seminar held for tidy towns groups in the county took place at the Ambassador Hotel in Kill. The event organised by the County Kildare Community and Voluntary Forum and Kildare County Council was a tremendous success. With few exceptions every tidy towns committee in the county was represented. The seminar was designed to give information to the groups and to create the basis for the establishment of a network of tidy towns groups in the future. Cllr. Michael Fitzpatrick, Deputy Mayor of Kildare, officially opened the event. He described the tidy towns movement as the second most important movement in Ireland after the GAA. Speakers included Mary Foley from Kildare County Council who outlined the grants and supports available to tidy towns and community groups from Kildare County Council. Paddy Gleeson a horticultural advisor with Teagasc presented

a slide show on appropriate plants and shrubs which was well received. The highlight of the event was a talk by Ms. Ann O'Leary a National Tidy Towns Competition judge who gave invaluable tips on how the judges approach their task in awarding marks in the annual competition.

Paul Croghan Secretary



Paul Croghan, Chairperson Kildare Community Volunteer Forum with Cllr. Michael Fitzpatrick deputy Mayor of Kildare



Gerry Mulcahy Family Butchers Greenfield Shopping Centre has sponsored Maynooth Tidy Towns St. Patrick's Day Parade Float for the past 16 years. Maynooth Tidy Towns thank Gerard for his support over the years. Also thanks to the Callaghan Family and Seamus Kennedy Straffan Way for decorating the float each year.

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- Enquiries to:

♦ Imelda Desmond Tel: 01 6286366
 ♦ Marguerite O'Brien Tel: 01 6288668

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Presentation of Prizes Sunday 5.00 p.m.

Judge Show Open to All Saturday 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm
Sunday 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm

Theme: Co	Theme: Celebrations			
Class 1	Title: "Dinner Table" Requirements: An exhibit to be viewed all round. Space: 60cms Confined to those who have not won a 1st prize in any show			
Class 2	Title: "House and Garden" Requirements: An exhibit featuring foliage. Space: 60cms Confined to those who have not won 3 1st prizes in any show			
Class 3	Title: "Outdoor Pursuits" Requirements: An exhibit to depict an Olympic sport. Space: 75cms			
Class 4	Title: "From Me To You" Requirements: A hand-tied exhibit in a glass container. To be viewed all round. Space: 75cms			
Class 5	Title: "The Spire" Requirements: A modern exhibit. Space: 60cms			

Class 6	Title: "Eastertide" Requirements: A petite exhibit. Space: Not exceeding 25cms in width, depth and height.
Class 8	A Planted Window Box (not exceeding 75cms)

Entry Fee: \in 2 per entry Prizes: \in 20, \in 15, and \in 10 Prises Class 5: \in 30, \in 15, and \in 10

Class 5 - 1st Prize is sponsored by Kairos Communications Ltd.

Title: Recycling" Requirements: Something new from something old. Age: 10yrs - 16yrs. Age to be stated.

No Entry Fee

Prizes for Class 7: 1st ∈15, 2nd ∈10, and 3rd∈5

Plant Section			
Class 8	One stem of a flowering shrub (Not exceeding 40cms in length)		
Class 9	One Daffodil or Narcissus		
Class 10	A collection of spring flowers (not to include daffodils, narcissus or tulips)		
Class 11	3 Tulips, (same or mixed)		
Class 12	A collection of culinary herbs in a jam jar.		
Class 13	3 Sticks of Rhubard		

The exhibitor must have grown all entries in Classes 8 to 13

Entry Fee: \in 2 per entry. Prizes: \in 8, \in 6, and \in 5

Cups	
Maynooth University Perpetual Cup and RHSI spoon	Best Exhibit in show
Ulster Bank Perpetual Cup	Most points in show
Bradshaw Perpetual Cup	Winner in Class 3
Satchwell Perpetual Cup	Best exhibit in classes 1 and 2
Flower Pot Perpetual Cup and RHSI spoon	Best exhibit in plant section
Aoifa Perpetual Cup	Winner in Class 6

Maynooth Irish Countrywomen's Association

The Maynooth guild of the Irish Countrywomen's Association met at the ICA Hall Maynooth Harbour. Maeve Moloney was delegated to represent Maynooth ICA guild on the Maynooth Community Council 2003-2006, proposed by Nora McDermott and seconded by Betty Farrell.

Saturday 5th April 2003 is Craft Day at Maynooth. Members and potential members of the ICA are welcome to Art (Watercolours), Box Pictures, Calligraphy, Candlewick Embroidery, Faberge Eggs, Flower Arranging, Parchment Cards and Tucks and Textures classes. If you would like more information, please telephone 6285062.

Dates for your diary:

Kilteel.

11th - 13th April: Rehab Walk on Aran's Inis Mor. Thursday 24th April: Evening of Entertainment at

Sunday 27th April: ICA Mini-Marathon for Cancer Research.

May: Annual General Meeting of the ICA. Thursday 5th June: Golden Jubilee Evening.

The cheque presented by Betty Farrell on behalf of the Senior Citizens was much appreciated. ICA and Rehab Foundation thank you for your generous response to Green Nose Day. Members collected at the local supermarkets on Irish Cancer Daffodil Day. Thank you to the students who so kindly assisted.

The Salsa session was a welcome innovation to the monthly evening. Badminton continues on Mondays and Thursdays. Monday is Craft Night with Eileen Flynn. Classes in Bog Oak Sculpture will begin this month. Members expressed an interest in the NUIM languages programme, which will introduce them to French, Irish and Spanish. We participated in the service for the Women's World Day of Prayer on Thursday 7th March at the medieval St. Mary's Church of Ireland Maynooth, and in the Bird's Eye Quiz at Kilteel Hall the same evening.

The book on *Women of Maynooth 1953-2003* will be a treasured lasting memorial to the hundreds of ladies who created greater social awareness as they participated in many aspects of life in Maynooth.

Competition winners were Mary Deane, Betty Farrell, Eileen Flynn, Jo O'Connell, Maeve Moloney, Mairead Scanlon.

Congratulations to Betty on the birth of her fifth greatgrandchild.

Marie Brady was prayerfully remembered.

Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

Our annual collection which was held on the 28th/29th February and 1st/2nd March raised ∈2859.85. We wish to thank all those who contributed.

Our forthcoming events for the Senior Citizens include an

Easter Tea Dance on Sunday 27th April in the GAA Club.

Our May Tea Dance takes place on Sunday 25th May, also in the GAA Club from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. On Sunday 15th June the Tony Smith Memorial Walk organised by the Labour Party in association with the Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee takes place followed by our

last Tea Dance of the season in the GAA Club.

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MAYNOOTH HILLWALKING CLUB

Unfortunately due to bereavement in one of our leaders family, our club activities over the weekend March 1st. & 2nd were cancelled. This included an Easy hike planned on part of the Wicklow Way in the Dublin Mountains above Marley Park and Ballinteer. We will complete this hike later in the year for those who may have missed out on it.

This months article is short due to a lack of time to prepare it. I have been abroad for the past while and did not get an opportunity to produce a full article. Hopefully I will have an article covering the Mourne mountains in the next edition.

On Sunday March 30th. The Club will visit the Blackstairs Mountains for a days outing taking in Mount Leinster. We plan to conduct a hard and moderate hike. Again, unfortunately these are restricted to Club members.

Our Easy hike for April will take place locally on Good Friday 18th. April. We plan to take the train to Enfield and walk back to Maynooth along the canal. Meeting at the Railway Station, Maynooth from 10.45 am and taking the 1105 train west. Anybody registering before 11.00 will be able to travel at a reduced rate on a group ticket. Anybody arriving after that will have to purchase their ticket at the full rate from the ticket office. This hike will cover 11 miles on the flat, and hopefully we will be back in Maynooth before 3.30.

Easter Monday take us on our annual trip to Lugnaquilla. This is graded as a hard hike as we plan to approach Leinster highest mountain along its shortest route via the Fraughan Glen. As this involves climbing across a waterfall and a lot of rock, it is very much weather dependant. If conditions are not suitable an alternative route will be taken.

Into the May Bank Holiday weekend we are planning three days of walking in the Mourne Mountains centred on Newcastle. Our activities will cover all grades with two events on each day. This is always a popular club event.

We are always looking for new members with previous experience to join our fold. If you feel you would like to return to the hills or get involved with a club closer to your home why not contact us for information. The club members are not limited to the Maynooth area, we have members from Westmeath, Meath, various parts of Dublin and Kildare. We have had people from Carlow and Wicklow attend our events

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 (in the region of 5 kms per Only attempt our outings if you are consider yourself fit enough to maintain this speed and 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. attending should ensure they have sufficient food and water to meet their needs for the event. We generally stop for 45 mins for lunch. Depending on weather it may be longer or shorter. Remember in the mountains in a lot of cases there no quick exit routes back to the cars. Please do not put the leader in the awkward position to have to turn away those who are not properly equipped or whom he considers are not adequately fit for the event. We have had to refuse to take people in the past and if necessary will do so in the future. Our numbers are not sufficient to support bus transport to our activities so those attending will Unless otherwise advised on need transportation. particular events, out meeting point is in front of the Glenroyal Leisure Club and departures at 9 am. Sharp. There will be no waiting or delays.

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.

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Poets Corner

APRIL

Through the meadow April comes, Leaving, as he passes, Companies of daffodils All among the grasses. Tulips round about the door, Ranged in martial order; Violets in sweet array, Up and down the border. And beside the lily-pond, Mindful of its sleepers, Guards of light fritillaries, For its fairy keepers. Sow your fine chrysanthemums While he blithely passes, Dahlias too, and thrift, to blow All among your grasses.

A DAY IN MY LIFE

Once there was a time When life went my way The whole world was mine and happy I did stay But time passed swiftly by Living my dreams away With my heart wanting to cry I lived from day to day I remember myhiding place With my excitement and fun With no plight to face In my world just begun Adventure was within me That I cannot describe Many sights for me to see With my secrets to hide

This hiding place was fun That my heart cherished so I played in the summer sun That I wished forever to grow I enjoyed a simple life That I never will forget No pain or strife Being Daddys fond pet I look back on my days Of innocence and love My Grandmas gentle ways Now in Heaven above My childhood was a prayer As it is now to this day This life for to share As I look back and pray

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Daffodils

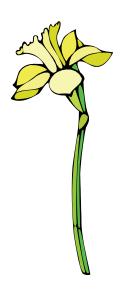
I WANDER'D lonely as a cloud That floats on high o'er vales and hills, When all at once I saw a crowd, A host, of golden daffodils; Beside the lake, beneath the trees, Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

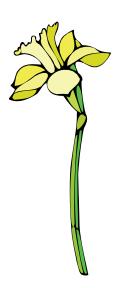
Continuous as the stars that shine And twinkle on the Milky Way. They stretch'd in never-ending line Along the margin of a bay: Ten thousand saw I at a glance, Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they Out-did the sparkling waves in glee: A poet could not but be gay, In such a jocund company: I gazed - and gazed - but little thought What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie In vacant or in pensive mood, They flash upon that inward eye Which is the bliss of solitude; And then my heart with pleasure fills, And dances with the daffodils.

By William Wordsworth (1770-1850).







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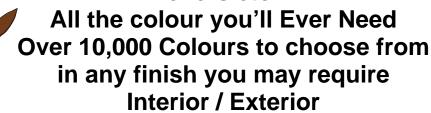
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Maynooth Town F.C.'s schoolboy/girl teams line out to take part in the St Patrick's Day parade in Maynooth. Bottom right John Doogan & Dave Faherty with the Owen Byrne Trophy for the Best Community Entry in this years parade. Maynooth Town Football Club were proud to be

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Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

Funding of Swimming Pools, Community Centres and Playgrounds

Cllr. John McGinley has put the case to Kildare County Council for funding of Swimming Pool Complexes, Community Centres and Children's Playgrounds through the setting of Development Contributions, at a sufficient level, under the Planning and Development Act 2000. Under Section 48 of the Act the County Manager is obliged to prepare a Scheme of Development Contributions, for the consideration of the Councillors, following a public consultation process of a minimum of six weeks.

The levies shall be used for public infrastructure and facilities benefiting development in the area of the planning authority, including the provision of open spaces, recreational and community facilities and amenities and landscaping works. Councillors have been advised that the scheme will be brought before them for approval in due course.

The Levies set in the adjoining counties of Wicklow, Meath and South Dublin County Council are in excess of €10,000 per dwelling and Cllr. John McGinley has made the point that if such Levies were imposed on new buildings in Maynooth alone the Council would raise €15m from the Planning Permissions before the Council at present. This funding would be more than enough to construct a Swimming Pool Complex, Community Centre and Children's Playgrounds in Maynooth. The argument that imposing such levies on new houses will be passed on to the buyers has not proven to be the case as market forces determine the selling price. And we have had similar levies before in the Rathcoffey Road area of Maynooth to help fund the new Bond Bridge. The most recent levies here were set at €4,000 per house some three years ago.

It is Cllr. John McGinley's view that we are unlikely to get funding from the present Government for such necessary social infrastructure and that if a further 1500 dwellings are built in Maynooth without the provision of funding beforehand for a Swimming Pool Complex, a Community Centre and Children's Playground we will be a long time recovering from such recklessness.

The provision of such funding is in the hands of your County Councillors and they are answerable to you. So make your voice heard.

FF and FG Councillors Agree to Spend €58.5m on Council Headquarters

The decision by FF and FG Councillors, supported by two of the PD's, to agree to spend €58.8m on a new Council Headquarters in Naas will be of major concern to the people of Kildare. As Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley stated at the meeting the repayment on the loan will cost €2m per year and this will inevitably impact on the level of services provided by the Council and there is evidence of cutbacks already e.g. no grass cutting in public areas this year so far, a threat to reduce the height of the wall between Kingsbry and the Meadowbrook Link Road from 8ft. to 6 ft. Equally worrying would be any delay on the construction of the new Bond Bridge which the Council has estimated will cost €4m. Tenders are due by the 26 March and a funding package should be on the Agenda of the May Council Meeting for a decision by the Councillors.

Waste Licence Granted to Westside Waste Effectively Closes them Down

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have welcomed the terms of the licence granted by the EPA to Westside Waste for their operation at Blacklion.

The licence requires all of the operations there to be carried out indoors, in buildings that do not exist and which have been refused planning permission by Kildare County Council. Operations at Blacklion are therefore illegal and must cease forthwith.

Party Political

(Maynooth Labour News Contd).

The licence granted by the EPA on February 19 stipulates that "All waste processing shall be carried out indoors. It further stipulates that prior to the commencement of waste activities, the licensee shall provide and maintain a Waste Transfer Building to be used for acceptance, processing and storage of waste and a Civic Waste Facility shall be provided and maintained prior to the commencement of waste activities."

Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley who have worked closely with the local community to have the present unauthorised operation closed down have now called on the County Council and the EPA to enforce the terms of the licence and close the site forthwith.

Planning Permission for 18 Apartments at Parklands Grove Refused

There was very good news for the residents of Parklands Grove when Kildare County Council refused Planning Permission for 18 apartments on the site east of their estate. Cllr. John McGinley is hopeful that the applicant will not appeal the decision in view of the comprehensive refusal and will instead put forward a proposal in keeping with the existing houses in the area.

Major Land Use and Transportation Study has Begun

Kildare County Council, in association with the Dublin Transportation Office, have commenced a study to be carried out by Cunnane Stratton Reynolds Consultants to set out a strategic framework plan for the development centre of Maynooth/Kilcock/Leixlip/ Celbridge.

The purpose of the study is to set out a framework plan for the future development of the area and prepare a vision of sustainable and efficient centres with a balanced range of functions, facilities and amenities, building on the present strengths and above all meeting the needs of the people.

The consultants began work at the start of February and they have 20 weeks to completion. Everyone will be consulted on this major undertaking i.e every house, general public, community groups and voluntary organisations, businesses and landowners, County Councillors and T.D.s.

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the consultants that one of their key projects be to provide best traffic management practice in Maynooth and that the implementation of the proposals be carried out immediately following completion of the study at the end of June.

Tree Removal/Pruning

Cllr. John McGinley has been advised by the Council

that the tree pruning/removal programme will begin during week ending 14 March. The first phase will cover Straffan Way, Greenfield Drive, Laurence Avenue and Pound Lane.

Taking in Charge of Moyglare Abbey Estate

Cllr. John McGinley submitted a motion to the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council asking that Moyglare Abbey housing estate be taken in charge by the Council. He was given the following reply by the Building and Development Control Section "All building is completed and development works also. As Constructed drawings have been received recently and the estate is on the list for Taking in Charge inspections." Cllr. McGinley has been advised that the inspections are taking place at present and that they are getting good co-operation from the developer.

Completion of Roadway at Silken Vale

This long drawn out saga is finally coming to a conclusion, at the time of writing, with shores and manhole covers being prepared for the carpeting of the Main Road.

Hopefully the developer will then address the remaining outstanding issue to enable the estate to be taken in charge. Residents can be assured of Cllr. McGinley's continued support.

On Line Access at Maynooth Library

Cllr. John McGinley is pleased to be able to advise that the public now have full Computer On Line Access at the Maynooth Library. This includes access to the Internet. Cllr. John McGinley 01-6285293h; 01-7026536w

Revisions to Proposals for former Pitch and Putt Course Unacceptable

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have lodged a further submission with Kildare County Council in relation to revised proposals submitted by the applicants who are seeking planning permission on the former Pitch and Putt course on Dunboyne Road, Maynooth.

The revised proposals involve the following:

- Removal of Block 9 (4 storey) and replacement of same with single storey creche.
- Blocks 6, 7 and 8 have been reduced from 4 storeys to 3 storeys.
- The 11 three storey houses bordering the Dunboyne Road have been moved forward by approximately 5 metres.
- The density of the proposal has been reduced from 29 dwellings per acre to 26.

Rejecting the revisions Deputy Stagg and Cllr.McGinley have stated that the removal of Block 9 and its replacement with a single storey creche still caused a major disruption to residents of Leinster

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Cottages as their view of the Lyreen River will still be blocked, a view that has existed for about 200 years. In relation to the reduction in Blocks 6, 7 and 8 from 4 storey to 3 storey Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley indicated that the height of the buildings proposed remains unacceptable. Blocks 1 to 5 will remain four storey and will dominate the skyline when viewed from the Green or Pound Park. This area is used for passive recreation and the buildings will be visually obtrusive. Finally the reduction in density is minor when compared with existing residential development in the area. Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley have suggested that the site rather than being New Residential should be regarded as Infill and as such the proposal should conform to a residential density that is considered suitable to the area.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley have repeated their call on Kildare County Council to reject Planning Permission for this proposal.

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Moyglare Road Development

The proposed development by Mycete is of concern to all that use the Moyglare Road. The proposal to proceed by providing access from the Moyglare Road is unacceptable unless the complete provision of the outer road from the site to the Dunboyne Road is provided for in the planning application. In the view of Cllr. Senan Griffin some people are playing politics with this and other planning proposals currently before Kildare County Council. It should be noted that councillors do not have the right to grant planning permission. This is the sole right of the planners, which is then sanctioned or rejected by the County Manager, so in reality the County Manager grants planning permission.

The residents of Moyglare and Dunboyne Road should remember that Cllr. McGinley the local Labour councillor told them that the Maynooth development plan as adopted was good for the people of Maynooth. Cllr. Senan Griffin expressed some concerns about the plan - time has proved him right. The people of Maynooth should also be aware that he Cllr. McGinley proposed the zoning of the 150 acres of land in the present Maynooth plan. It is a matter of fact that all proposals and suggestions made by Cllr. Senan Griffin were defeated at local area committee level.

Bond Bridge

The announcement by the County Engineer that Kildare County Council were about to spend ∈60,000 on a temporary footpath and lights was greeted with total dismay by Cllr. Senan Griffin. The County Engineer, Mr. Jimmy Lynch, under questioning from Cllr. Senan Griffin stated that the Meadowbrook link and Bond Bridge projects would proceed according to plan. Cllr. Senan Griffin stated that he saw this as the start of cutbacks by the present Government so that they could stockpile for the local elections. Cllr. Senan Griffin is not convinced by the statement and has expressed serious doubts about the project.

Post Primary School Extension

Deputy Bernard Durkan and Cllr. Senan Griffin have expressed serious concerns the refusal of the education Minister Noel Dempsey to sanction the proposed extension to Maynooth Post Primary School. This is the flagship of Kildare VEC, however the minister has failed to grant approval for the next stage of development, despite the fact that the school has planning permission since 18/12/01. Deputy Durkan and Cllr. Senan Griffin will continue to put pressure on the Minister in order to ensure that the school is in a position to provide the required education to those students presenting themselves at the school.

Westside Waste

It should be noted that planning permission was refused by Kildare Council on the 5/9/02 and was subsequently appealed to Bord Pleanala. This appeal was withdrawn on the 31/1/03. It should also be noted that the current operations on this site are working under planning permission by default. This appeal has recently being withdrawn, it is now up to the planners to enforce the regulations.

The Estimates

The council estimates were passed at the January meeting of Kildare County Council. Cllr. Senan Griffin voted for the estimates on the understanding that the council would provide for an extension of the Recycling programme. The towns of Maynooth, Celbridge, Kilcock, Clane and Newbridge are to have a two bin system where recycables are put in one bin and the remainder of refuse is put in another bin. Cllr. Griffin also sought assurance from the County Manager that one hundred private sites would be allocated this year.

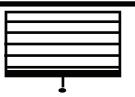
The passing of this year's estimates was estremely difficult in view of the fact that the Government failed to provide adequate finance to the council. According to Cllr. Griffin the easy option was to disband the council, however in Naas some years ago the appointed commissioner to run the council raised the rates and the fpeople have dnever recovered from this style of management. Cllr. Griffin has stated that time will tell on these issues, he has expressed concern about the way the government seem to be stockpiling for the next election rather than providing the service to the people at this point in time.

Amenity Land

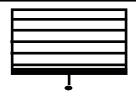
Cllr. Senan Griffin is continuing his efforts to expedite the transfer of amenity land at the Moyglare Road and at Carton Avenue to Kildare VEC, the GAA club and to Kildare county Council. The sooner the transfer takes place the better for all the residents of Maynooth. The consultants are still considering the action area plan for Carton and recommendations are expected shortly, the same is true for the Harbour action area plan.

Taking in charge of estates

The following estates have been listed by Cllr. Senan Griffin so that Kildare County Council can take them in their charge, Silken Vale, Doctors Lane, leinster Park/Mews, Moyglare Village, Moyglare Abbey, Pebble Hill, Meadowbrook, Castledawson and Parson Hall. Cllr. Senan Griffin has requested the council to be proactive in their approach and takes these estates in charge. The legislation has changed and estates completed seven years or more have to be taken over by the council.



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As a result of ongoing discussions with Mr. Michael O'Shea of North City Builders the final surface should be in place by the time that this is printed. The developer has promised to get constructed drawings to the council so that they can take the estate in charge.

Swimming Pool

A recent article in the Liffey Champion credited to Cllr. J. McGinley where he stated that FG (meaning Cllr. Senan Griffin) voted against his motion on levies to provide extra funding for pools is totally wrong. The fact is (A) that no such vote took place (B) the right to put levies is a reserved function of the County Manager (C) Cllr. Senan Griffin requested that the whole of North Kildare be considered and surveyed for the best location for a pool. It is also a fact that Kildare County Council are currently surveying North Kildare for the most suitable venue for a pool. The areas being considered are Maynooth, Leixlip, Celbridge and Clane.

Celbridge Road

Cllr. Senan Griffin has requested Kildare County council to update the quality of public lighting along the Celbridge road from the Gael Scoil to the Straffan road junction. He has also requested that safety barriers be provided at Railpark, Laurence Avenue and at Maxol, in order to prevent children rushing out onto the Celbridge road.

The Estimates

Cllr. Senan Griffin voted to adopt the estimates at Kildare County Council on 27th January 2003. The local Labour party has made an issue out of this vote. It is time to examine who voted for what in the estimates. The local Labour councillor claimed that to have put forward a proposal for the small bin at \in 240. This proposal is in fact policy as adopted by the Environment Committee under the chairmanship of Cllr. Senan Griffin.

It is a fact that Cllr. Senan Griffin also voted for the following so that the people of North Kildare could avail of the services as provided by the council. The short list is as follows:

- a The provision of ∈126,973 for Bond Bridge
- b The provision of ∈255,000 for footpaths
- c The provision of ∈3.42 ml for local road maintenance
- d The provision of ∈837,000 for housing maintenance
- e The provision of ∈164,000 for school wardens
- f The provision of \in 6,311,038 in order to ensure a good quality water supply
- g The provision of ∈6,158,726 for sewerage

treatment

- h The provision of ∈837,000 for housing maintenance
- i The provision of ∈60,000 for the tidy towns committees
- j The provision of ∈56,000 for burial ground maintenance and ∈55,000 for special cemetery works
- k The provision of \in 2.85 ml for the fire services
- The provision of ∈390,743 for pollution control
- m The provision of $\in 2,090$ ml for the Library services plus $\in 333,645$ for the book fund
- n The provision of ∈604,908 for the Arts
- o The provision of \in 300,000 for traffic calming.

The above is just a short list of the services that he Cllr. Senan Griffin felt he should support. It is true to state that all of these services are important to a variety of residents.

The real cost of the refuse charges is as follows, take the 240 litre bin $@ \in 340$

Early payment less $10\% = \in 340 - \in 34 = \in 306 - 20\%$ (PAYE basic) $\in 306 - \in 61.20 = \in 244.80$, this works out at a cost of $\in 4.70$ per week. The small bin can be worked out on a pro rata basis. Cllr. Griffin stated that this is not a cheap service, however he decided to support the estimates on the basis that the service provided by the council was for the greater good of the people.

When local residents associations meet to get a project completed they should check to see who provided the finances for the following. Public lights, grass cutting, improved footpaths, books at the Library, filling of potholes, traffic calming measures, put out chimney fires, look after the environment, the local cemeteries, school wardens, the water supply, the treatment of sewerage. He has at all times voted for the greater good of the people of North Kildare, and not for the cheap headline of increased refuse charges. It is also a fact that the Labour favours the policy of the polluter pays principle. They can't have it both ways. In Fine Gael we trust Cllr. Senan Griffin to tell the truth and to do what he believes to be correct for the people of Maynooth.



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During the North African campaign
A group of soldiers who had been
On march for six days,
Arrived at the village of Casino.
The next day being Sunday
Several of the boys went to church,
And, after the prayers were said,
The texts were taken up.
Those of the boys who had prayer

Took them out.

books

One boy took out some cards.

The sergeant, seeing the boy, said:

"Put away those cards".

After service, the soldier was taken prisoner.

And brought before the Marshal.

The Marshal said, "Sergeant,

Why have you brought this man here?".

The sergeant replied,

"For playing cards in church, Sir".

The Marshall asked the soldier to explain.

The soldier replied as follows:

"Sir, I have been on the march for six days,

I have neither Bible nor prayer book,

but I hope to satisfy you

With the purity of my intentions.

You see, Sir,

When I see the ace, it reminds me

That there is but one God:

And the deuce reminds me that

The Bible is divided into two parts -

The Old and the New Testaments:

When I see the three

It reminds me of the Three Divine Persons -

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost;

When I see the four,

I think of the Four Evangelists,

They were Matthew, Mark, Luke and John;

When I see the five I think of the

virgins who trimmed their lamps,

There were ten of them -

Five were wise and were saved,

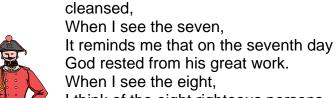
Five were foolish and were lost;

When I see the six it reminds me that

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God created this great heaven and earth;

When I see the seven,



I think of the eight righteous persons God saved when he destroyed the earth ...

It reminds me of the lepers that God

There were Noah, his wife,

Their three sons and their wives,

When I see nine,

It reminds me of the lepers that God cleansed.

When I see the ten, I think of the Ten Commandments God handed down to Moses on a tablet of stone:

When I see the king
It reminds me that there is only
One King of Heaven, God Almighty;
When I see the Queen
I think of the Blessed Virgin Mary,



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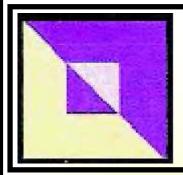
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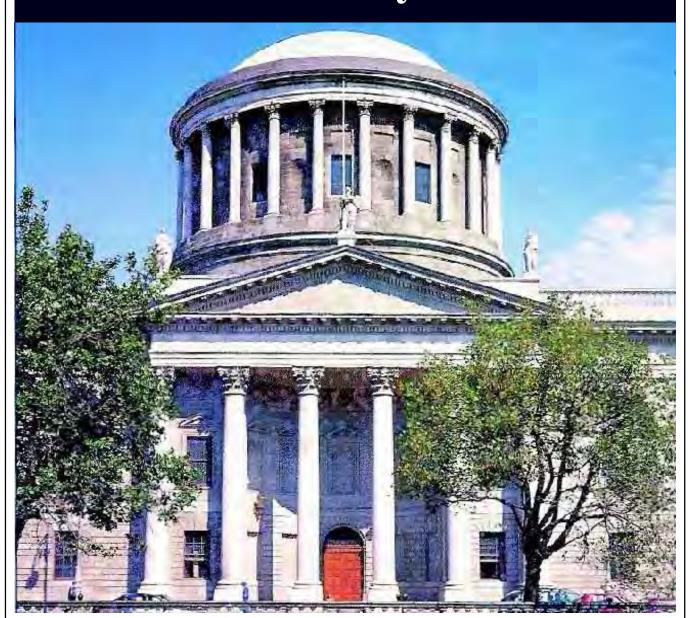


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Editorial

We hope that you enjoy the new look of the magazine. This is the beginning of some changes that we intend to carry out over the next few months. This issue is also bar coded for the first time.

The joint UK/USA forces in Iraq are facing problems keeping the peace. The guarded welcome for the forces is quickly waning and the civilian population are turning on the armies. Amazing how the oil wells were put to work while the people of Baghdad and Basra were still without water. Amazing also how the cause of the war, the dreaded 'weapons of mass destruction', have been forgotten. Probably because none were found. The other cause, Saddam Hussein, has evaded captured so far. Perhaps it is intended that he will fade in the public consciousness as happened with Osama bin Laden. There appears to be a greater threat from the SARS virus than from Saddam's weapons. The coverage of this mutating virus has increased to near panic levels. The reaction of the authorities here has been startling in its bungling incompetence. The attitude of the Government beggars belief. The lack of leadership would not lead to any confidence in their abilities to deal with an outbreak here. This is in stark contrast with the organised approach taken to the threat of foot and mouth. Are the lives of cattle and more important than humans? Government's cynical tendency to blame others for their inaction had led ministers to attack the striking doctors. The attitude of the Minister of Health at the doctor's recent conference was unprecedented and only served to make the IMO more militant in their approach.

The imminent arrival of athletes to the Special Olympics from affected areas has become a serious cause for concern. The authorities will have to make difficult decisions in the weeks to come. The hospital services are already under severe pressure: a decisive policy needs to be put in place immediately. This month we celebrate May Day (Bealtaine) one of the four Celtic festivals that were christianised with the passage of time. Presumably, the second element of the word, tene (fire), indicates that fires were probably lit in celebration of the feast. It is now associated with the Virgin Mary.

We would like to wish the best to all the University students who begin their examinations soon. It is unusually early for them, they have less time than other years to study and this results in greater stress than usual at this time of the year. Some of the problems that they encountered during this year are eloquently outlined by a student in a long, informative letter inside. I urge you all to read it. Perhaps there might be a response.

WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND READERS THAT THE FESTIVAL TAKES PLACE AT THE END OF JUNE. WATCH FOR POSTERS. THE NEWSLETTER WILL HAVE A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE ALSO.

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Community Council Notes April Meeting

The April meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on the 14th April in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Illegal Parking at Laraghbryan

A brief discussion took place on the illegal parking by travellers at Laraghbryan. Cllr. Senan Griffin felt that the situation should be dealt with by the gardai, as it is mostly falling back on Kildare County Council. It was also wondered, can the litter warden not fine people in these situations. Tom McMullon noted that Maynooth already has a site for travellers.

Swimming Pool

Kildare County Council have deferred making a decision on the Swimming Pool in North Kildare. Hugh Gallagher, Chairperson said that Maynooth Community Council can now put in a more in-depth submission. High said he wanted all groups to have an input on this. It was also noted that Maynooth Action Strategy and the Swimming Club are also working on this. It was also noted that Leixlip Town Council are getting a consultants report on the suitability of Leixlip for the pool.

Elections - Maynooth Community Council

The next meeting of Maynooth Community Council will take place on 12th May. This meeting will be an A.G.M. and elections of new officers will also be held. Paul Croghan said that Maynooth Community Council is a very important forum for local discussion. He also said that the office gives a wonderful opportunity for people to get back to work, and the training and skills courses offered were excellent. He also congratulated Muireann Ní Bhrolchain, Secretary for her dedication to the office and Maynooth Community Council. The question of Town Council Status was raised. it was generally felt that Town Council Status would make a huge difference to Maynooth. While it was said that no new Town Councils have been formed in recent years, the legislation is in place, but has not been enacted.

Local Matters

Des Matthews, Woodlands Residents Association, raised the point that the road sweeper had not cleaned Woodlands at all. Also he wanted to know what grants were available from Kildare County Council. Cllr. John McGinley said all Residents associations can apply for grants.

Heavy Goods Vehicle Signs

Cllr. John McGinley said signs are nearly ready. They will be put up at the Blacklion Road to direct heavy traffic to the new interchange, it is hoped that the heavy traffic will heed them

Kavanaghs

It was noted that a decision has being deferred indefinitely, also that a traffic survey is to be done. Muireann said she hoped it would not be done while

the student population was away, as this would make it very inaccurate.

Newsletter

Muireann Ní Bhrolchain thanked all staff working on the Newsletter. She also said that the Newsletter will now be bar coded and this will help with the sale of the Newsletter at Tesco's and other outlets. Muireann also thanked Intel for three new computers. This has made a huge improvement to the office she said.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Cllr. John McGinley said that the Parade is one of the main fundraising events for the Community Council. He thanked all the business in an around Maynooth for their very generous sponsorship, in particular Caulfields, Derrinstown Stud and Thorntons who wee not mentioned in the previous issue of the Newsletter. However he said that new ideas were needed for the Parade, also that we are losing out on local community groups. He also felt that businesses could put in a better effort and put in more floats. he felt now is the time to start working for next year.

Festival

Chairperson, Andrew McMullon said plans are well underway for the Festival. He said Tesco would be a major sponsor. They would be going with some of the usual events that proved popular, Barperson, Art Competition, Table Quiz, Mr & Mrs Competition, Card Drive, 7-a-side Soccer. The Scouts will be holding a jamboree in the Harbour Field. Also the Soccer Club will be running an Under 8's 7-a-side. He also said that any other groups that wanted to run events during the Festival could do so, just get in touch with the office.

Tidy Towns

Paul Croghan said that they have a very good committee this year. One of their main aims is to do a job on the area at the Castle and in front of the College. This is an important area in the town and they would want to see what Kildare County Council have planned for it. he reminded people that all work is voluntary. Please contact Paul through the office if you would like to get involved.

Rockfield

Hugh Gallagher asked could the Celbridge Road be widened. Cllr. John McGinley said he hoped that planning permission would be forthcoming and this would also include a footpath.

Next meeting of Maynooth Community Council will be the A.G.M. and this will be held on the 12th May in the Glenroyal Hotel.

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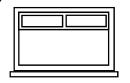
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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am a third year arts student in NUI Maynooth and I am writing to make you and your readers aware of the lack of basic respect and facilities for students at this college and the conditions that we have to put up with on campus, as numerous attempts to highlight these problems by students or staff are ignored by university authorities. The student union council campaign long and hard on the student population's behalf but communication seems to end there as their complaints are snubbed and they are the last to know what's being planned by the authorities. I have no complaint about investment in the science/technology are of study but the student profile in this university does not merit this concentration to the total exclusion of the arts departments. This is causing resentment between departments and a feeling of discrimination against arts students.

The following figures are taken directly from the Presidents report for the academic year 2001-2 and highlight the growing inequalities that are beginning to divide the student population and staff.

Art, philosophy, Celtic studies under graduates 3,566 - 64% Art, philosophy, Celtic studies post graduates 744 - 14% Total: 4,340 - 78%

Engineering and Science under graduates 1,011 - 18%
Engineering and Science post graduates 223 - 4%

Needless to say the arts students out number the science yet there are three science buildings, one of which costing an estimated 4 million was opened last month. The other 78% of the student population have at their disposal a glorified prefab with severe health and safety violations. All the new facilities and buildings that have been built in the past 15 years cater exclusively for Engineering and Science students. Arts students have almost no access to these facilities but science tutorials are held in the arts block.

The only arts building of this university is a 30 year old prefabricated building with no hot water at the start of this semester or proper ventilation in the toilets for students or staff, it is currently sinking, the ceiling is leaking in several places including into a photocopying room, bare wires, uncovered light bulb's, missing ceiling and floor tiles, are just a few visible safety concerns. Dampness also exists in both the ceiling and floor and in the classrooms. One lecturer returned after Christmas break to find that a tutorial room housing many of his books, put there for the use

of students, had been flooded and his books destroyed. The lack of enough adequate lecture halls in his building means that lectures are held in various corners of both NUI and St. Patrick's college meaning a ten-minute trek between campuses to make lectures and some lectures being held in the student accommodation.

Over our mid-term staff had to be evacuated from their offices as a sewage leak into the building had caused numerous staff to fall ill.

The basic necessities for teaching are missing from the class halls. A lack of chairs in the lecture halls means students must sit on the floor, broken bits of furniture lie around these class halls, unlit white and black boards mean that students can't read them and broken windows covered by black plastic bags. I have never seen these rooms refurbished. In contrast with the state of the art science facilities any additional space provided to the arts area is pre-fabricated.

These class halls are where the majority of students have their lectures, directly outside these windows is a building site and sometimes the noise is so loud I cannot hear my lecturer let alone concentrate on the topic.

Excavation and Building commenced on the first day of the winter term while nothing was done for the five months between May and September, most students believe this is due to the fact that the college is rented out to international conferences during this time and receives substantial fee's from it. Students are beginning to wonder "is our money not good enough to demand the same respect?" Similarly our exams have been pushed forward by two weeks this year supposedly to facilitate semesterisation but this will not be implemented until next year, the student body is wondering "is it because the Special Olympics are being catered for by this college which they will receive funds for?".

The path up to the college pedestrian entrance on the Kilcock Road has been re-routed and replaced by a muddy dirt track since building work commenced. During the floods in early December these paths were all flooded and students were forced to go the long way through St. Patrick's college or risk getting wet up to their knees. No attempt to rectify this or give us a new path was attempted by the builders or authorities. I myself arrived at a lecture one day with mud up to my thighs from trying to wade through the 'building site' as we affectionately refer to the campus. This suggests a clear disrespect to the student population, and creates a bad feeling on campus.

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Letters to the Editor ...(Contd.)

Money is being wasted on useless, cosmetic, temporary repairs such as repainting public walls in the arts block and tinkering with the existing sick building. A new wall built on the Kilcock road reportedly cost a staggering 1 million pounds. The distraction of bad facilities and access to the college for both students and staff is now so serious that it is interfering with the quality of education.

Facilities for arts students are appalling. There are a total of five and a half thousand registered students. the library sits nine hundred. This kind of math is frightening come the exams in May, as this and a reading room which sits approximately 80 students are the only on campus spaces designated for study. The library staff are fantastically helpful understanding our plight but the John Paul library is run by regulations that date back to it's opening in the late seventies. There is a max of 6 of each book allowed. This leads to a long wait for to borrow books and has caused some students taking or concealing books from other students. This also means that most students have to buy their books, in the case of sociology students were there were nearly 1000 students in first year last year, this is an unacceptable added cost to students already struggling financially. At the moment the lift has been out of order for some time meaning staff are unable to restock the shelves because they cannot carry all the books up the stairs and the computer system is down so we cannot search or borrow books.

The canteen sits 500 people at a squash and is one of 2 places on campus to get a hot meal, the other being the S.U bar, which holds about 100 people. Builders are also allowed to use the canteen, which makes less room for hungry students.

There are approximately 200 computers for the 4,340 arts students. A number of these are housed in 2 rooms where lectures take place three days a week. In contrast, there are at least 700 computers for the 1,234 science students. Arts students are banned from using these machines - you must have a science password to access them. All departments expect assignments/essays to be typed and this causes huge turmoil distress and bad feeling at certain times of the year i.e Christmas when most students have work usually all due in around the same time.

There is no increase in the number of students taking science. The state of the art facilities, which the university receive state grants and sponsorship to build, are empty most of the time, thus the local post-primary schools are given access to use the labs.

There is a student body of 5,600 and staff of 600 approximately, there is parking for a mere 300 cars at most. Since the extensive building work has commenced many of these valuable spaces are occupied by builder's cars, building materials, machinery and skips. This leads to road rage and

security staff in conflict with staff and students. Cars are now hazardously parking on both hard shoulders of the main Kilcock road.

It is an insult to both students and staff to force them to work and teach in a filthy, noisy and dangerous environment!

Improvements are happening but at a snail pace, the renovation of the student shop and extensions to the sports facilities which were promised for late last academic year opened last month. They re-opened the unnecessarily re-paved walkway up the arts block so we no longer need to wade through mud but this disability unfriendly path was meant to be finished in September. The arts students last week gained access to one science computer room. And I have one lecture in a science lecture hall. They opened up some new parking areas but access is restricted to staff from that facility. These tiny improvements are not enough and come too late.

The registration fees for the academic year were 721 Euro. Which go towards the building of new student facilities promised but the majority of students attending in these unacceptable conditions will never receive the benefit of these facilities. Each year the university takes on more students and accepts their fees but does not consider how they can facilitate their needs with an already strained system. The new John Hume building, the supposedly answer to all our concerns is due for completion in the next academic year but will it be exclusively reserved for arts students or are the rumours of community use true?. Our union have campaigned so hard for these tiny achievements but the current student body feel hard done by and promises of a better future are no good to those of us fighting for survival to sit our finals this year!

Not one notice or sign was erected apologising for the inconvenience or thanking us for our patience during this construction!

Dear Editor,

I was in Rebel Pizza in Maynooth on 12/04/03, with my two children as it happened I was running low in money and my children were acting up. A staff member solved my dilemma, by kindly giving two litres of Fanta complimentary. So I had enough money to buy pizza, wedges and garlic bread. I would like to thank the owner Michael and his staff for there kind gesture. I look forward to frequenting your establishment as often as possible. Also I would like to wish you continued success in the future.

(Name with Editor)

Maynooth Community Festival



7-A-Side Soccer Tournament 16th - 29th June Rules



- 1 Each panel will consist of not more than ten players. A player may play for only one team in the tournament. Each player must be resident in the Maynooth area at least three months.
- 2 The committee reserve the right to refuse any entry.
- 3 Teams to consist of players not currently playing competitive soccer. (Currently means this year.)
- 4 Names of players and entry fee must be submitted with the official entry form. The team must be named after a housing estate e.g. Old Greenfield.
- 5 Fifteen minutes will be played each way and three substitutes may be used.
- 6 The format of the competition will be decided by the committee.
- All games must start at the stated time, in the event of a team being late the match will be awarded to the opposition, under no circumstances will any postponement be given.
- 8 Any team playing players not included in their entry form will be removed from the tournament.
- 9 The organising committee will not be responsible for any articles lost or damaged.
- 10 The organising committee will not be responsible for any injury to any player.
- 11 All protests will be dealt with by the organising committee.
- 12 Protest, together with fee of ∈10.00, refundable if protest is upheld, must be lodged with the Secretary of the organising committee within thirty minutes of the finish.
- 13 Teams will not be included in draw unless entry fee is paid ∈30.00
- In the competition studs may be worn but must confirm to F.I.F.A. standards. Shinguards must be worn. Match referee's decision will be final in this matter. Flat footwear must be of proper standard, be safe for wearer and not constitute a danger to other players. Referee's decision is also final in this matter.
- 15 In the event of an objection it will be up to the team allegedly guilty to prove that they are innocent.
- 16 In the event of a walk-over or an objection the other team will be rewarded a 2-nil win.
- 17 The committee's decision is final in all matters.

John McGinley (Phone 6285293) Secretary Organising Committee Entries before 6th June 2003

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16Th June - 29th June

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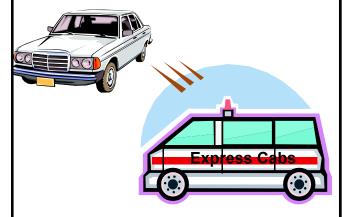
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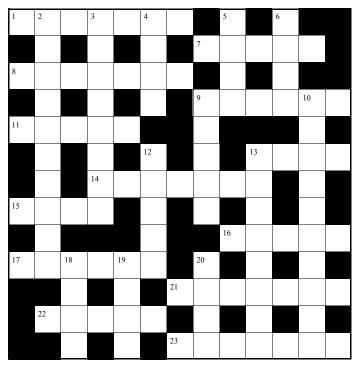


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Crossword No: 12



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Across:

- 1. Cut up (7)
- 7. Creator of Sherlock Holmes (5)
- 8. Green Vegetables (7)
- 9. Art Garfunkel hit, - Eyes (6)
- 11. Wrinkled fabric (5)
- 13. Land measure (4)
- **14.** Past master (3,4)
- **15.** Shortly (4)
- **16.** Pry (5)
- **17.** Protect (6)
- 21. Assortment (7)
- 22. String instrument (5)
- 23. TV show, The Old Grey - Test (7)

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Down:

- 2. Seriousness (10)
- 3. Stinged arachnid (8)
- 4. Lloyd Webber musical (4)
- **5.** Mediocre (4)
- **6.** Stopper (4)
- **9.** Shatter (5)
- **10.** Exactly level (10)
- **12.** Tagged on (5)
- 13. Nasal glands (8)
- **18.** Tiger - -, hit song for Mud (4)
- **16.** Put in (6)
- **19.** Invalid (4)
- **20.** German composer (4)

CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS NO 10

Across: 1. Convict; 4. Gleam; 7. Cordial; 8. Lorry; 9. Daring; 12. Licensee; 15. Nose cone; 17. Danish; 18. Boost; 21. Hounded; 22. Endow; 23. Best man.

Down: 1. Children; 2. Violin; 3. Twig; 4. Gull; 5. Everest; 6. Mary; 10. Gloom; 11. Acted; 13. Eighteen; 14. Astound; 16. Insert; 18. Base; 19. Thaw; 20. Curb.

Book Review



Through the Gate of Ivory
By Patrick Devaney

LAUNCH:

Tuesday 20th May 2003 in Maynooth Public Library 7.30p.m. ALL WELCOME

Patrick Devaney is a Roscommon-born teacher, poet and writer. This is his first book.

This novel explores the tensions between "Foreigners" and Native Irish, between English and Gaelic culture that led to the Rising of 1641 and the Confederate Wars. The hero and narrator Charles Stanihurst, a Trinity College student, believing he has killed an English officer, flees from Dublin to Connacht, where he lives, first, with the O'Conors in Ballintober Castle and, later, with the MacDermots of Moylurg, beside Lough Key. Since the hero's father is a Palesman and a member of the Reformed Church and his mother a Connacht "Papist", he embodies in himself the conflicts that exist in his society.

There are three motifs interwoven throughout the novel: the descent of Aeneas to the Underworld to meet his father (which parallels the hero's eventual meeting with his spiritual father, Bishop Bedell, translator of the Bible into Gaelic); the Pursuit of Diarmuid and Grainne (which parallels his quest for love) and the regeneration motif (which concerns the hero's symbolic death and rebirth).

Over the course of the novel—which paints an accurate picture of social and intellectual life in early Seventeenth Century Ireland—the hero is changed by loss and suffering from a glib, pedantic undergraduate into a young man imbued with a mission, the reconciliation of the divergent strains in his society.

A special feature of this novel is its treatment of the bardic tradition. The hero, an admirer of Shakespeare, has a close working relationship with the *ollamh* (poet and chronicler) of the O'Conors and, later, the *ollamh* of the MacDermots. He also (through meeting John King, whose uncle, Edward, was the inspiration of Milton's "Lycidas") gets to know the early poetry of Milton and through it to become aware of the revolutionary ideas know the early poetry of Milton and through it to become aware of the revolutionary ideas sweeping England. English political activity in Ireland is presented through two families: the Cootes (Puritans) and Kings (Royalists), though at this time allegiances had not yet hardened.

Finally, the well-known love story of Una MacDermot (Úna Bhán) and Thomas Costello is woven into the plot but in such a way that the historic figures behind the legend are rescued from sentimentality.

There are 267 pages in the novel, dividing into 29 chapters and an epilogue. Most of the characters are based on actual historical figures and though the hero is fictional, his "family", the Stanihursts, were once prominent in Dublin life.

REVIEW By Joe Larragy.

Was it my familiarity with Ballintober Castle that first drew me into Patrick Devaney's novel? Perhaps. However, since reading the story these empty ruins resonate with a life and authenticity that the author has conjured. Indeed it will enrich the view and imagination of visitors to similar fortresses from medieval or colonial Ireland who read it.

A piece of history is brought to life through the adventures—and misadventures of one Charles Stanihurst, an Anglo-Irish student at T.C.D. who is catapulted by a chance event into hiding in Connacht during the last years of the vice-regalship of Thomas Wentworth, Earl of Strafford.

Stanihurst after apparently accidentally dispatching a prominent noble, flees westward by horse, taking refuge in the Castle of Ballintober under the protection of the O'Conor Don and subsequently at the home of Cathal Roe MacDermot of Abbeyboyle (Boyle). Through the unfortunate but likeable Stanihurst we view the local impact of political intrigue in Anglo-Celtic relations in the era of King Charles prior to the Cromwellian revolution.

Presented as Stanihurst's account, the action is set amid scenes from everyday life in late feudal Ireland prior to the Puritan revolution. Beneath the robust conflicts of religious and political forces, Stanihurst experiences the minor conflicts and villainies at local level and conveys these to us through the palpable sensations of medieval dietary and other customs and life style.

In this way Devaney's novel evokes the fierce political, religious and kinship rivalries of the day as refracted through the passionate relationships among the heroes and heroines of the last of the Old Irish encountered by the central character—sometimes with blood-curdling imagery.

This novel is a masterly account incorporating research in a skilful manner and written lovingly in the most wonderful prose by an authentic scholar and poet.



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Feature

May in the Garden

May in the Vegetable Garden

Many vegetables for a succession of supplies are sown at intervals throughout this month, you should remember to reserve land space for crops to be grown in this way for it is a great temptation to sow and plant up all the land at once and get this labour over.





Tomato Hints

Most keen gardeners are keen to get their tomato plants outdoor in their fruiting positions as soon as possible. But in this case where more haste can mean less speed as a tomato plant is very sensitive to temperature change. At the present time, the plants should be hardening off ready for planting out at the end of the month, or early next month according to the weather.

If you are going to buy plants, try and find out if they have been properly hardened off choose plants that are short and sturdy and have dark green leaves, paleness indicates they have come from glass protected conditions or have been raised too fast.

One job that can be done now is preparation of the site where the plants are to grow preferably in a row on the sunny side of a wall or fence, where they will get protection from wind.

When you put out the plants, set them one and a half feet apart and just sufficiently deep that the top roots are no more than a half inch below the surface. Dig each hole with aortal and place each plant in it carefully, keeping the ball of soil intact. Make each plant nicely firm with your fingers drive in a good strong cane at the same time so that you are sure it is not harming the roots. Each plant should be tied, not to tightly to its supports. If the ground is dry water each one after planting and give no more water for a week. Proper watering is a very important process for successful tomato growing it must be adequate to ensure even moisture content in the soil and must be done regularly a good much around the plants of manure or compost is very adamant. All side shoots must be picked out regularly as soon as they reach an inch in length, making sure you do not pick out tiny bunches of flower buds.

Garden Tips in May

If you have hardened off chrysanthemums, now is the time to put them out in the garden. The bed should have a good helping of manure or compost dig well in below the surface, a sprinkling of a good fertiliser such as grow mower. Dig a hole with a trowel, then put a cane at the side of the hole nice and firm.

Now its time to put the plant into the ground, make sure you get the ball of the plant into one piece, put in the hole give it a light watering, press firmly with your fingers. Tie each plant to its support, after about ten day when the plants have established pinch out the growing tips.

Do not be in a hurry to put out bedding plants as there is still plenty of frost around. Remember the garden centres have all there plants indoors, I suggest the first week in June to plant outside.

Plant Re-Potting

The question of when to re-pot a house plant is one which bothers a lot of gardeners. The best way to ascertain the root situation of any pot plant is to turn the pot u0pside down and to tap the edge on a bench so as to remove the pot. You can easily examine the roots.

If a mass of tiny roots is found to be going round and round the ball of soil then the plant needs re-potting. It is as well to do it now, unless it's a plant in full bloom, in that case leave the re-potting until after it has finished blooming.



Dahlias

For a good display of bloom few flowers equal dahlias. Those who have raised in pots from cuttings and those who are buying new plants can now set them in their flowering position providing the weather is normal for the time of year. If its not, wait a week or two as dahlias are very susceptible to low night temperatures.

The bed where they are to be planted should have been well matured in the autumn or early spring. But in any case scatter a good handful per square yard of a general fertiliser, over the surface before planting. Do this now whether you are planting immediately or not. When plants are well established in their new positions and have at least three pair of leaves, nip out the growing point. This makes them develop side shoots and produce bushy plants.

Planning Permissions

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03/489	Pamela Bracken & Phelim Cribbin	Laragh Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	18/03/03	The erection of dormer bungalow and "Puraflo" small sewage treatment system and also entrance	Laragh Maynooth
03/497	Gary & Bernedette Cullen	17 Parklands Place Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	19/03/03	Erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house continuance of use of existing garage conversation and also alterations	17 Parklands Place Railpark Maynooth
03/532	Pat Barton	Straffan Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	25/03/03	Construction of 9 no student accommodation apartments consisting of 27 student bedrooms 9 common rooms including demolition of return structure at the rear of old school house but retaining the old school house itself which is a protected	Pound Lane Maynooth
03/535	Philomena Davey	9 Rockfield Avenue Maynooth Co. Kildare	R	26/03/03	Permission sought for retention of use of sittingroom/diningroom/ toilet and lobby area at Montessori/Playschool	9 Rockfield Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/542	Thomas & Roma McDonagh	18 Rockfield Green Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	27/03/03	Permission sought to construct a two-storey extension to the side of the property	18 Rockfield Green Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/553	Scott Wallace	22 Parsons Hall Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	28/03/03	The development will consist of the construction of a single storey living room extension with pitched roof to the rear and the installation of 3 No new windows in the west	22 Parsons Hall Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/557	Robert Boland	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	28/03/03	To raise the ridge level of existing bungalow by reroofing incorporating additional habitable dormer rooms to build on new front porch and revise all elevations to suit	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/607	Willie Graham	345 Old Greenfield Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	07/04/03	Sought for the development consisting of a 4 bedroom dormer bungalow with detached garage	Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/618	John Geoghegan	Crewhill House Crew Hill Moyglare Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	08/04/03	For a 9 furlong all-weather gallop 4 metre wide, with walkway, saddling area and roadway. It is proposed to reposition existing entrance on Moyglare Road and to construct new entrance, gates and piers. Crew Hill House is a protected structure.	Crew Hill Maynooth Co. Kildare

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03/630	Sharon Lawlor/ Fitzpatrick & Colin Fitzpatrick	9 Versey Park Lucan Co. Dublin	0	09/04/03	Sought to erect a bungalow entrance gates and cattle grid and bio cycle tank	Cloverhill Newtownmacabe Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/634	Austin Brady	1 Greenfield Drive Maynooth Co. Kildare	0	10/04/03	Sought for two storey detached dwelling house all associated site development works and new site entrance to side	1 Greenfield Drive Maynooth Co. Kildare
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Maynooth Golf Society

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3rd: Niall Byrne 36pts (B9)

4th: Paul Farrelly 36pts (B6)

5th: Steve Greenwood 36pts

6th: P. Breatnach 35pts(B9)

7th: Tom O'Haire 35pts

Front 9: John Nolan 19pts

Back 9: John Murray 19pts

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Early Irish Society – compensations and values

(Contd. from April Newsletter)

We have seen a lot on the compensations for various crimes in this early society but we have not looked at compensation itself and the actual payments involved. There are four terms in use in different contexts and texts. The first is the word *dire* that is translated as 'honour-price' and 'penalty'. Then there is the common word *éraic* translated as 'body-fine', this is the usual word for the payment made for murder as well as the term *eneclann* 'the compensation for insult, loss or injury, for anything constituting a violation of *enech*'. Finally there is the term *lóg n-enech* 'honour, reputation, dignity, status'. This last term literally means 'the price of face' and it is a concept that permeates early literature as well as the law.

It is important to remember that there is no State system of any kind, no police no prisons. The law was upheld by its own prestige and the office of the judge along with a complicated system of pledges and sureties that ensure that the fines imposed by judges in a court case are paid.

Every freeman had a set price according to their status in this very stratified society; everything depended upon this payment. If a person lost their honour price it meant that they also lost their status. Without honour price one could be killed with impunity. A payment was made for any major offence committed; murder, satire, serious injury, refusal of hospitality, theft and violation of protection. A person cannot make a contract higher than his honour price and his oath and evidence in court are given at the level of this price.

In sagas and wisdom texts there is also the term *fir flathemon* 'the prince's truth' that is used to refer to the honour of the king. This is a basic theme within the saga material and many stories revolve around the concept. A king was considered the centre of the universe, the health of society depended upon his truth. He was expected to be perfect in all areas, physically, mentally, martially. If he were to suffer a blemish it was understood that he should leave the kingship. In reality, there are references to historical kings who suffered blemishes and remained in power but in theory, a fault ensured resignation. The most common failing in the sagas is that of judgement — the king gives a false judgement and must abandon his kingdom to be succeeded by another, usually younger, king.

Within this context it is important also to mention and discuss the various methods of payment. This society did not use coinage until a much later period. The Vikings brought their currency with them but this did not last long. They used barter and paid fines and compensations in cows, gold, silver and other precious objects. Other male livestock are also used; bullock, sheep, lambs, hens as well as fleeces. There is considerable confusion about the relative values of the terms used and their relationship to one another but it is

worthwhile to examine some of them.

The basic unit of value is a milch cow even until the 15th century. But there are references to other different types of currencies as well. There is the *screpul* 'scruple' (from Latin *scrupulus*) that was equal to one twenty-fourth of a *uncia* 'ounce'. A *míach* is a 'bushel' and this was used in these sources as a measure of dry capacity; it usually means a bushel of grain.

One of the very common terms in the law texts is $s\acute{e}t$ 'a precious object, a jewel, an item of value' (Modern Irish seod). In Old Irish texts the equation is usually $s\acute{e}t=12$ scruples = $\frac{1}{2}$ milch cow. There is also the other common term cumal literally 'a female slave' but both male and female slaves were used as currency originally. The ecclesiastical text on penance $The\ Irish\ Penitential$ indicates that the relation was 1 slave = 1 pound of silver. Although initially actual slaves were used, by the 8^{th} century it is unlikely that this was the case. The most common equation seems to be: 1 milch cow = 24 scruples = 3 sets = $\frac{1}{3}$ cumal but this is far from certain.

Looking at the way in which this system worked in practice; the prices for individuals from different classes seem to be given in different currencies. The king's price is given in cumals, the rí cóicid (provincial king) is worth 14 cumals (at least 42 milch cows), the *rí tuath* (king of one or more tribal areas) is worth 8 cumals (at least 24 milch cows) and the rí tuaithe (king of one tribal area) is worth 7 cumals (at least 21 milch cows). By the time that the law tracts are being compiled in the 8th century the Church had become an accepted part of society and this is visible in the honour price of the bishop, equal to that of the provincial king at 14 cumals. The abbot is also important; the abbot of a large monastery also had an honour price of 14 cumals. The other members of the church, monks, nuns etc. would have a lower honour price.

Another important person within the society was the *file* 'poet' and his honour price was also reckoned in *cumals*. The status of this individual is demonstrated by the fact the honour price of the highest grade of poet, known as the *ollam*, was the same as the king of the *túath*, 7 *cumals*. There were 6 other grades of poet with lower honour prices. For example the ánruth grade of poet had an honour-price of 20 *séts*. After the kings, the nobility were next on the list, for example the *aire déso* (lord of vassalry) has an honour-price of 15 *séts* (7½ milch cows). Further down the social scale we have the *bóaire* (strong farmer) who has an honour-price of 5 *séts* and a smaller farmer (*ócaire*) has an honour-price of 3 *séts* (1½ milch cows).

A woman's honour price is generally reckoned at half that of her husband's, if she is a primary wife. But if she is a secondary wife, it is reckoned at a quarter. Children up to the age of 7 had an honour price of a cleric; then it was reduced to half of that of the father until the son was an adult. The girl's price remained

Features

(Early Irish Society Contd.)

at half that of her responsible adult with certain exceptions: Generally the status of a queen did not differ from that of other women, but according to one text on compensation the mother of a king, bishop or sage has the same honour price as her son but she must keep the law. The embroideress is recognised as having a special position within society. A woman who steals is not entitled to receive payment (dire) or honour-price (lóg n-enech) for any offence committed against her. A man who steals from everyone loses the right to sick-maintenance (othrus) or fines for injury (féich).

The fixed penalty for homicide amounts to 7 *cumals* for every freeman, regardless of his rank that is called *éraic* and in Old Irish this is also called *cró*. (The word *éraic* appears later in English documents relating to Ireland as *erick*). This fine goes in full to the victim's kin-group apart from the enforcer's third (*trian tobaig*) that may be deducted for payment to be enforced by a lord or other powerful person.

The second fine is based on the honour-price (*lóg nenech*) of the victim's kin and distributed among both paternal and maternal kin. A man receives *lándíre* (full payment) for the illegal killing of his father or mother (presumably of his honour-price). He gets half payment for the killing of his paternal uncle or his maternal aunt, and one third payment for the killing of the son or daughter of either of them i.e. his first cousin on his father's or mother's side. He is even entitled to a payment (one seventh of his honour price) for the killing of his fosterfather or fosterbrother.

Illegal killing can be very expensive if it is a high ranking victim; the culprit's kinsmen are expected to contribute. The Annals of Connacht in the year 1400 say that 126 cows were paid in éraic for the accidental killing of Grigoire Ó Maolchonaire (presumably covering both payments). Sometimes they may not be able or may be unwilling to pay. The victim's kin can hold the killer captive until the payment is made - either by the kin or another party - or they may kill him or enslave him. If a non-paying killer is at large, the victim's kinsmen have to carry out a blood-feud to exact vengeance on behalf of the dead man. The Church discouraged this practice. If a son or daughter is killed, the maternal kin is entitled to a payment equivalent to one seventh of the éraic that is paid. The fines for rape are twofold - éraic the full fixed payment for homicide (probably seven cumals) and the second that is the honour-price of his victim's legal superior (husband, father, son or guardian). The rape of a concubine merits only half body-price.

Finally the text commonly known as the Triads *Trecheng Breth Féne* (literally 'a triad of judgements of the Irish') also contains much legal material; it mentions the three women who cannot claim honour-price 'a woman who does not care who she sleeps with, a thieving woman, a sorceress'.

Clearly, the system was complicated and confusing to our modern understanding but the principal is clear -

victims and their families are compensated, the offender pays.

(This is the end of this present series of articles – beginning next month An Introduction of early lrish literature)

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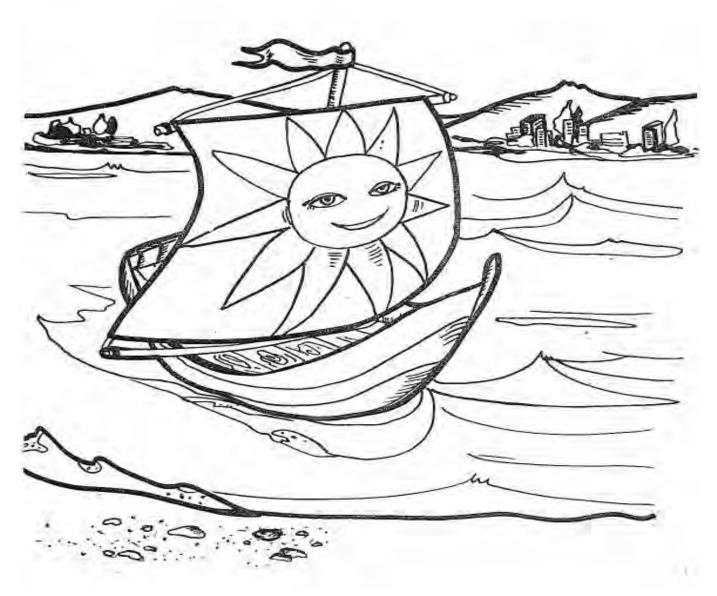
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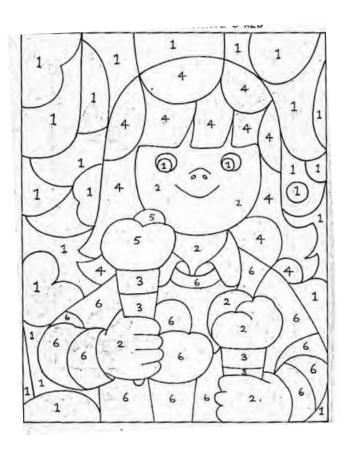
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- 2. If you get the train from Maynooth to Dublin what is the name of the Train station in the centre of Dublin?
- 3. What is the name of the central bus station in the middle of Dublin?
- 4. What is the capital city of Iraq?
- 5. What is the capital city of America?
- **6.** What is spaghetti made from?
- 7. Who is the President Of Iraq?
- 8. Who is the President of America?
- **9.** Who is the President of Ireland?
- 10. Whose Feast day is celebrated on March 17th?
- 11. What is the main filling in Quiche?
- **12.** If a puppy grows into a dog, What does a foal grow into?
- **13.** What festival do we celebrate at the end of October?
- **14.** What is the capital city of the U.K.?
- **15.** Name the British Prime Minister
- **16.** What do the initials T.D. stand for?
- 17. Name the Taoiseach
- 18. Name the Minister for Finance
- 19. Who is the Chief Whip of the Labour party?
- **20.** Name the Acting Principle of the Post Primary school in Maynooth
- 21. What do the initials R.T.E. Stand for?
- **22.** What do the initials U.T.V. stand for?
- 23. What do the initials B.B.C .stand for?
- 24. What do the initials U.S.A. stand for ?
- **25.** What do the initials I.T.N. stand for?
- **26.** What number bus do you get from Dublin to Maynooth via Celbridge?
- **27.** What is the address of Maynooth Community Council?
- **28.** Which is heavier a ton of coal or a ton of feathers?
- 29. Who sings Skaterboy?
- **30.** How many members of the band are in Westlife?

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SABWENS

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Ladies Golf Society

The recently formed Maynooth Ladies Golf Society had their first outing on 29th March in Moyglare Golf Course. The results of this outing are:

- 1. Suzanne Adams
- 2. Anita McNamara
- 3. L. McCoy
- 4. Pauline Loftus

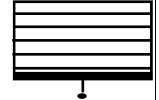
Longest Drive: Pauline Loftus

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Come To Dinner With Andy Mac

Sunday Lunch Menu for 6

Prawn and Fruit Cocktail Grilled Leg of Lamb Chocolate Roulade.

How to get ahead

The day before, marinate the lamb and chill. Make roulade, cover and chill. Prepare fruit and prawn mixture and dressing chill both separately.

On the day fill roulade roll up and chill. Take lamb out of fridge and bring to room temperature. Grill lamb and leave to rest. Assemble prawn cocktails.

Shopping List

Starter:

2 large red apples

2 large ripe pears

1 lemon

2 large sticks of celery

1lb of cooked prawns

2 bunches of watercress

1 pot of Greek yoghurt enough for 5 tablespoons

1 small jar of mayonnaise

Main Course:

2 large sprigs of rosemary bulb of garlic 2kg 4½lb. boned leg of lamb

Dessert:

½lb. of butter small bar of cooking chocolate 3 eggs 2oz of hazelnuts ½ pint of double cream 1 miniature of baileys strawberries mint leaves

From the cupboard:

tomato ketchup Worcestershire sauce Tabasco olive oil caster sugar

Prawn and Fruit Cocktail (prep time 10 mins)

For the salad 2 large red apples 2 large pears juice of 1 lemon

2 sticks of celery 1lb of cooked prawn 2 bunches of watercress

For the dressing

5 tablespoons of Greek yoghurt 2 tablespoons of mayonnaise 3 tablespoons of ketchup 2 teaspoons of Worcestershire sauce 4-5 drops of Tabasco sauce

Core and dice apples and pears, put into a bowl and sprinkle with lemon juice. Trim celery and cut into slices and put into bowl, add prawns and toss altogether. Wash and dry watercress, chill until required. Mix together yoghurt, mayonnaise, ketchup,

Worcestershire and Tabasco, season and chill. Just before serving divide the watercress between 6 dishes, spoon over the fruit and prawn, then drizzle over the dressing.

Andy's tip:

If you are using frozen prawns remember that they lose about half their weight when defrosted so you will need to buy about 2lbs.

Grilled Leg of Lamb:

2 sprigs of rosemary 3 large garlic cloves 4½lb. of boned leg of lamb 3-4 tablespoons of olive oil

Flatten out the lamb like a sheet. Break rosemary into 12 smaller sprigs, slice garlic into 4 slices. Using the tip of the knife make 12 incisions, insert rosemary sprig and a slice of garlic in each. Marinate for 4 hours at room temperature or overnight in the fridge. Make sure you reroll the lamb again.

Preheat grill to its highest setting. Brush lamb generously with olive oil, season well. Put skin side down onto grill, time and cook to medium. Grill for 10-12 minutes, then turn over and cook for a further 10-12 minutes if its blacking to quick cover with foil. (for rare, decrease cooking by 3-4 minutes aside, for well done, increase by 3-4 minutes). Rest lamb for 10 minutes before slicing. Garnish with rosemary and serve.

Andy's tip:

This recipe is tailor made for cooking on the barbecue the lamb will take 12-20 minutes each side (depending on the heat of the coals) if it is beginning to blacken too fast, raise the grid over the coals.

Come To Dinner With Andy Mac Contd.

Chocolate Hazelnut Roulade (prep time 30 mins, cook time 15 mins)

For the Roulade:

butter for greasing
2oz/80g plain chocolate
3 eggs separated
2oz of castor sugar
2oz of hazelnuts roasted and grounded

For the filling:

½ pint of double cream 2 fl oz of baileys strawberries to serve mint sprigs to decorate.

Preheat oven to 180°c/350°f/ gas mark 4. Lightly grease and line a 32 x 22.5cm/13 x 9 inch shallow baking tin. Melt chocolate in a bowl over a pan of simmering water. Put aside. Put egg yolks and caster sugar in a clean bowl and set over the pan of simmering water. Whisk until pale, thick and creamy. Remove from heat fold into chocolate mixture. Pour onto tin, spreading mixture into the corners, bake for 15 minutes until firm to the touch. Leave roulade in the tin and cover with a damp cloth, cool, then whip cream and baileys until soft peaks form. Turn roulade onto a sheet of greaseproof dusted with castor sugar. Peel greaseproof lining paper off roulade. Spread roulade with cream and roll up. See Andy's notes. Serve slices of roulade with a few whole strawberries and decorate with sprigs of mint.

Make it easy on yourself

A roulade is a soufflé rather than a sponge as it contains no flour it is quite easy to roll if you leave it in its tin under a damp cloth. This helps to keep the surface pliable. Turn out on to a sheet of greaseproof paper and dust with caster sugar. Spread with filling leaving 2.5cm/1inch all around the edge use the paper to help roll the shape. It doesn't matter if it cracks as it makes it more appealing when dusted with icing sugar.

More Tips:

Serve your main course with minted peas, frozen peas boiled with mint leaves and garlic roast potatoes. Peel and slice potatoes par boil and put in a roasting tin with a ¼ inch of olive oil with 4 cloves of garlic chopped. Mix all the sliced potatoes with oil mixture and roast for 15 minutes.

For the first course I'd go for a well chilled sauvignon blanc for its fresh fruity flavour.

An Italian Primitivo a red wine with a big spicy flavour makes a perfect accompaniment to the garlicky roast lamb.

Next month I will be showing you a vegetarian dinner menu for 4.

HERE IS A FEW QUESTIONS THAT HAS BEEN WRITTEN TO ME ABOUT CAKE MAKING.

QUESTION 1 FROM MARY TAVERN

Her question is:

My creamed butter and sugar mixture sometimes curdles. When I add the beaten eggs what am I doing wrong.

Answer:

You are probably adding the egg in too large of quantity. If you are new to cake making add the beaten egg with a tablespoon and beat really well after each addition. If the mixture does curdle, add a spoonful or two of the flour to bring it back together again.

QUESTION 2 FROM UNA O'DONNELL

Her question is:

Why is it necessary to sieve flour, I never encoutered any lumps in mine.

Answer:

The secret of cake making lies in getting as much air as possible into the mixture. You sieve flour not to remove lumps but to incorporate as much air into it as possible. Hold the sieve high over the bowl and shake it tapping the sides so the flour falls as light as snow into the bowl, then incorporate it quickly and lightly into the mixture.

If you would like any questions answered please forward your questions to Andy Mac, Maynooth Newsletter, Unit 5 Newtown shopping Centre, Beauifield, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.



Features

Crooked House

Last chance to see successful KYT shows.

By now I'm sure you've heard of the Kildare youth theatres phenomenally popular shows "Totally over you" by Mark Ravenhill and "Purple" by Jon Fosse, and if you're regretting not seeing them yet you're in luck, as they are coming back to the Riverbank Arts Centre on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th of May.

Whether you missed them last time or just want to see them again, this is the opportunity you've been waiting for. The current youth theatre has previously been heralded as the greatest youth theatre group seen in Kildare in twenty years, so why not see them apply their skills on these plays, specially commissioned by the Royal National Theatre of Great Britain for the Shell International Connections Festival of youth theatre? These shows have been performed in Properous and Belfast since their premiere in Newbridge. Tickets cost €7.50/€5 and are available at the Riverbank Arts Centre, Newbridge. Box Office is 045 448333.

Totally Over You by Mark Ravenhill

This ironically charged new play delves into the world of instant celebrity presented to us by shows such as big brother and pop rivals. Celebrity craving teenagers, willing to be starved of normality, who will do practically anything for fame, are the focus of this fast paced comedy directed by **Peter Hussey**, who is used to directing Ravenhill's work from his experience with Handbag in 1999 for crooked house.

Purple by Jon Fosse

The first time KYT preformed this play was the first time any of Fosse's work was shown in Ireland so, naturally, it is being performed to a very high standard. Set in a cold, dark ex air raid shelter the show delves into the complex relationships between a tightly knit group of teenage boys and one girl in a rock band. *Purple* is a mood piece exploring the tensions between the young men and the young woman caught in the middle, as they turn to loud music to express their anger at the world around them. Purple is directed by **Darren Donohue** who (with Yvonne O'Hara) directed KYT's hit show A Midsummer Nights dream in May 2002.

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The presentation was made by Mr. Noel Dalton, Adult Education organiser of Co,. Kildare V.E.C., Dolores O'Brien Co-ordinator V.T.O.S, and Eilis Clare co-ordinator PLC who made speeches congratulating all recipients on their hard work and achievement. the Students' council helped organise the event, which included an amusing drama sketch performed by the communications and drama students.

Leixlip V.T.O.S/PLC caters for over 120 full-time mature students who live in Leixlip, Maynooth, Celbridge, Kilcock, Clane, Ardclough, Robertstown, Lucan and Dublin. some participants have travelled further and come from Armenia, Angola, The Congo, Cameroon, England, Estonia, Moldowa, Morocco, Nigeria, Poland, Scotland, Somalia and Zimbabwe.

Each learner follows his or her own individual programme and chooses subjects to suit his or her goals. Many of the students who completed their courses last summer are no in employment or in further education.

For further information contact either Dolores O'Brien or Eilis Clare at V.T.O.S/PLC, Scoil Eoin PhoilGreen Lane, Leixlip, Co. Kildare 01 246420.



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- 5. Serve with ready made custard

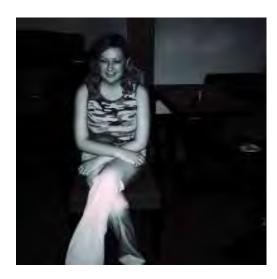
You can make this dessert with chocolate spread, or honey or any other sweet filling.

Ask somebody big to help you with the grill. If you want to make savoury rolls try: Tuna and cheese sauce Boiled egg and tomato sauce Diced vegetables and cheese sauce Garlic butter and onion sauce

If you wish to make lots of these rolls either sweet or savoury place on an oven dish for 20 minutes in a hot oven instead of on a grill. This recipe can be used for grown up parties as well.



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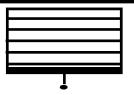
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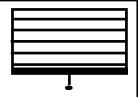
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April murder – conclusion (Who killed John Conlin and why)

Detective Dust now felt that he had good reason to pick up Mr Brooks whose real name was DePew. In the police station he was questioned about the robbery. He admitted immediately that he had carried out both it and the shooting. But more startling, he admitted that he and Amy Conlin had been having an affair for a year! DePew was only 21 and Mr Conlin was old enough to be his mother. They had intended to rob Conlin so that they could start a new life together. In fact they had even lived in an apartment as husband and wife but their only income was the money that Amy was receiving from her husband.

When divorce proceedings were initiated, this source of income dried up and it was then that they decided to steal Conlin's money. But Amy Conlin tried to convince the police that she had decided against it and had asked DePew not to carry out their plans. But it was she who had told him that her husband wore the diamond ring that had been stolen.

Strangely, even on his deathbed, Conlin denied that he and his wife had any marital problems or even that divorce proceedings had begun. But his brother had his suspicions and he had told the police about the events that led to the shooting.

The police brought DePew to the hospital so that John Conlin could make an identification of the suspect. He denied any connection with Conlin's wife even as John asked him where and how he had met his wife.

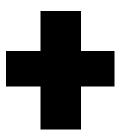
The couple were charged with robbery and assault but this was changed to murder after the death of John Conlin. It emerged in the interim that DePew had previous convictions for theft. When they met for the first time after the events, they each attempted to minimise their part in the crimes but eventually DePew took all the responsibility.

The trial began on Monday, November 9th 1931 and the case against Amy Conlin was dismissed. James DePew was found guilty of second-degree murder and was sentenced to serve between 30 years and life in Sing Sing prison.

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Features

May murder - A woman scorned

Grover Freeman was a very successful Florida lawyer, 54 years old in 2000. He was also very popular and had a large circle of friends. In Tampa he was seen as one of the best lawyers available, noted for his common sense and his ability to resolve conflicts. His fellow lawyers said that he was gifted in getting people to talk out their problems and resolve their differences. He specialised in medical law, not surprising perhaps since his father had been a surgeon. He had a reputation as a straight talker and being honest and truthful. In the 1970s he bought a large, beautiful property in Carrollwood. He had numerous hobbies that including flying, racing cars and sailing. He was devoted to his house and had spent a small fortune on it and the garden.

In 1886 he married for the first time. Katherine and he had one daughter before they divorced amicably ten years later. She was a successful stockbroker in her own right. On their divorce, Grover took most of the estate which was originally his. Katherine was given the car, stocks and shares, jewellery, a lump sum, alimony and monthly child support. She also took a lot of antique furniture with her that she had bought during their marriage.

By all accounts they were still friends after the divorce but six months later Grover married for the second time. But it still appeared that Katherine did not mind, she met with Grover and his new wife Constance King.

Katherine had a series of horrific events in her life already. In March 1983 her 30 year-old boyfriend was shot to death in his jewellery shop. The case was still open as no one was ever charged for the killing. She herself was attacked in her jewellery shop on Busch Boulevard, Tampa. Her assailant was jailed for 23 years. Her troubles did not end there however; in 1986 she was attacked in their home when her husband was away from home. But all her friends said that she had a very positive attitude to life and never let any of this get her down

Things are never quite what they seem — on Monday, May 15th, 2000 Katherine Freeman, then 41 years old took a gun from her home and drove to Grover's house in Carrollwood. Her demeanour all day had been quite normal, delivering home-baked biscuits to local shops (her new business that was called Kathie's Kitchen); baby-sitting for a neighbour and having coffee with friends. She never mentioned having any problems with her ex-husband and his new wife.

She arrived at the house, hammered down two doors and went to the bedroom. Despite the noise that she had made, Grover and Connie were still asleep. He tried to sit up in bed when she emptied her 9 mm handgun into his body, reloaded and shot his a further 7 times, 14 bullets in all. Then she turned her attention to Connie who had locked herself in the bathroom. Fate saved her. Katherine rammed down the door but the gun jammed. Screaming that she would tear her heart out Katherine broke two of Connie's fingers and then tried

to tip her off the balcony. But Connie managed to pull away and run out of the house.

Miraculously, Grover managed to ring the police with a three word message:

'Help ... shot ... ex-wife'. With his lawyer's precision, he had given all the relevant information. He was dead by the time the paramedics arrived.

Katherine had intended to kill both of them undoubtedly, the gun had been purchased some months earlier and she had it and the ammunition in the glove compartment of the car. Obviously, she had not arrived to discuss her problems with her exhusband.

Having failed to kill the witness, Connie, Katherine then drove her 1999 Cadillac to the Sunshine Skyway bridge in St. Petersburg. She took off her watch and diamond earrings and jumped off the bridge! Amazingly she survived the fall! She was the fifth person to jump since its opening in 1987 and the first to survive. She suffered multiple injuries, broken legs and pelvis as well as internal bleeding but she recovered to stand trial for murder.

But why, when everything appeared to be so amicable, did she suddenly turn on the unfortunate couple?

Police investigations revealed that things were not as friendly as it seemed at first on the surface. Grover's housekeeper said that there were tensions between the divorced couple. Over the 4 years of her ex-husband's second marriage, Katherine was apparently becoming more and more resentful of Grover and Connie's relationship. The tension was mounting, particularly about money and daughter's future education. She wanted their daughter to attend an exclusive private school and Grover did not agree. It was not the cost of this school that was his issue but the fact that he felt that this would give his daughter the wrong preparation for the future and she would be better off attending a state school which would provide a more down to earth and sensible education. Secondly, Katherine was in serious financial difficulty, her alimony had finished, she had huge credit card bills and her only steady income was the maintenance that Grover was paying for their daughter, then 14 years old.

Her motive then was purely financial. This was no crime of passion but of pure greed. She wanted both of them dead as her daughter would inherit all of Grover's wealth. She wanted Connie dead to prevent her inheriting. When she failed to kill her, she then decided to kill herself.

When the case came to trial Katherine pleaded guilty, thus avoiding the death sentence.

In an awful irony, Connie revealed to reporters that she herself was suffering from cancer and would probably die before Katherine.

In light of these events, the police decided to re-open the case of Katherine's murdered ex-boyfriend.

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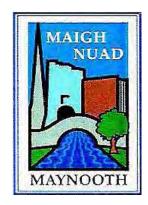
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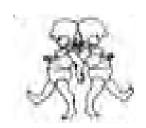
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As the season draws to a close several teams are still involved for league and cup honours. All our teams deserve credit for competing throughout the season. The wet weather took it toll on many fixtures but with the evening fixtures now in full swing it is hoped to complete all remaining fixtures before the end of season.

It was also a tough season on the pitch availability front. With so many teams it was a job at times to get fixtures on and some were inevitability lost. Our thanks to all involved for their support through this difficult time.

The good news is the Rathcoffey Road development is on schedule and will ease the pressure next season. The first grass cutting was carried out in the last couple of weeks and this should in itself encourage stronger growth and development of the playing surfaces. Following a site meeting with the contractor a schedule for some remedial work was agreed and this should be completed as weather allows. Further grassing cutting, fertisiling and stone picking will also be completed.

Fundraising continues with Maynooth/Kilcock Lion's Club running a race night for the benefit of our development fund. This support is very welcome and a further report will appear in next month's newsletter.

Maynooth Town F. C. Weekly Lotto Results Sponsored by Caufields Lounge Maynooth					
Date	Numbers	Jackpot	3 x ∈35 Winners		
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23-Mar-03	3,14,21,27	∈1,050	EAMON CARTY	JOE ROYLE	PAUL MESCAL
30-Mar-03	10,13,20,22	∈1,125	DECLAN KENNEDY	ALICE GILDEA	MARTIN & DEA
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Results from Spring Show, for flower arrangements are:-

Dinner Table: 1st Marguerite O'Brien 2nd Elsa Lawlor (A table Exhibit) 3rd Ann Mc Stravick

House & Garden: 1st Tara McKiernan (A foliage Exhibit) 2nd Jo O'Connell Moira Baxter

Outdoor Pursuits:1st Mary Cleary
A Exhibit to 2nd Mary Strickland
depict a sport 3rd Pat Dalton
V.H.C. Sarah Angel

From Me to You: 1st Felicity Satchwell
A hand-tied 2nd Jo O'Connell
Exhibit 3rd Noeleen O'Brien
V.H.C. Mary Doyle
V.H.C. Rosemary Smith

The Spire:1stPat DaltonA Modern Exhibit2ndMary Cleary3rdMoira Baxter

V.H.C. Felicity Satchwell
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A.C. Tara McKiernan
C. Elsa Lawlor

Eastertide:1stAileen HowardA Petite Exhibit2ndMary Costello3rdFelicity Satchwell

Results from Plant section are:-

A Window Box: 1st Noeleen O'Brien 2nd Mary Doyle

3rd Marguerite O'Brien

Stem of Flowering Shrub:

1st Noeleen O'Brien 2nd Sarah Angel 3rd Marjorie Kelly

One Daffodil: 1st Pam Acton

2nd Noeleen O'Brien 3rd Imelda Desmond

Collection of Spring Flowers:

1st Sarah Angel 2nd Moira Baxter 3rd Aileen Howard

3 Tulips: 1st Mary Doyle

2nd Amanda Harris 3rd Sarah Angel



Mrs Felicity Satchwell President of the Flower and Garden Club, presenting a cup to Noeleen O'Brien. Noeleen won best overall in the spring show.

Collection of Herbs

1st Ann Walker 2nd Aileen Howard 3rd Betty Farrell

3 Sticks of Rhubarb:

1st Mary Cleary 2nd Mary Doyle

Cups Presented:

NUI Perpetual Cup, for best exhibit in show was presented by Professor S. Smyth to Pat Dalton, for her exhibit in 'Spire' Class.

Felicity Satchwell, President of the Club presented the following Cups:-

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Cup for most points:

Bradshaw Perpetual Cup:
Satchwell Perpetual Cup:
Flower Pot Perpetual Cup:
A.O.I.F.E. Perpetual Cup:

Noeleen O'Brien
Marguerite O'Brien
Noeleen O'Brien
Aileen Howard

Imelda Desmond Chairwoman of the Club thanked all the exhibitors for displaying wonderful work and colour on show tables. She thanked the College Authorities for use of a great venue, and members for all their work in organising the show and for their help over the two days. No meeting will be held in May, but a trip will be organised to the National Gallery on May 13th for the Paul Henry exhibition.

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Maynooth Irish Dancers visit Florida for St. Patrick's Day



Dancing at Church St Station Orlando



Dancing for the Irish American Cultural Society of Florida

Twelve dancers from the Catherine Maher School of Irish Dancing, together with their parents, enjoyed a spectacular trip to Florida for St. Patrick's Day and what a welcome we received. The invitation to take part in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Orlando coincided with the 25th anniversary of the Dancing School, which was founded in Maynooth in 1978. Unfortunately, it meant that the dancers could not take part in the Maynooth parade for the first time since the parade began.

The dancers, Clodagh Greene, Gillian Fleming, Mary Louise Martin, Aedeana Conneely, Tara Nolan, Aideen Byrne, Pamela Flanagan, Sinead O'Sullivan, Jade Gahan, Stephanie Gavin, Elaine Houlihan and Amy Conneely travelled to Florida on 14th march for a very busy week which included the parade and no less than 5 separate performances. In addition, we managed to fit in a trip to Disney World, Universal Studios and plenty of shopping. The girls danced a mixture of traditional Irish Dancing and modern show style Irish Dancing. All of their routines were original and were choreographed by Catherine. In addition to their traditional costumes we had new show dresses designed for the trip. At this point, we would very much like to thank everybody who supported our fund raising events which made the trip possible.

Our first performance was on Saturday 15th March at a private function that was attended by many Irish people. The St. Patrick's Day parade was held on Sunday 16th March and what a glorious day it was with crowds of people lining the mile long route, applauding and cheering the girls. The parade was televised and shown on prime time news that evening. Several of the men in the group dressed as leprechauns and gave an impromptu display of Irish dancing which went down a treat. After the parade, the girls took part in an open-air concert with local dancers and musicians, which was watched by several hundred people.

St. Patrick's day itself dawned bright and sunny and was our busiest day. First it was off to Church St Station in downtown Orlando for a lunchtime performance. This performance was televised and broadcast later that day. There was just enough time to return to the villas for a quick swim and then off again for an early evening performance at the Mercado centre, which is located in the main tourist area. A large audience, many of whom had seen the earlier performance on television, enjoyed this. Suddenly we were celebrities, and how the girls enjoyed it. The management of the Mercado centre were so impressed with the show that they made a presentation to each of the dancers and invited them to return next year.

Then it was on to our final performance of the day at a private dinner dance for the Irish community in Orlando. Several hundred people who really appreciated the dance routines and the costumes attended this. The girls received a standing ovation and could not leave the floor without an encore performance.

On Wednesday 19th March we travelled to the famous Daytona Beach for our final performance for the Irish community there at a special lunch. Again standing ovations and encores were the order of the day.

The entire trip was an experience of a lifetime for the girls, all of whom are accomplished dancers and have been dancing since a very young age. We have received invitations to return to all of the venues for St. Patrick's Day 2004 and needless to say the dancers are more than anxious to oblige. We will just have to wait and see!!

(Maynooth Irish Dancers in Florida Contd.)



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Maynooth Community Games

Maynooth Community Games held the annual swimming competition on Sunday 6th April in Maynooth College pool. Results as follows:

Category	Position	East	West
Freestyle Boys U8	1st	Shane Monaghan	Owen Byrne
	2nd	Jack French	Sean Kearney
	3rd	Eoin McCormac	
Freestyle Boys U10	1st	Sean McKnight	
	2nd	-	
	3rd	-	
Backstroke Boys U10	1st	Sean McKnight	
	2nd	-	
	3rd	-	
Freestyle Boys U12	1st	Kevin Cowhey	
	2nd	Johnny Curran	
	3rd	-	
Breaststroke Boys U 12	1st	Kevin Cowhey	
	2nd	-	
	3rd	-	
Freestyle Boys U14	1st	Gavin Doyle	Padraig Mahon
	2nd	Tim Quane	Gregory Collins-Flynn
	3rd	Justin Cullinane	
Backstroke Boys U14	1st	Gavin Doyle	Padraig Mahon
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Breaststroke Boys U14	1st	Justin Cullinane	Padraig Mahon
	2nd	Gavin Doyle	Gregory Collins-Flynn
	3rd	Tim Quane	
Freestyle Girls U8	1st	Sarah Curran	
	2nd	-	
	3rd	-	
Freestyle Girls U10	1st	Heather Collins	Meadbh Donaldson
	2nd	Tanya Doyle	Aoife Twomey
	3rd	Katie Curran	Niamh Kearney
Back Stroke Girls U10	1st	Tanya Doyle	Meadbh Donaldson
	2nd	Heather Collins	Aoife Twomey
	3rd	-	Niamh Kearney
Freestyle Girls U 12	1st	Ailbhe Lenehan	Lisa Mahon
	2nd	Michelle Dolan	Niamh Donaldson
	3rd	-	Karen Feehan

(Maynooth Community Games Contd.)

Category	Position	East	West
Breaststroke Girls U12	1st	Ailbhe Lenehan	Lisa Mahon
	2nd	-	Niamh Donaldson
	3rd	-	Karen Feehan
Freestyle Girls U14	1st	Claire Cowhey	Elaine Houlihan
	2nd	Aoife McKnight	Susan Fay
	3rd	Therese Doran	Jennifer Feehan
Backstroke Girls U14	1st	Claire Cowhey	Elaine Houlihan
	2nd	Aoife McKnight	Jennifer Feehan
	3rd	Michelle Doran	Susan Fay
Breaststroke Girls U14	1st	Claire Cowhey	Jennifer Feehan
	2nd	Michelle Doran	Elaine Houlihan
	3rd	Therese Doran	Susan Fay

Well done to all the boys and girls and good luck to all in the County Finals in Athy on Saturday 31st May. Training each Sunday Maynooth College Pool at 3 o'clock. ∈1 per session.

Well done to Maynooth Table Quiz Teams.

Community Games U14 Table Quiz Competition 2003.

On Friday 21st March we participated in Kildare County Final in Allenwood. 4 Maynooth Teams. viz., 2 East and 2 West took part and travelled in high spirits and anticipation. A total of 29 teams in all competed in the final. Despite a late start the competition finished circa 9.30 p.m.. Honours were shared evenly between East and West by a joint 6th place tie at 78 points by first team East (1) and West (1). A very creditable result considering the very high standard set by the competition. Our other teams had satisfactory results with respective scores of West (2) 56 points and East (2) 37 points. The outright winners were Ballinagh 90 points and Carbury 84 points. All in all our teams performed well. These young people will be eligible to compete next year, so our future looks bright!!

Teams				
East (1)	East (2)	West (1)	West (2)	
Colm Peelo	Ciaran Scally	Ailbhe Durkin	Caoimhe Brennan	
Stephen Jennings	Gillian Judge	Orla Kelly	Gareth Geoghan	
Richard Judge	Gareth Corcoran	Stephen Sheeran	Emmanuel Ali	
Shane O'Grady	Lily Kent	Barry Connellan	Meadbh Durkin	

A word of thanks also due to Colm Murphy, Moyglare Village who became manger for Maynooth West this year. Thanks! Colm! for a job well done! My gang, East, did me proud. **Brian O'Malley.**

Annual Collection: Thanks to all who supported our collection at Tesco weekend 11th/12th/13th April. All funds are a great help to run the local events.

We would like to welcome the new committee members Joe Geraghty and Dave Collins. More help is needed, so come along.

Gymnastics: Anyone interested in competing in Gymnastics in County please contact Margaret Houlihan at 6285805. County Finals on Sunday 1st June.

Athletics: Our final competition for children for the year will be held on Friday 23rd May at 5.30 p.m. All athletics, runners, non-runners etc. come along for a fun evening \in 2 per child. County Finals for Athletics 4th/5th July.



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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre

Question

I believe that the Child Benefit rates have been increased. Can you please give the new rates of payment?

Answer

Child Benefit is paid monthly by the Department of Social and Family Affairs for each qualified child normally living with you and being supported by you. To qualify a child must be dependent on you and must also be:

- Under age 16 or
- Aged 16, 17 or 18 and attending full-time education for a FAS Youthreach course or have a physical or mental disability.

The payment is generally made to the mother of the child. Where the parents are living separately it is paid to the parent with whom the child lives the majority of the time. If the child is not living with or being maintained by the parents, then is may be paid to the person who is caring for the child. From April 2003 the Child Benefit rates are as follows.

Number of Children	Monthly Rates	
1 Child	∈125.60	
2 Children	∈251.20	
3 Children	∈408.50	
4 Children	∈565.80	
5 Children	∈723.10	
6 Children	∈880.40	
7 Children	∈1037.70	
8 Children	∈1195.00	

Child Benefit claimants paid by electronic methods receive the increased rate in full from April 2003. Those on book payments will receive the increased rate through a special payment in May, backdated to April.

Applications for Child Benefit should be made on Form CB1 within 6 months of the month when the child was born or became a member of the family or the family cam to Ireland. Application for a child aged 16 or over is made on Form CB2. claim forms are available from your local Social Welfare Office,

Post Office or from the Child Benefit Section, Social Welfare Services Office, St. Oliver Plunkett Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.

LoCall: 1890 400 400.

For further information contact Citizens Information Centre at 01 6285477.

Question

I heard that there have been some changes to the Dental Benefit scheme. Will I still be able to get my teeth checked and cleaned for free?

Answer

Yes. Under a new agreement negotiated between the Irish Dental Association and the department of Social and Family Affairs basic preventative dental treatment including examinations, scaling and polishing are still free.

Dental Benefit under the Department's Treatment Benefit Scheme is available to those who are insured and satisfy certain Pay Related Social Insurance (PRSI) contribution conditions. You are also eligible if you are the dependant spouse of an insured person or a dependant widow(er) whose spouse was qualified at time of death. if you satisfy the PRSI conditions when you reach age 60 you will remain qualified for life.

Under the new agreement which is effective from the 25th February, 2003 there are still two sets of charges, one for those whose annual income is under \in 45,000 and the other for those whose income is above \in 45,000. For those whose income is above \in 45,000 the Department pays a contribution and the patient pays the balance (apart from the free treatment mentioned previously). The fees they will have to pay have increased by 10% under the new agreement.

Those whose income is below \in 45,000 per annum will have to pay 10% more on all treatments apart from fillings. For instance, extraction of a tooth under local anaesthetic has increased from \in 10.67 to \in 11.75. Fillings will be charged at the dentist's normal private fee less 15% and also less the Department's contribution of \in 29.20, Dentists are obliged to display their charges for fillings.

Medical Holders aged 16 or over are eligible for dental services for their Health Board. They are covered free of charge for emergency and routine treatment. The service may be provided through private dentists or dentists employed by the Health Board. Before availing of a particular treatment under the Health Board scheme you should check with your Health Board to see if the treatment is covered.

For further information contact Citizens Information Centre at 01 6285477.

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Question

My mother is ill and needs full-time care. I intend taking Carer's Leave from work to look after her. Can I earn any money if I am receiving Carer's Benefit while on leave?

Answer

You can earn money but are restricted in how much you can earn and the number of hours you can work. Carer's Benefit, which is based on social insurance contributions, is a payment made by the Department of Social and Family Affairs to people who leave employment to look after someone in need of full-time care and attention. It is paid for up to 15 months.

Providing you meet the contribution conditions and the Department decides that your mother is in need of full-time care and attention you should qualify for Carer's Benefit.

While looking after your mother you may

- attend an educational or training course or take up voluntary or community work for up to 10 hours per week
- engage in limited self-employment in your home
- engage in limited employment outside your home for up to 10 hours per week which has been approved by the Department.

From April 2003 the maximum weekly earnings from such employment/self-employment is ∈150 (was ∈95.23),

Further information is available from your local Social Welfare Office or from the Citizens Information Centre at 01 6285477.

Question

I have heard of people changing their name by Deed Poll. What does it mean?

Answer

A Deed Poll is a signed declaration by a person that binds him/her to a particular course of action from the date of signing. A Deed Poll for a change of name contains declarations that you are abandoning the use of your old name, that you will use your new name at all times and that you require everyone to use your new name.

The advantage of changing your name by Deed Poll is that a record of the change is kept for future This can be attached to your birth identification. certificate, is acceptable for most administrative procedures and provides an easy and inexpensive solution for most of the difficulties which may be encountered on changing your name.

You can get a solicitor to do the Deed Poll or you can do it yourself, in which case the only cost would be the €30 Stamp Duty. However, it is a complicated process and it may be advisable to use a solicitor. If you are doing it yourself guidance documentation for drawing up a declaration is available from the Deed Poll Section, Central Office, Four Courts, Dublin 7. Tel: (01) 888 6000.

You will have to take the declaration to a Commissioner For Oaths or a practicing solicitor for which there may be a small charge. You must then bring your documentation to the Four Courts where you will have to pay the Stamp Duty. You will have to collect the Deed Poll from the Four Courts a few weeks later.

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

Invitation

The Maynooth guild of the ICA The Maynooth guild of the ICA invites all current members, past members, future members and anyone interested in knowing more about the ICA and its activities, to a Fifties Night: fun, fashion, music, and nostalgia. We are celebrating over 50 years of continuous meeting of the guild in Maynooth.

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Maynooth Hillwalking Club

The good weather is with us now and throngs of people have taken to the hills, canals and waymarked routes throughout Ireland. With St. Patrick's Day sees the arrival of Walking Festivals throughout the country. Our club was represented at the Adara Festival in Donegal over this weekend. Numerous festivals were held over the Easter Holiday and more are planned for the May long weekend. Our more experienced members of the club will take part in the first of the Mountain Challenges in mid May in the Blackstairs Mountains, which straddle the counties of Wexford, Carlow and Waterford.

Since the last issue we visited the Blackstairs with two hikes covering hard and moderate grades. This was well attended and we were able to use the bus The weather conditions were perfect. Both groups walked between 5 and 6 hours. Our Easy hike along the canal on Good Friday was well attended with 25 taking part, of which 16 were non-Having had lunch at members of the club. McLoughlins Bridge and lock gate (outside Kilcock), we had a short stop for ice cream in Kilcock before finishing the journey to Maynooth. We were back before 4 p.m. The weather was perfect and from what I can gather all enjoyed the event. Word of our events has spread an on this occasion we were accompanied by a number of members and former members of an Oige. Outside Maynooth we met the annual steam engine tour on its way to Mullingar.

Due to a poor response and other commitments our visit to the Mournes this year has been cancelled. Members of the club will be attending a number of planned events around the country over this weekend.

Forthcoming events include an Easy hike around the coastal path of Howth on Sunday 25th May. We will depart from the front of the Glenroyal Leisure Club at 9 a.m. sharp. The hike covers a distance of approx 8 miles with ascent the region of 500 ft. Boots are essential for this hike. We will travel in own transport. The month of May has a number of moderate and hard grade events planned for the Kippure and Glendalough areas. For June an Easy hike along the Grand Canal from Sallins to Hazelhatch is planned for Saturday 14th. Because the commuter train does not run on Sundays, we have changes from the normal. Departing from the front of the Glenroyal Leisure Club at 9 a.m. sharp we will travel to Hazelhatch by car to meet the train to Sallins. A group ticket will apply to those who book in time.

Last month I said we would have a note on Mournes in this months article. I am sure you have all heard of the Mourne Mountains and possibly a lot of you have visited the region. Made famous by the lyricist, Percy French, who penned their glory to music for all

time with the words "where the mountains of Mourne sweep down to the sea". I don't know the exact location he had in mind where he composed these words, but there are numerous points where one can visualise the words of the song. The area stretches from the coastal village of Rostrevor to Rathfriland and Castlewellan and east to Newcastle before following the east coast back to Rostrevor through the fishing village of Kilkeel. The region can boast of three major forest parks at Rostrevor, Tullymore in Newcastle and Castlewellan. For those who might just like a short stroll of 2 to 4 kms and a very gentle pace each of these areas cater for your needs. Information leaflets are available from the Northern Ireland Tourist Office in Dublin, address and telephone no is in the directory. For the more adventurous it is possible to spend one or two hours strolling through the Mourne mountains and a gentle pace and experience the tranquillity that has inspired artists in words, verse and art for generations. One such area is a visit to the Silent Valley. This valley now contains two reservoirs, Silent Valley and Ben Crom, both of which supply water for Belfast. In season a shuttle bus operates which will bring you up to the reservoir and you can have a gentle walk back. You can do it in reverse if you wish or maybe walk both ways. The valley nestles beneath Sliabh Donard. At the head of the valley is the Brandy Track, renowned in olden days to have been a smugglers route for importing Brandy from the coast inland. I have yet to find any empty bottles along the way. This area is a hillwalkers delight with such a variation of trails. Everyone capabilities are provided for. The mountains of Mourne form a 25 circular radius with 12 summits rising to over 2,000 feet and many others not so high. A 22 mile 6 foot plus wall across the summits of the mountains makes them easy to navigate in bad weather, and provide shelter when those northerly winds hit the area. Care in the hot weather because the combination of wind, sun and salt in the atmosphere cause problems for this body of ours. It is too late when you start to shiver. I have seen many a trekker in trouble from the combination of these elements. There is not enough room in this article to go into any great detail either from a stroller or a hillwalker's perspective. If you would like further information contact the tourist office. They are always very helpful. In July and August, Ulsterbus lay on the Mourne Rambler service. This bus drives a circuit through the Mournes from Newcastle. This is ideal for those who might like to walk for a few hours on a linear track and pick up the bus later.

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

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walking for up to four hoursand at a reasonable brisk speed (in the region of 5 kms per hour). Only attempt our outings if you consider yourself fit enough 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. People attending should ensure they have sufficient food and water to meet their needs for the event. We generally stop for 45 mins for lunch. Depending on weather it may be longer or shorter. Remember in the mountains in a lot of cases there are no quick exit routes back to the cars. Please do not put the leader in the awkward position to have to turn away those who are not properly equipped or whom he considers are not adequately fit for the event. We have had to refuse to take people in the past and if necessary will do so in the future. Our numbers are sufficient to support bus transport to our activities so those attending will need transportation. otherwise advised on particular events, our meeting point is in front of the Glenroyal leisure Club and departures at 9 a.m. Sharp. There will be no waiting or delays.

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.

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TEACH TEARMAINN CO. KILDARE WOMEN'S **REFUGE PROJECT**

This organisation aims to support women and their children who are experiencing abuse in their relationships.

Teach Tearmainn was set up as a response to domestic violence as outlined in Newbridge Community Developments 'Integrated Social and Economic Community Action Plan' in 1998. We are currently constituted as a Limited Company and affiliated to Newbridge Community Development, the National Network of Women's Refuges and Support Services and The Irish Council for Social Housing.

A taskforce was set up in 1998 to develop a strategy to make a refuge a reality and to provide interim measures to tackle domestic violence. Agreement was reached with the then Eastern Health Board that this taskforce would be responsible for providing a Women's Refuge for County Kildare and West Wicklow.

CURRENT SERVICES

Telephone Service

Trained volunteers operate a Help line, where they offer support and information. The caller can remain as anonymous as she wants.

Visits

Women are welcome, by appointment, to visit with our Volunteers to discuss their concerns in confidence.

Information

A large part of our service involves giving information on Legal, Social Welfare.

Education

Our 'No Fear' programme on healthy relationships is offered to all Post Primary Schools.

Community Awareness

We welcome the opportunity to visit with any group interested in our work.

Outreach

Outreach Services available by appointment at 045 449524

A Definition of Domestic Violence

Domestic violence is a serious crime. It crosses all social boundaries, yet in our society it is continually disbelieved and ignored. Victims are made to feel ashamed, isolated and responsible for the abuse they receive.

There are many forms of abuse:-

Threats of physical violence even though no a c t u a l physical force occurs.

Actual physical violence, e.g. hitting, kicking, head butting, beating, attempting to choke.

Being made to have sex without consent.

Mental Cruelty:-

- Causing loss of confidence, depression. problems with sleep. increased use medication and/or alcohol.
- Increased isolation from family and friends.
- Lack of control over family income or use of
- Prevented from taking up employment or attending education or training.
- Deliberate damage to pets, clothes, or other property.

How Can You Help Us:

Challenge societies attitude to domestic violence.

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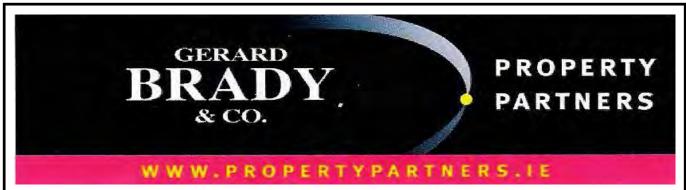
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Chamomile Astringent

This is especially good for oily skin.

To make 1½ pints /850ml 1¾pint /1 litre purified water 8 tablespoons chopped fresh mint or 2 tablespoons dried mint 2 tablespoons dried chamomile flowers crumbled. Place all the ingredients in a medium size saucepan and boil for 10 minutes before straining into a screw topped jar. It will keep for 2 weeks refrigerated apply with cotton balls.

Grease Solvent

Removes strubborn oil stains from your skin.

To make enough for 1 teatment 2 tablespoons liquid soap gel 3 talbespoons cornmeal 1 tablespoon glycerine

Combine the ingredients in al small bowl. Pour the mixture onto your hands and scrub until stains dissappear, rinse off with warm water.

Lawn Fertilser

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and ammonia in a clean jar. To use, mix 2 tablespoons water in a watering can, and sprinkel over 150-200sq ft 14-18.6sq m of turf. For use with a hose attachment, pour into the sprayer container.

Laundry prespotter

Glycerine softens stains on any fabric and colour, making them easier to remove by normal washing. Keepa half glycerine, half water solution handy in the house.

make 8floz/225ml 4floz/115ml glycerine 4floz/115ml water

Combine the ingredients in a jar and shake troroughly, Transfer the mixture to a spray bottle, label and store safely away out of the reach of children and pets.

To use, spray the area affected and rub the liquid into the fabric. Leave for 1 hour and then sponge with warm water before washing.

Tile and Grout Cleaner

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8 tablespoons baking powder 5 tablespoons bakingpowder 5 tablespoons household ammonia 2floz/60ml white vinegar 2 pints 16floz/1,6litres warm water combine the ingredients in a plastic jug or fruit juice container, cover and shake vigorously. Label the container and store it out of the reach of children. For small jobs, fill a pump-type container with the solution; spray directly onto the tile surface, then wipe with a damp sponge or cloth.

Caution Do not mix this cleaner with anything containing bleach.

Toilet Bowel Cleaner

Use regularly to keep tour lavatory sparkling clean.

to make 4 pints/2.3litres

1 tablespoon houshold ammonia 8floz/255ml hydrogen peroxide 31/4pints/1.85litres water

Mix the ingredients in a bucket, then pour the solution slowly into the toilet. Leave it to stand for at least 30 minutes, then scrub the inside of the bowl and flush. For stubborn stains, allow the solution to remain in the bowl for several hours.

Tooth Stains

Lighten stains by rubbing your teeth with bicarbonate of soda. Then rince them thoroughly. If your teeth stain easily, avoid consuming quantitities of tea, coffee, red wine, grape juice, blackberries, curried foods and cigarettes.

Features

Some Samples of the **Portuguese Language**

Ola Hello:

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Thank you: Obrigado (for men)

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Yes: Sim NÁo No: I'm Sorry: Desculpe My name is: Meu nome é Your name is: O su nome é

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Features

JUNO AND THE PAYCOCK COMES TO MAYNOOTH

An Nuadha Players have been rehearsing for the past eight weeks to bring Sean O'Casey's classic play "Juno and the Paycock" to the stage in Maynooth. The group has had spectacular success with the three pantomimes it has so far produced and its previous plays, "Say Cheese" and "The Factory Girls", received warm receptions. Last year's production of Geraldine Aron's "Same Old Moon" had to be cancelled as the group were not able to overcome the never-ending problem of finding a suitable venue. An Nuadha Players are extremely grateful to St. Patrick's College, Maynooth for making the Aula Maxima available to them for their pantomimes but the more intimate setting required for a play and the availability of a venue for 6-7 consecutive nights still poses an enormous problem for the group in Maynooth. It is hard to believe that a town the size of Maynooth does not have some kind of space that can be made available to community groups with an interest in the arts for performance, exhibitions, concerts, workshops

This year we cannot thank St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band enough for allowing us to present "Juno and the Paycock" in the Bandhall. The Bandhall itself is a wonderful piece of local history having first served as a parish church, then as boys' national school, before becoming home to the band which itself has such a long and illustrious history. The Bandhall will provide a perfect setting for this play and will, hopefully, ring with laughter and hush with awe as O'Casey's masterpiece unfolds. Barry Donaldson takes on the direction of this play after a long involvement with the Olivian Players in Dublin. Trevor Best plays the hopeless Captain Boyle with John Bean as the "shoulder shruggin" sidekick Joxer. Ann Kelly plays the resilient Juno and Jacinta Hayes her idealistic daughter Mary. Anne Mynes plays the exuberant Masie Madigan and Pete Butler the irascible tailor Needle Nugent. Newcomers Donal O'Hanlon (as the crippled Johnny), Aidan Corkery (as the union leader Jerry Devine) and Eanna Lohan (as the Mobilizer) make very welcome additions to the group.

The play will be staged in the Bandhall (off the Main Street, behind the Hula Bou) from Tuesday 6th May to Saturday 10th May at 8p.m. Tickets available at the door or from Mary Higgins 01 6290817 or Ann Kelly 01 6289705.

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Maynooth Tidy Towns News

Maynooth Best Litter Free Area 2003

- Judging will take place in May & June 2003 for Maynooth's Best Litter Free Area 2003
- Ten areas will be selected at random by the judge. All Areas within the town boundary (i.e. speed limit signs) can be judged.
- The competition will be independently judged by An Taisce under the rules applied to the "Irish Business against Litter Competition"
- The independent judge will provide a grading for each area judged and photographs will be taken.

Maynooth Tidy Towns urge all businesses and residents associations to get involved and ensure that your area is kept clear of litter and weeds for the period of the competition.

Get Involved make sure that Maynooth scores well

Maynooth Tidy Towns have engaged An Taisce to judge Maynooth under the Irish Business Against Litter criteria and to give us a score as if we were in the "All Ireland Anti-Litter League 2003".

An Taisce will undertake, on behalf of Maynooth Tidy Towns, litter surveys in May and June 2003 in Maynooth. The criteria are as follows:

- Sites will be chosen from (for example) Town centre; main street; shopping centre; public car park; bus/ train station; school/college/university; high-density residential; low-density residential; industrial estate; public amenity area; river walk/promenade; tourist site; beach/marina; main approach routes.
- Third level institutions (schools, colleges, universities) will be surveyed (the open areas within the school perimeter and the areas outside and surrounding the building).
- Road signs will be surveyed for cleanliness and readability.
- Bus and train stations will be surveyed (including the rail track within the station and for half a mile outside).

Note: The occupier of a property is responsible, under the Litter Act, to keep clean at all times the open/visible areas within the property and the pavement outside/surrounding the property irrespective of the source of the litter. IBAL suggest that managers of third level institutions, bus and rail stations and those responsible for road signs be apprised of the implications of the forthcoming surveys.

- Surveys will be carried out at any time of day, seven days a week.
- The survey will begin at the approach roads speed limit signs.
- Bonus points will be awarded for good road surfaces.
- Bonus points will be awarded for fines issued/paid in the six months January 1st to June 30th 2003 (as recorded by the Department of Environment and Local Government.
- Each survey will establish a Cleanliness Rating (CR) for each town and city.
- A short comment will be attached to each CR and An Taisce will supply this information to Maynooth Tidy Towns along with a list of the sites visited and the date and time of the survey.
- An Taisce will retain detailed photographic evidence of surveys.
- Results will be notified by Maynooth Tidy Towns later in the year.

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Grade C = Small accumulations of litter

Grade D = Significant accumulations of litter.

A litter survey form and Photographs will be completed for each survey.

Litter Definition

Typical examples of littering will include: cigarette butts; sweet papers; chewing gum; cans; plastic wrapping; dog fouling; fast food wrapping; bottles (plastic and glass); ATM bank dockets; bus/train tickets; fly-posting; untended



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Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

Funding of Swimming Pool Complex, Community Centres and Playgrounds

Major progress was made in securing funding for a swimming pool complex, community centres and children's playgrounds when Cllr. John McGinley's motion was agreed unanimously at the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council on 4 April. The motion agreed was:

"That a scheme of development contributions as required under the Planning and Development Act 2000, be prepared for the Leixlip Electoral Area and that these contributions be set at an appropriate level in order to fund social infrastructure such as a swimming pool complex, community centre and playgrounds for the area. Furthermore, that the proposed scheme be advertised and that the public be given eight weeks to make submissions before the Manager prepares a report for decision on the scheme by the members."

In proposing the motion Cllr. McGinley stated that:

"There is a serious lack of social infrastructure in our area. Funding from Kildare County Council for such amenities has in the past gone elsewhere in the County i.e.

- Naas has an existing swimming pool and is getting a new swimming pool complex.
- New bridge has a sports and leisure centre, children's playground and all weather playing pitches.
- Athy has an existing swimming pool and is getting a new swimming pool complex.

In Maynooth/ Leixlip we need social infrastructure such as a Swimming Pool Complex, Community Centres, Art Centres, Children's Playgrounds and Skateboard Parks for teenagers. It is highly unlikely that Government funding will be made available. However, a mechanism is available to enable us to raise the necessary funding ourselves. Section 48 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 authorises planning authorities, when granting planning permissions, to include conditions requiring the payment of development contributions for the provision of recreational, community facilities and amenities.

The County Manager is obliged under the Act to bring a proposed scheme or schemes to the councillors, and following public consultation, for decision by the councillors. We were notified by the County manager on 13 February that this would be done in due course. However, experience with the Council would indicate that this could take ages.

I believe that we as councillors need to take positive action on this very important issue and not wait for the County Manager to prepare a scheme for the whole county. Our needs are different to those elsewhere in the county and it is up to the other Area Committees to consider what is appropriate for their areas. Furthermore, the passing of the motion will ensure that we, as councillors, have ownership of the Development Contributions Policy from Day 1 and not be presented with the Managers view and then having to change it.

Also, there is a need for urgency on the matter, with the Council deciding that 150 acres of land had to be rezoned residential in Maynooth. We don't want all of this 150 acres to get Planning Permission without making provision for the social infrastructure of the town."

Decision on the Site Selection for the North Kildare Swimming Pool Complex

The three Area Committees in the north of the county agreed to let the senior management of the Council decide which of the three sites i.e. Doyles land at Carton Avenue, Leixlip Amenities Centre or the land opposite the Salesian College in Celbridge, was the most suitable location for a public swimming pool complex for the use of the citizens of the north of the county. Cllr. John McGinley was advised that the decision was going to be made before the end of March. However, Leixlip Town Council has asked the Council to put off making a decision until

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Leixlip TC have had the opportunity to engage a consultant to prepare a report making the case for the Leixlip Amenities Centre site. To say that the decision of Leixlip TC is unfortunate is putting it mildly. Their decision puts serious pressure on the communities of Maynooth and Celbridge, neither of which has the benefit of Town Council funding to engage a consultant. It seems as if nothing can be done nowadays without a consultants report.

Cllr. John McGinley has already submitted a report to the Council outlining his reasons for selecting the 53 acres public park at Carton Avenue as the best location for the North Kildare Swimming Pool Complex . In it he acknowledges that a public swimming pool complex is viable in either Maynooth, Leixlip or Celbridge but that the large green field site at Doyles is the best location on any objective assessment. However, because of the decision of Leixlip TC to engage a consultant the community of Maynooth are now forced to do likewise in order to have a level playing pitch, unless of course Leixlip TC rescind their decision.

Safety Improvements on Celbridge Road, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley's motion on safety improvements on the Celbridge Road, Maynooth, was discussed in detail at the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council on 4th April and the following was the outcome:

- Cllr. John McGinley asked that development levies collected from new houses in the area be used to fund the installation of the traffic standard public lighting along the Celbridge Road, from the Straffan Road junction to the Gael Scoil. The ESB estimate the cost to be €18,180.
- The Area Engineer is to discuss the safety problem with the pedestrian exit from the Maxol station to the Celbridge Road, with the owner of the station. Options include a safety barrier in the garage grounds, as there is not enough room on the footpath for one, or close off the exit.
- At the pedestrian exit from Railpark, opposite the Maxol exit, a safety barrier will be installed at a cost of €1,400
- A footpath from the Straffan Road junction up to the bus stop on the Railpark side will cost €15,000. Cllr. John McGinley has asked that development levies be used for this purpose. However. if none can be identified John will use his Discretionary Grants Funding to pay for this necessary footpath.
- On the question of extending the footpath on the Laurence Avenue side down to the Straffan Road junction, the Area Engineer advised Cllr. John McGinley that land acquisition would be involved and removal of a fence. Cllr. McGinley asked that the Planning Department be asked to advise whether or not Development Levies were in place to pay for this essential work.

Bond Bridge/Meadowbrook Link Road

Tenders for the construction of the new bridge were received by the Council in the last week in March. The tenders for the culvert and for the Meadowbrook Link Road have been with the Council since mid-December. The County Engineer advised Cllr. John McGinley at the Leixlip Area Meeting on 4 April that a report on the tenders would be with the County Manager in a couple of weeks. Cllr. McGinley asked that the Managers recommendation be considered by the Area Committee before going to the full Council for approval.

Road Works Programme

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley demanded to know at the March Council meeting why there had been such a drastic cut in the non-national road grant from central government. The allocation is down 28% on the 2002 figure and there is a 40% reduction on the 2001 figure. Kildare has by far the largest grant reduction in the country and as a result Council officials, in their report to the Council, stated that "the financial position does mean that some roads will deteriorate and it will not be possible to maintain them as the Council would wish."

Works scheduled for the Maynooth Area in 2003 are as follows:

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•	Kildare Bridge, Dunboyne Road	€160,000
•	Barberstown Road	€1.5m
•	Moyglare Road junction	€30,000
•	Mariaville	€14,000
•	Old Carton	€10,000
•	Main Street	€15,000
•	Obelisk Road	€28,500
•	Footpaths Old Greenfield	€15,000
•	Footpaths Railpark	€15,000

Housing Estate Clean up Days

Kildare County Council will assist residents' associations with clean up days through the provision of bags, gloves, litter pickers etc. They will also provide an environmental crew to remove all the collected material as they no longer provide skips. Residents' associations should contact John Shannon, Environmental Section, Kildare County Council (045 873838) two weeks before clean up day to make the necessary arrangements.

New Public Lights

Cllr. John McGinley is pleased to report that as a result of his request the following new public lights will be ordered from the ESB:

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Provision of Bus Bays at Presentation Primary Girl's School

Cllr. John McGinley has been given the following update on his proposal to provide sufficient bus bays at the girls school:

"We have prepared a preliminary design for this scheme. The transfer of lands from landowner (Charter House) to the Council is progressing with the solicitors and we are preparing a preliminary report on the scheme for the County Manager and the elected members."

When the bus bays are in place the work outside the Lime Walk Avenue can then proceed. Residents will be aware that the major work inside the Avenue is nearing completion.

Rejection of 4 Storey Proposals for Former Pitch and Putt Course.

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have welcomed the decision by Kildare County Council to comprehensively reject the application for planning permission for five 4 storey blocks of apartments, and three 3 storey blocks of apartments on the former Pitch and Putt Course on Dunboyne Road, Maynooth.

In rejecting the application the Council indicated that the proposal by virtue of its scale, mass and height would detract from the visual and amenity value of Maynooth, which is a Historic Town. The Council further stated that the architectural style proposed was considered inappropriate and that the proposal would be visually obtrusive and out of character in Maynooth Village. In relation to density and building heights the Council firmly rejected the application, as it would materially contravene the provisions the of Maynooth Development Plan 2002.

Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley are delighted at the rejection of this ugly proposal which would have been visually obtrusive from Pound Park and would have caused a major problem for residents bordering the site. The Leinster Cottages area which was built 200 years ago would have been destroyed if this monstrosity was allowed to proceed.

We hope the developers will not appeal this decision to An Bord Pleanala but will instead sit down with the residents of the area to see if a proposal can be drawn up which would satisfy everybody concerned. If they do appeal the decision, however, we will make a further submission to An Bord Pleanala against the

Delay in Sanctioning Temporary Accommodation for Maynooth Post Primary.

With the Government having dropped plans for the building of an extension to Maynooth Post Primary School, they are now examining an application by County Kildare VEC for the provision of 2 prefabs at the school to overcome the present overcrowding at the school.

Deputy Stagg questioned the Minister for Education in the Dail in relation to this and the Minister has advised that the application is currently being examined by the Planning and Building Unit.

The temporary accommodation is urgently needed but deputy Stagg has criticised the bureaucratic nature of the Minister's Department whose job seems to be to examine everything in detail with a view to delaying projects, even for prefabs.

Instead of getting the required extension to the school we now have to pressurise the Minister for just prefabs.

Deputy Stagg will continue to raise this issue with the Minister and he also warned the Government and the Minister that he would continue to campaign for the permanent building project which is now required.

EPA to Carry Out Inspection on Westside Waste

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been advised by the Environmental Protection Agency that they are to carry out a site inspection on Westside Waste's facility in relation to their ongoing waste operations at Blacklion, Maynooth.

This follows on from the Waste Licence which was granted to Westside Waste which requires all of the operations to be carried out indoors, in buildings that do not exist and which have been refused planning permission by Kildare County Council. Because of this the operations at Blacklion are illegal and should cease.

In response to complaints that the facility was operating illegally, the EPA sought comment from Westside Waste. The EPA have advised Deputy Stagg that Westside Waste did not specify in their response as to whether or not the facility is currently operating.

We look forward to the result of the EPA's site visit which should lead to enforcement action to cease operations at Blacklion.



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O Mary conceived with sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3 times)

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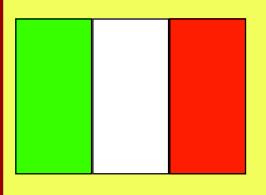
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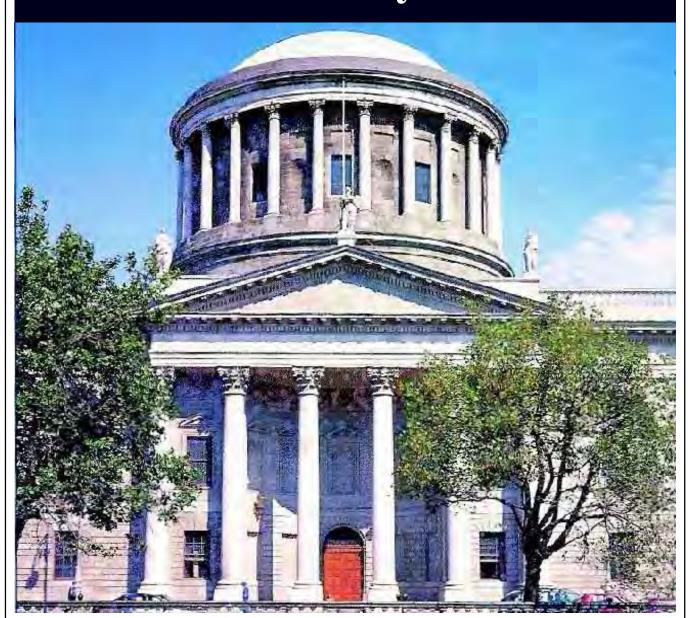


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Within the past month we have learned that Ireland is to become the most expensive country in the Euro zone. Not that it surprises any of us. There has been a marked increase in the price of drink, food, eating out, hairdressing etc. Car insurance has gone up, the Port Tunnel is too low, there were University fees and then there were none. The waiting lists for hospitals are increasing not decreasing. The Government felt the need to defend its record after a year in office when they were hammered in the opinion polls. What a month! Irish people lack a sense of outrage was the belief of a diplomat when asked their opinion on leaving the country recently. We can only agree. There is some hope at the student reaction to the threatened fees but we Irish seem to have an amazing capacity to absorb everything that life throws at us without reacting. But there is a growing anger among the public in general as we move closer to the Boston model. We pay lower taxes, thus favouring the wealthy, and then pay for everything after that. The Universities here are also moving in the Boston direction with many choosing modularisation and two semesters instead of the usual three term system. This means students sit exams twice a year, the teaching time is much shorter, clubs and societies will probably suffer and there is no guarantee that there will be any educational improvement. Indeed, anecdotally, this system may lead to deterioration in the education system. Interestingly, Trinity College has opted to retain the traditional arrangement.

We note with surprise that there was no reaction, positive or negative, from the College to the letter printed in the last issue. Is our publication not important enough to warrant a response?

The Newsletter would like to wish the best of luck to all the second level students beginning their examinations shortly. At least the threat of University fees no longer hangs over them.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind readers that the Community Festival takes place this month. We provide a full list of events inside. There is a great prize fund for the car treasure hunt – so get involved! Have fun.

The Irish Olympians

We would like to wish our Maynooth and Irish Olympians the best of luck and success. We have spent so much time concentrating on the visitors that we are in danger of losing sight of our own Irish athletes. At a local level Tom Purcell is at present collecting donations from the residents of Laurence Avenue, having got a permit from the Gardaí, with a view to making a presentation to John Paul Sherry. This event will be covered in the next issue. Good luck to all and enjoy the events of this busy month in Maynooth. Let us hope that the sun and the summer choose to grace us with their presence!

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Community Council A.G.M. Notes

The Annual General Meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on the 12th May in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Chairperson's Report.

Hugh Gallagher, Chairperson, welcomed all to the meeting and thanked all that had supported him during the year. He also thanked the Executive Committee. He said that they had a number of presentations during the year, Tesco's proposed Development Plan and Kavanagh's Development Plan. He said it is very good that groups like these use the Community Council for their presentations. Hugh said the office was working very well and that we were recruiting new staff at the moment. He also thanked Christina Saults, supervisor in the office and all the office staff, and wished them good luck in the future.

Hugh also thanked the Glenroyal Hotel for their continued support of Maynooth Community Council and the Community Councillors for their work during the year. Hugh noted the sad loss of Mary Fitzgerald.

Secretary's Report

Muireann Ní Bhrolchain stated that meetings were held every month during the year except August. She said that Maynooth Community Council had been involved in a number of submissions, submission to Cunnane, Stratton, Reynolds re Integrated Framework Plan for Land Use and Transportation, also proposal to Kildare County Council re the location of the swimming pool for North Kildare in Maynooth. It was also noted that tenders are in for Bond Bridge. Muireann also said that Maynooth Community Council will be following up on Town Council Status for Maynooth. It was also noted the sad passing of Owen Byrne, Eugene Fitzpatrick and Christy Kavanagh for, the office. The Fas scheme was able to take on Fas workers from the GAA when their scheme closed. Muireann also noted that the Editorial Board is working well and also that the Newsletter is now barcoded. She thanked Dominic Nyland for doing MC at the St. Patrick's Day Parade, Maurice Carty for his PA and also the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. She also noted the splendid work done by the Tidy Towns Committee. She then thanked all office staff and the Executive for their support during the year.

Treasurer's Report

Willie Saults gave a very full written report. Willie thanked the office staff for their help and support during the year. He said the Newsletter is selling well but could be improved. he also said that funding will always be important and fund raising events like the Festival and St. Patrick's Day Parade are so

important.

There then followed the election for the Executive Committee

Chairperson: Hugh Gallagher Vice-Chair: Tom McMullon

Secretary: Muireann Ní Bhrolchain

Treasurer: Willie Saults
P.R.O.: Marie Gleeson
P.D.O.: Paul Croghan

Formation of Sub Committees

Hugh Gallagher said that the sub committee -Maynooth Community Focus were looking at youth problems, their main interest is in getting a meeting place for the young people. It was also noted that Mary Fitzgerald was behind this committee being formed. Tom McMullon said that the youth of the town should be involved themselves with this group. He said we should listen to what they have to say and see what they want. Ann Burns said that a survey is to be done on this. Cllr. Senan Griffin said that the children in the school are involved with a lot of things. They are putting a booklet together that will tell their story about what they want also about what they are doing. it was decided to wait until the book is out and then see what should be done. Cllr. Senan Griffin also noted that the school is not involved with this project, but that the children are doing this themselves.

Waste Management - Sub Committee

It was decided to keep an eye on waste issues and to keep people aware of this.

Summer Project

Claire O'Rourke told the meeting that the project is going okay but still they need a lot of support from other people.

Festival

Chairperson, Andrew McMullon, said he was a bit disappointed at attendance at meetings. He thanked the office staff. He said they do a great job and work hard on the Festival. He also said the Festival is one of the main fund raising events for Maynooth Community Council. Paul Croghan said it is important that there should be a sense of place with the town, also a sense of identity. The Festival should now be called the "Geraldine Festival". While it was noted that people are not getting involved with the local events like the Festival it was also felt that people have to travel long distances to work and it is not only Maynooth that feel this. Cllr. John McGinley asked if

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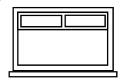
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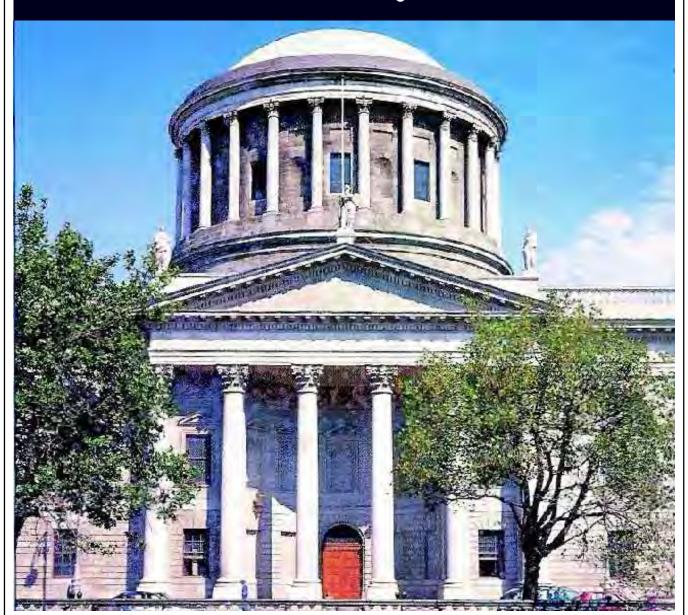


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Community Council A.G.M. Notes Contd.

we want to change the Festival. The Leixlip Festival was mentioned but this is run on a much bigger scale and involves an all round year committee. However Andrew said that they have a calendar of events lined up and will be going with the most popular events. There would be a Children's Day in the Harbour Field with the scouts holding a jamboree. Barperson, Art Competition, Table Quiz, Mr. & Mrs. Competition, 7-a-side soccer, also the Soccer Club will be running an under 8's 7-a-side. Andrew said that if people want to get involved to do so through the office.

Fund Raising Committee

It was decided not to form a special committee for this as fund raising is done through the Newsletter, Festival and St. Patrick's Day Parade. However, Treasurer, Willie Saults said that something will have to be done to raise more money

Public Profile of Maynooth Community Council

It was stated that a much bigger profile of the Community Council was needed. In 2004 the Community Council will be in existence for 20 years. It is now very important with the population growth and expected development of the town, that the Community Council should have a bigger profile. Cllr. Griffin felt that it is important to identify what the Council is about. it was decided to get information to every house in the town before June.

Submission

Cllr. John McGinley congratulated both Hugh Gallagher (Community Council) and Peter Connell

(Maynooth Action Strategy) for their excellent submission to Kildare County Council.

Tidy Towns Committee

Paul Croghan said they now have 14 members on their committee. He also raised the issue of the recycling area in the public car park. He said the state of the place is dreadful. There is not enough people to keep it tidy. He said the one at Tesco's is managed well, as Tesco's look after it themselves. He said he was looking for it to be moved to the Harbour area, across from the Fire Station, and to have it supervised. Cllr. Senan Griffin said that old people use this facility, also any broken glass would be dangerous to the fire engines and ambulances. He also said that if commercial people are using the facility they should be caught. A camera would help It was decided to write to Kildare County here. Council.

- 1 The recycling site should be supervised.
- 2 Also that a camera should be put in place.
- 3 Also that the site should be in an open place.

It was decided to put off making a decision until the next meeting.

Next meeting of the Maynooth Community Council will take place on the 9th June in the Glenroyal Hotel.

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- 2 The committee reserve the right to refuse any entry.
- 3 Teams to consist of players not currently playing competitive soccer. (Currently means this year.)
- 4 Names of players and entry fee must be submitted with the official entry form. The team must be named after a housing estate e.g. Old Greenfield.
- 5 Fifteen minutes will be played each way and three substitutes may be used.
- 6 The format of the competition will be decided by the committee.
- All games must start at the stated time, in the event of a team being late the match will be awarded to the opposition, under no circumstances will any postponement be given.
- 8 Any team playing players not included in their entry form will be removed from the tournament.
- 9 The organising committee will not be responsible for any articles lost or damaged.
- 10 The organising committee will not be responsible for any injury to any player.
- 11 All protests will be dealt with by the organising committee.
- 12 Protest, together with fee of €10.00, refundable if protest is upheld, must be lodged with the Secretary of the organising committee within thirty minutes of the finish.
- 13 Teams will not be included in draw unless entry fee is paid €30.00
- In the competition studs may be worn but must conform to F.I.F.A. standards. Shinguards must be worn. Match referee's decision will be final in this matter. Flat footwear must be of proper standard, be safe for wearer and not constitute a danger to other players. Referee's decision is also final in this matter.
- 15 In the event of an objection it will be up to the team allegedly guilty to prove that they are innocent.
- 16 In the event of a walk-over or an objection the other team will be rewarded a 2-nil win.
- 17 The committee's decision is final in all matters.

John McGinley (Phone 6285293) Secretary Organising Committee
Entries before 6th June 2003

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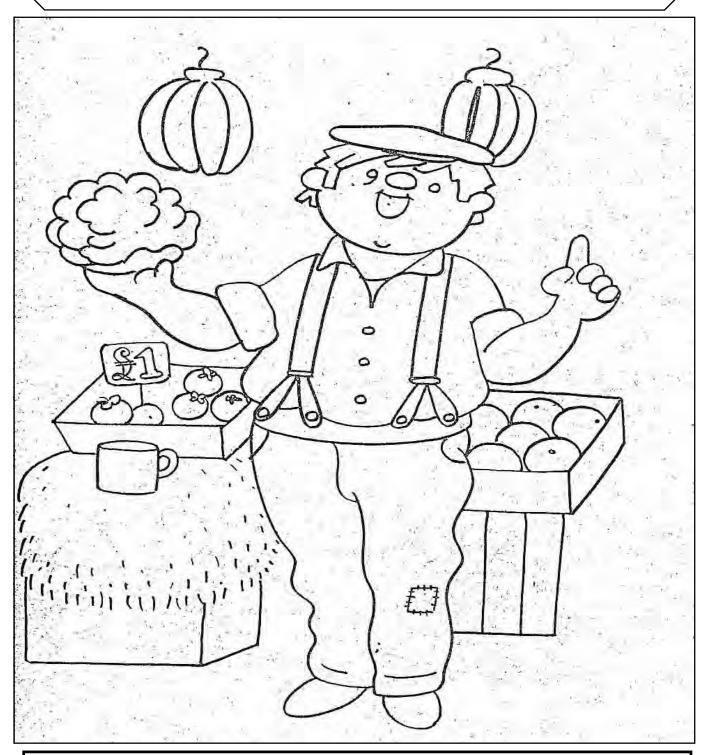
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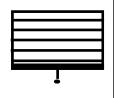
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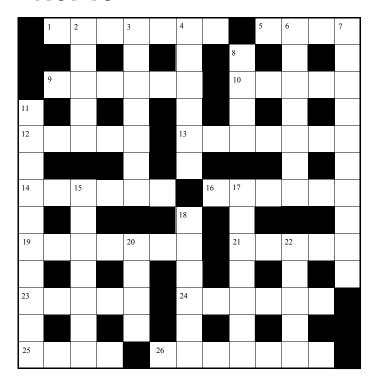




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- 5. List of meals (4)
- **9.** Top (6)
- 10 Postage levy (5)
- 12 Cowboy competition (5)
- 13. Smokeless explosive (7)
- **14.** Breathe in (6)
- **16.** Entry (6)
- **19.** Comprise (7)
- 21. EastEnders actress— —(5)
- 23. Author of the play Hedda Gabler (5)
- 24. Sour-tasting (6)
- 25. Grassed area (4)
- 26. Shore pebbles (7)

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- 2. Circular (5)
- 3. Abscess in the mouth (7)
- 4. Placard (6)
- 6. Slippery (7)
- **7.** Nasty (10)
- 8. Consumer (4)
- 11. Man-made (10)
- **15.** Metal cutter (4-3)
- **17.** Pad (7)
- 18. Disconnect (6)
- **20.** Arm bone (4)
- 22 Expertise (5)

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Across: 1. Dissect; 7. Doyle; 8. Sprouts; 9. Bright; 11. Crepe; 13. Acre; 14. Old hand; 15. Anon; 16. Snoop. 17. Defend; 21. Variety; 22. Cello; 23. Whistle.

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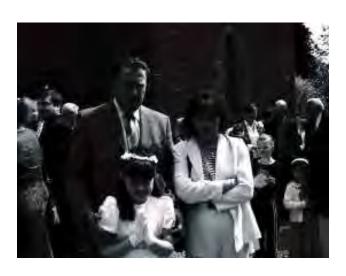
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03/764	Ms Ann Hoban	The Mullagh Kilcock Co Kildare.	Р	25/04/03	Change of use of former hardware shop to betting shop on ground floor and associated offices on first floor	46 Main Street Leixlip Co Kildare.
03/813	Michael & Marie O'Brien	Glenary 384A Ryevale Lawns Leixlip Co Kildare.	R	01/05/03	Sought for the retention of the entrance gateway as constructed and for the retention of existing front boundary/party wall in it original form subsequent to works carried out on same site on foot of Grant of Permission PI. ref. no 01/1654	Glenary 384A Ryevale Lawns Leixlip Co Kildare.
03/817	Philomena Davey	9 Rockfield Avenue Maynooth Co Kildare.	Р	02/05/03	For retention of use of sittingroom / diningroom / toilet and lobby area as Montessori/playschool	9 Rockfield Avenue Maynooth Co Kildare.
03/829	Triman Develop- ments Ltd	Unit E1 Clane Business Park Clane Co Kildare.	Р	02/05/03	For construction of 176 no residential units in 9 blocks (A to J) comprising of 136 no apartments which consist of 102 no 2 bedroom ground 1st & 2nd floor apartments and 34 no 1 bedroom 3rd floor apartments in 7 no 4 storey blocks (A to G) etc	Station Road Leixlip Co Kildare.
03/837	Simone LeBreton	153 Castletown Leixlip Co Kildare.	Р	06/05/03	Sought for garage conversion to incorporate new sittingroom, games room, wc and extension to existing kitchen, new porch and extension of new sitting room to front at ground level and 1st floor extension over proposed garage conversion etc.	153 Castletown Leixlip Co Kildare.
03/851	Eoghan & Emily Lennon	Kilmacredock Maynooth Co Kildare.	R	07/05/03	Retention of the convertion of attic space to living quarters incorporating three velux rooflights to the front elevation and one velux roof to the rear elevation permission sought for dormer extension to the side etc	Kilmacredock Lower Leixlip Co Kildare.
03/857	Mary Carthy	39 Oaklawn Leixlip Co Kildare.	Р	07/05/03	For proposed garage conversion to bedroom	39 Oaklawn Leixlip Co Kildare.
03/864	Dr. W.J. Smith	N.U.I. Maynooth Kilcock Road Maynooth Co Kildare.	Р	08/05/03	For the construction of three grass playing pitches and one artificially surfaced all weather pitch and boundary fencing together with associated site works. One grass pitch to be floorlit etc	N.U.I Maynooth Campus Kilcock Road Maynooth Co Kildare/
03/865	John & Ann Kil- gannon	12 Oaklawn West Leixlip Co Kildare.	Р	08/05/03	Sought for a new de- tached dwelling and asso- ciated works	12 Oaklawn West Leixlip Co Kildare.

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03/930	Raymond Coyne	46 College Green Maynooth Co Kildare.	Р	15/05/03	For changes to existing front elevations with new front porch and two storey side extension to existing house	46 College Green Maynooth Co Kildare.
03/933	Michael & Anne Hand	36 Meadowbrook Avenue Maynooth Co. Kildare.	Р	15/05/03	For new 4 bedroomed house to rear of existing house	274 Old Greenfield Maynooth Co Kildare.

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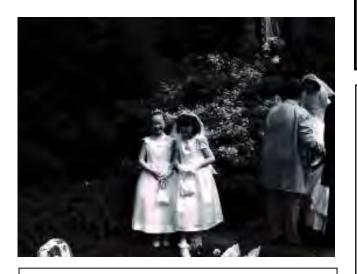
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Voices in the Rubble is a black comedy investigating a family unit immersed knee deep in the absurdity of modern society. These people, like the majority of us, have been abandoned by traditional values and find themselves lost in a strange landscape where their identities can not easily be defined. And when Avril informs her husband (quite politely) that the body of their postman is in the fridge, we see this couple struggle desperately to come to terms with the unanswerable.

The play also highlights the uncertainty of identity and shared memory buried deep within all relationships. Here we have forty years of marriage neatly compressed into forty minutes. Voices in the Rubble premiered in Riverbank Arts Centre in February 2003 as part of the double bill Not Waving: two absurdist plays. With Eileen Fagan as Avril, Nick Devlin as Terence, Stuart McGlynn as George and Frank Conlon as Man.

Waiting 2 Johno is a comedy in one act. It hopes to investigate (through the classic structure of "Waiting for Godot") the essential essence of the modern human soul. So when two young men find themselves by a building site, on a lonely patch of urban sprawl, waiting for their friend to arrive with the address to a promised party, the weight and expectation of each moment can be heard ringing clearly through the air. Waiting 4 Johno premiered as part of the triple bill Sucking Stones: three plays after Beckett in February 2002 in Riverbank. With Nick Devlin as Tony, Steve Gunn as Jason, Laurence Hamill as Mark and Yvonne O'Hara as Mary.

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Castle Keep Art Exhibition







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Maynooth Hillwalking Club

A number of Easy Hikes are planned over the next two months. On Sunday 25 May we will make our annual pilgrimage to Howth taking in the coastal path hike around the peninsula. This is a 13.5 Kms / 8.5 mile circuit which brings us across the cliffs of Howth and over the high ground behind the Deer Park golf club. During the course of the hike we will have an Ascent of 270 Meters / 890 Feet. From the high points of Sheilmartin and Dun Hill one has a very good view of Dublin city and mountains and as far north as the Mournes. You are able to view the aircraft taking off and landing at Dublin Airport. Dependant on wind direction, aircraft pass over Ireland's Eye on their approach to the airport and pass straight in front of our viewpoint. It has always been an enjoyable day out. Being the month of May, it is hoped that we will have a blooming of the rhododendron. Forthcoming events include an Easy hike around the coastal path of Howth on Sunday 25 May. depart from the front of the Glenroyal Leisure Club at 9 Boots are essential for this hike. We will travel in own transport. The month of May has a number of moderate and hard grade events planned for the Kippure and Glendalough areas. For June an Easy hike along the Grand Canal from Sallins to Hazelhatch is planned for Saturday 14. Because the commuter train does not run on Sundays, we have changed from the normal. Departing from the front of the Glenroyal Leisure Club at 9 am sharp we will travel to Hazelhatch by car to meet the train to Sallins. second meeting point is Hazelhatch Railway station at 9.30 am. A group ticket will apply to those who book This hike is on the flat following the Grand Canal and will cover a distance of 16 Kms / 10 Miles. Comfortable footwear essential and don't forget raingear and a packed lunch. We will stop for lunch at Ardclough's Henry Bridge and Lock Gates.

For Sunday 22. June (mid summer) we are planning a Hike taking in the length of the newly restored St Kevin's Pilgrim Route which runs from Hollywood to Glendalough via the Wicklow Gap, a distance of 26 Kms. For the less energetic who may wish to attend this activity it is planned to meet along the route early afternoon and have newcomers complete the second half of the route covering a distance of 11 Kms. It is hoped to have a minibus available (dependant on numbers) to return participants to their cars. planned to cost in the region of ?5 per person towards Both members and non-members must book and pay bus fare in advance no later than 15th. July. Details of this will be available on our web page later or interested parties can contact us for information on our Club telephone or by e-mail (details below).

Again for June and July a number of Moderate and harder hikes are planned, but these are restricted. If anyone is still out there who wants to return to the pastime or wants to get out into the fresh air for the

summer, it is still not too late to join. At this stage no organised hikes are planned for August unless there is demand. In the pasty it has been found that a lot of members are away on holidays. This will not stop us from getting out. Groups of members left behind make arrangements to head of rambling sometimes to new areas and check for new routes, which will be programmed later into our activities calendar. There will also be a number of planned challenges coming up.

July 20 next is Shay Hendrick of Celbridge on behalf of the Alzheimer's Respite Care, Kildare Branch is organising the Third Annual Sponsored Walk. This is a very worthy cause, which can benefit greatly by your Shay has attended a number of our Club support. activities. The Sponsored Walk will take place in the Glendalough area, meeting at the car park of the Glendalough Hotel starting at 11 am. Sharp. Anybody interested in attending can meet Shay and his organisers there. Two walks are organised, one of 5 miles for children and those who wish the shorter walk and a second one of 7 miles. A certificate will be issued to participants at the end of the walks. Further details and sponsorship cards from Shay at Home No 6272583 or mobile 087-1276021. should be a very pleasant, interesting and enjoyable day out particularly for anyone not familiar with Glendalough and its environs. There are a number of additional visits and sights in the area that can be taken in after the walk. A visit to the National Park Information Office and attend the audio visual show is recommended. Why not bring a picnic and dine in the open air at one of the many scenic spots around the Wicklow Gap or in Glendalough. There are many picnic tables available.

Believe it or not Summer is with us and again this year Duachas has planned a series of lectures on environmental matters and Special Interest Walks at their centres in the Wicklow Mountains National Park Glendalough. They are also organising Wednesday morning and afternoon Guided Nature Walks around Glendalough. Also for the budding artists out there they have an " Art in the Park programme for 7 - 13 year old from July 16 2-4 pm.. Advanced booking is necessary for these sessions. A number of workshops are also planned on Details on all of these are environmental matters. available from The National Park Education Centre at 0404-45656 (Mon - Fr- 9.30 - 5.30), and The National Park Information Office at 0404-45425 (open 7 days a week 10.00 - 6 pm.). You never know having taken part in the Sponsored Walk you might like to find out more about this historical and picturesque area of Wicklow which is located about one hours drive from Maynooth.

By the time this article goes to print a number of our Club members will have completed the Blackstairs Mountain Challenge, a pleasant but energetic hike (Maynooth Hillwalking Contd.)

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Hill Walking (Contd...)

which starts about 3 Kms outside Bunclody at the foot of the Mount Leinster range County Wexford, crossing Mount Leinster, Scullogue Gap and Blackstsairs Mountain before finishing in the village of Glynn in County Carlow, located between Blackstairs Mountain and the River Barrow some 17 miles and 4,800 ft. later.

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 (in the region of 5 kms per hour).

Only attempt our outings if you consider yourself fit enough to maintain this speed and distance. 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. People attending should ensure they have sufficient food and water to meet their needs for the event. We generally stop for 45 Depending on weather it may be mins for lunch. longer or shorter. Remember in mountains there is no quick exit routes back to the cars. Please do not put the leader in the awkward position to have to turn away those who are not properly equipped or whom he considers are not adequately fit for the event. We have had to refuse to take people in the past and if necessary will do so in the future. Our numbers are



not sufficient to support bus transport to our activities so those attending will need transportation. Unless otherwise advised on particular events, out meeting point is in front of the Glenroyal Leisure Club and departures at 9 am. Sharp. There will be no waiting.

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 in future editions for further information. Our Club Telephone is **086-3984172**

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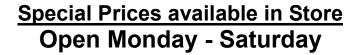
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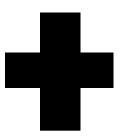
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Deaglán O'Ceallaigh, Chairman of Castlekeep Art Group & Tony Bean opening the Exhibition L-R: Roger Mullarkey, Darragh O'Rourke & Johathan Meade who provided music on the night.

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Castle Keep Art Group 5th Annual Exhibition

The Castle Keep Art Group held its 5th Annual Art Exhibition in the Post Primary School on 26-27 April. There were 107 paintings on display in various media which was a tremendous output by 18 local artists. A diverse range of subjects was represented - local, national and international landscapes such as the Shell Cottage Carton by Emma Boyce, Donadea Forest by Maureen Redmond, Bray Head Rock by Trees Oomkens-Gevers and Cottage in Somerset by Natalie Kelly. Seascapes included Susan Brennan's Cliffs of Moher, Susan Durack's Atlantic View Donegal and Peter Finch's Sailing Home. Animal studies strongly featured and included Galloping Horse by Betty O'Hare, Cat with Attitude by Déaglán Ó Ceallaigh, White Dog by Jacquie Cotterill and Deer in the Phoenix Park by Ursula Walsh. Figure studies included Brady's Thursday Night by Caoilfhionn Quinlan-Murphy and The Blue Graduation Gown by Martin Loftus. There was an array of flowers to be seen with Regina Richardson's Hungarian Posy, Rita Teevan's Pansy Repose, Ann McHugh's Jug of flowers, and Jenny Cunning's Two Poppies.

A large number of invited guests attended the opening. Our thanks to Tony Bean of *Maynooth Action Strategy* and of *Maynooth Community Centre Partnership* who opened the exhibition. We are very thankful for all those who came to the exhibition. On the opening night 30% of the paintings were sold, by the end of the weekend over 50% were sold. Prices ranged from €50 to ?400.

Our thanks to Senan Griffin for the use the Maynooth Post Primary School which was an ideal location for the exhibition. Thanks to Brian, Caroline and Sheila for their help with the arrangements in the school. The continued support of the Post Primary School has played a large part in the group's survival.

Thanks to all who made the event such a success. Members meet on a weekly basis for a 'meet and paint' session. Some tuition is organised throughout the year. Contact Susan at 6289349.

The Art Group is organising a children's art competition for the Maynooth Festival, please see separate notice in the Newsletter.

Maynooth Summer Project

It is that time of year again to remind you that our Summer Project will be taking place in July as usual. Registration day will be Tuesday 1 July in the ICA Hall by the Harbour. The project itself will take place from Monday 7 July. Look out for further information and the full programme of events in next months Newsletter.

Looking forward to meeting you all there.



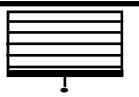
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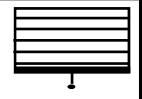
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Leo & Sean Bean & Fran Walsh enjoying the Art Exhibition



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Maynooth Flower & Garden Club

June meeting will take place on the 17th of the month. Kitty Gallagher will be the Demonstrator on this evening, using beautiful June flowers from garden.

Annual Outing to Altamont Gardens on 28th. Booking and deposits taken at meeting on 17th. Members and non-members are always welcome to meetings. It is a wonderful way to meet new people and make friends with those who share a common interest, the love of plants, flowers and gardens.

Meetings held in Loftus Hall, St. Patrick's College at 8 p.m.

Moira Baxter PRO

Maynooth Ladies Golf Society

The results of Maynooth Ladies Golf Society outing on 26th April in Liffey Valley Golf Club are as follows:

- 1 Marian Curran
- 2 Anita McNamara
- 3 Anne Connellan

The next outing is on June 28th in R & R Golf Club, The Grange, Dunboyne. If you are interested please contact Pauline on 086 1683748 or Ciara at cgreenwood@eircom.net.

Pauline Loftus

Maynooth Post Primary

The Parents Association made a special presentation to Mr. Sean Ashe after their monthly meeting on the 12th May. Sean, who had been with the school since 1976, has left to take up a post with the VEC. To mark the occasion he was presented with a specially commissioned painting of the school where he had spent so many years and his wife was presented with a bouquet of flowers. He then went on to make a short speech in which he thanked past and present members of the Parents Association.

Claire O'Rourke



Sean Ashe and his wife with Mary Oliver during the presentation made to Sean by the Parents Association

Leixlip Festival Events 29th May to 2nd June 2003

DATE	TIME & PLACE	EVENTS
Thursday 29th May	6pm Ryevale Car Park Entry fee €12 per team €4 per person Prize Fund €280	Junior Treasure Hunt of Leixlip Age Groups: 10-13years 14-18years
Ongoing: 29th May - 6th June	A.I.B., Main Street Banking Business Hours	Photographic Exhibition
Thursday 29th May	9.30pm, Naomh Mhuire GAA Hall, Green Lane.	Festival Céilí Admission €7
Thursday 29th May	The Three Sisters	Karaoke Heat 1
Thursday 29th May	O'Neills	Live Music
Thursday 29th May	Confey GAA	Night Patrol
Thursday 29th May	The Ryevale	Niall McBridge
Thursday 29th May	The Middle Shop	Mr. Fritz
Friday 30th May	7.00pm A walk starting at Leixlip Castle Gates	A walk with Conor O'Brien, Featuring the old distillery and Confey Church
Friday 30th May	8.00pm, Main Street, Car Park. Free of Charge	The Elvis Tribute Band, on the Guinness Gig Rig
Friday 30th May	The Three Sisters	Karaoke Heat 2
Friday 30th May	O'Neills	Traditional Session
Friday 30th May	The Middle Shop	Mick McDonald
Friday 30th May	The Ryevale	The Wild Ones
Saturday 31st May	2pm - 6pm	Street Entertainment
	Tug O'War Main Street	
	Tug O'War Main Street 3.30 - 4.30pm in the Ozone Nightclub.	Barney, Pooh Bear, Tweenies, Bob the Builder, Tellietubbies and Bear from the Big Blue House.
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	3.30 - 4.30pm in the Ozone Nightclub. Followed by: King Kiarie's Limbo Dancing & Fire-	the Builder, Tellietubbies and Bear from the Big Blue House. Kiddies disco with DJ Storm Admission €4 per person
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Saturday 31st May	The Three Sisters	70's Night
Saturday 31st May	Leixlip GAA	Doc Savage
Saturday 31st May	Confey GAA	Traditional Music
Saturday 31st May	The Ryevale	Nightshade
Saturday 31st May	The Middle Shop	Look Sharp
Sunday 1st June	11am Starting at Ryevale Car Park, Ending at Salmon Leap	"Focus on the Village" Guided walk with Seamus Kelly
Sunday 1st June	2pm - 6pm	Street Entertainment
	Tug O'War Main Street	Semi Final and Final
	3.30 - 4.30pm in the Ozone Nightclub.	Barney, Pooh Bear, Tweenies, Bob the Builder, Tellietubbies and Bear from the Big Blue House.
	Followed by:	Kiddies disco with DJ Storm Admission €4 per person
	King Kiarie's Limbo Dancing & Fire- Eating skill	The Spectacular Tumble Circus
	Willy McClown's Magic plus Punch & Judy Show	Belly Dancing with Veronica
	Magician	Face Painting
	The Billy Holiday Puppet Show	Carnival Rides
	Mobile Farm	Traditional Irish Music
	Blue Haven Barbershop Choir	Salsa Dancers
	RDC Musica	Don't Miss: Salsa Soccer, Main Street Car Park
Sunday 1st June	9pm Main Street Car Park	Who's Eddie
Sunday 1st June	10.30pm	Fireworks Display
Sunday 1st June	The Three Sisters	D.J.
Sunday 1st June	The Ryevale	Mr Fritz
Sunday 1st June	The Middle Shop	Declan Landy
Sunday 1st June	Confey GAA	Night Patrol
Monday 2nd June	Main Street Car Park	Fun Selection of Carnival Rides
Monday 2nd June	1pm - 5pm Starting at Main Street Car Park	Adult Treasure Hunt Over 18 Years Entry fee €20 per team Prize € 500
Monday 2nd June	5pm Starting at Salmon Leap Inn	Guinness Theatrical Pub Crawl with the Leixlip Theatre Group
Monday 2nd June	7.30pm Sharp Starting at St Mary's GAA	Leixlip Festival Bridge Club. Adm: €10
Monday 2nd June	The Middle Shop	Night Shade
Monday 2nd June	The Ryevale	So What
Monday 2nd June	The Three Sisters	Karaoke FINAL

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Vegetarian Meal for 4

Leek and Wild Mushroom Tapenade Toast Shallot Tarte Tatin Black and White Chocolate Terrines

How to get ahead

The day before the dinner make the terrine and freeze prepare the vegetables for the starter and the main course, clean and fry mushrooms, steam the leeks, peel and poach garlic and the shallots then cover and chill.

On the day assemble tarte tartin ready to bake while you finish and serve starters. Take terrine out of freezer, remove tin and clingfilm and put into the fridge to soften slightly while serving the main course.

Shopping List

1 pack of wild mushrooms

2 packets of baby leeks

2 bulbs of garlic

1 bunch of fresh bay leaves (20 dried ones)

1 small loaf white or brown

Tapenade (see notes)

Bunch of fresh coriander

1 head of rocket lettuce

36 shallots

Packet of vegetable stock cubes

1 packet of frozen puff pastry

Packet of ready to eat prunes

1 pint of double cream

1 small packet of plain cooking chocolate

1 packet of medium eggs

From the cupboard:

Sesame oil
Extra virgin olive oil
Unsalted butter
Caster sugar
Balsamic vinegar
Tea
Coca powder
Brandy

Leek and Wild Mushroom Tapenade Toast (prep time 10 mins) (cook time 30 mins)

8 wild mushrooms

16 baby leeks

1 tsp sesame oil

6 tbsp extra virgin olive oil

2 cloves of garlic halved

20 bay leaves

4*1cm/½ inch thick slices of bread

2oz of tapenade 2 tbsp of chopped fresh coriander to garnish Rocket for garnish

Clean mushrooms and remove stalks, trim leeks and wash. Heat sesame oil and 4 tbsp of the olive oil in a large frying pan fry garlic to it is golden. Remove and discard. Cook mushrooms in the oil over a medium heat for 5 mins season and set aside spread bay leaves in a steamer arrange leeks on top and cook over boiling water for 8-12 minutes take the top off the steamer and leave leeks to cool discard the bay leaves. Preheat grill to high drizzle both sides of the bread with the remaining olive oil and toast spread with tapenade. Grill leeks and mushrooms for 5-6 minutes and pile onto the toast.

You can buy collapsible steamers that fit most saucepans or you can improvise with a colander sitting in a large pan make sure that the water does not touch the vegetables or they will boil rather than steam.

Shallots Tarte Tatin (prep time 30 mins) (cook time 45 mins)

36 Shallots soaked in boiling water for 5 mins. Drain and peel

12 whole garlic cloves 5oz of unsalted butter 1pt of vegetable stock 9oz of puff pastry 3oz of caster sugar

1 tbsp of balsamic vinegar Fresh thyme to garnish

Gently fry the shallots and garlic in 2oz of the butter until golden. Add stock, and simmer for five minutes until shallots are tender, remove the shallots from the pan and leave to cool. Roll out pastry to a 10 inch circle and chill. Preheat oven to $180^{\circ}\text{c}/350^{\circ}\text{c}$ gas mark 4. Spread remaining butter over the base of an oven proof frying pan, sprinkle with caster sugar and cook over a medium heat for 6-7 minutes, until the butter and sugar start to caramelise. Remove from heat. Put shallots and garlic into the pan sprinkle with vinegar and season to taste lay pastry on top, bake in oven for 30 minutes, until risen and golden.

Cool slightly and cover with a server dish and invert to turn out. Garnish with thyme sprigs.

Andy's Tip

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Particulars and Arrangements Contact:

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Come To Dinner With Andy Mac Contd.

Black and White Chocolate Terrines (prep time 45 mins) (Freezing time 6-8 hours)

210ml/7floz freshly made tea 60ml/2floz brandy
20 prunes stoned and shopped 510ml/17floz of double cream 175g/6oz of plain chocolate broken into pieces 80g/3oz unsalted butter 3 eggs separated 40g/1½ oz caster sugar 20g/3/4 cocoa powder 1oz of chocolate to decorate

Mix tea and brandy in a bowl, add prunes and leave to stand for 1 hour. Line 4 individual loaf tins with oil and cling film, whip 300ml/½ pint of cream until stiff, spread over base and sides and freeze for 2 hours. Melt chocolate and half the butter in a bowl over a pan of simmering water in clean bowl. Beat egg yolks and sugar until fluffy set aside in another bowl beat remaining butter and cocoa powder set aside, fold chocolate into yolk mixture then fold into the cocoa butter, drain prunes fold in, whip the remaining cream set aside whish egg whites to soft peaks fold cream then the egg whites into the mixture until there are no traces of white, spoon into tins and cover with cling film and freeze for 6-8 hours until solid.

Turn out and leave in the fridge for 20-30 minutes decorate with the rest of the chocolate and serve with cream or strawberry ice-cream.

More Tips:

Serve the main course with courgettes and tossed salad grill some tomatoes for a sharp sweet contrast which goes very well with the shallot tarte tartin.

With the starter serve crisp anselmi sovae with its delicate fruit flavours.

For the main course try a dry red Amarone Della Valpolicella

Try a sweet red wine with the dessert Vin Santo made from dry grapes.

Andy Mac is Available for all your party needs 21st etc.
Call him on 087 9019937

HERE IS A FEW QUESTIONS THAT HAS BEEN ASKED:

QUESTION 1 FROM MAURA HUGHES

Her Question is:

I love boiled rice but when I cook it its always overdone.

Where am I going wrong?

Answer:

The main reasons for overcooked rice is some rices need rising before cooking, such as basmati, boiling the rice too fast it should be simmered gently.

Cooking the rice too long this makes the grains burst so they are sticky and stodgy.

Question:

Should I wash oranges and lemons before zesting them?

Answer:

Opinions are divided although the growers assure us that the chemicals used in waxing fruit are harmless. From the suppliers to the shop you do not know where the fruit has been left so yes I would wash them.

Next Month I will be showing you a summer lunch party for 8.



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Emma Boyce with her "Shannon View" in the background

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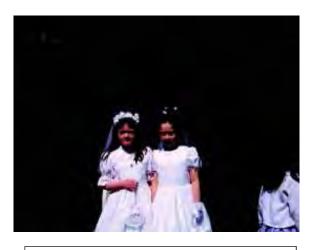
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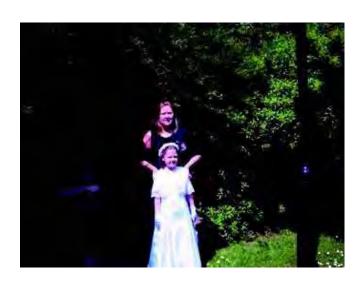
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Wednesday 25th June:

Thursday 26th June:

Friday 27th June:

Saturday 28th June:

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Ongoing: interestate 7-a-side soccer.
Mr. & Mrs Competition held in the Leinster Arms at 9pm. Tony McTiernan.
Book Launch of "By the Harbour in Maynooth" in The Library at 7.30pm.

Table Quiz held in Caulfields at 9.30pm Andrew McMullon
An Evening of Entertainment with Maynooth Local Writers & Friends held In the Library between 8-10pm.

Ceilf Craic agus Ceoil in the Straffan Court Hotel 8pm.
Winner of Children's Art Competition in Tesco at 7.30pm.

Scouts Jamboree in the Harbour Fields. Children's Day U.8 7-a-side Qualifiers. Demo by Fire Brigade in the Harbour field at 5pm.
Car Treasure Hunt starting in public car park at 2pm.

U.8 & Interestate Finals of 7-a-side Football Final of Tug 'O' War.
Presentations to be held in one of the pubs.

Sunday 29th June:

Final of Tug 'O' War. Presentations to be held in one of the pubs.

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Useful Tips

Skin Cleaner

Clear out oil-clogged facial pores with this naturel skin cleaner.

To make 1 application

- 1 teaspoon milk
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 1 teaspoon ground almonds

Combine all the ingredients in a small bowl using your hands or a washcloth, apply the mixture to your face and scrub lightly. Rinse with clean water. Mix up a fresh batch each time.

Facial Scrub

Avoid messing up your floors by applying this over the sink.

To make enough for 1 treatment

6 tablespoons Cornmeal

2 tablespoons honey

1 tablespoons ground almonds or walnuts

Combine the ingredients in a small bowl, adding a little water if the mixture is too dry. To use, pack the scrub onto your face and leave for at least 5 minutes. Remove with warm water and a flannel.

Dandruff

This rinse will relieve an itching and flaking scalp.

To make 2 rinses

8 fl oz/225ml witch hazel

- 1 tablespoon dried rosemary
- 1 tablespoon dried lavender
- 1 tablespoon ground comfrey root

Combine the witch hazel and the herbs in a mediumsize bowl and steep for 2 days. Strain the herbs and discard. To use, massage the rinse into the scalp and allow to dry. Then shampoo your hair. Store refrigerated in a covered jar.

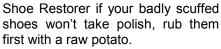
Scratch Preventer

Before moving a piece of heavy furniture, slip socks over the base of the legs. Do the same on ladder tops so that you won't mark the walls.

Shoe Keeper

Pull an old pair of socks over your shoes while painting; remove them before leaving the room.





Potato Stamp keep your children happy on a wet afternoon by making potato stamps with them. Cut a

potato in half, then carve out relief designs on the flat sides. Dip the design into a plateful of paint and print on plain paper. Older children can make their own stamps.

Travel Insurance

When your are planning to go on holiday, there are several precautions you can take to make sure that things run smoothly and that you don't end up losing money.

If you book your ticket through your credit-card company, you may get free travel insurance to and from your destination. And if something goes wrong it's often easier to get your money back if you've paid by credit card.

Take out travel and health insurance if it is not offered by your credit card. Make sure you buy cancellation insurance in case, for some reason, you have to cancel the ticket at the last minute.

Freckles

Most people now consider freckles an attractive asset. However, if you don't like freckles stay out of the sun; it darkens them, since fredkles are patches of melanin (a skin pigment) triggered off by sunlight. Don't put lemon juice on them; it just increases the skin's sensitivity to the sun.

If you must go into the sun, use a sun cream with a high sun protection factor.

Disguise your freckles with a beige foundation or translucent powder.

Pre Spotter

Get rid of collar grime by rubbing a thick paste of baking soda and vinegar onto the stains before your normal wash. Eliminate perspiration marks by saturating them with vinegar before washing as usual.

Rust Remover

Soak a corroded bolt in a small container of vinegar for several days, or until the rust begins to dissolve.



Egg Container

To poach an egg without having the white spread out too far add 1 tablespoon vinegar to a shallow pan of boiling water



Kettle Cleaner

Lime deposits in your kettle can sometimes be removed by filling it with equal parts vinegar and water. Bring it to the boil, then leave it to stand overnight.

Summer Dangers

On a day that reaches 30°C/85° F, the temperature inside a closed car can rise to 38°C/100°F in as little as 10 minutes, presenting a serious hazard to objects, children and pets left inside. Never leave your pet in a parked car in warm weather-even in the shade without the windows open. The animal can die from the combination of heat and stress.

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Question

I understand that if someone dies, his/her spouse can continue to receive his/her social welfare payment for a number of weeks afterwards. How long will the payment continue for and what should the spouse do to continue to receive the payment?

Answer

If your spouse/partner dies while getting a social welfare payment, the same rate of payment will continue for six weeks provided your late spouse/partner was getting one of the following payments and it included a payment for you:

Retirement Pension
Old Age (Contributory/Non-Contributory)
Pension of Pre-Retirement Allowance.
Unemployment Benefit/Assistance
Supplementary Welfare Allowance.
Disability Benefit/Allowance
Invalidity Pension
Blind Pension
Injury Benefit
Unemployability Supplement.

Alternatively, if you are getting Retirement Pension, Old Age (Contributory/Non-Contributory) Pension or Blind Pension and your spouse was getting one of the payments listed above, you will be paid six weeks of whatever payment he/she was receiving plus your own payment. From June 2003 this six-week payment after death will be extended to most of the remaining social welfare payments such as Unemployment Benefit/Assistance and Invalidity Pension.

If you are getting a social welfare payment that included a payment for your late spouse/partner you will continue to receive the same rate of payment for six weeks after his/her death.

The six week payment is normally paid in a lump sum by cheque. To apply for it you should write to the section of the Department of Social and Family Affairs who issue the social welfare payment as soon as possible following the death. You should enclose the death certificate (if available) or a death notice from a newspaper and, if applicable, the payment book.

Further information on bereavement is available in the new booklet entitled 'Bereavement' published jointly by Comhairle and the Department of Social and Family Affairs which is available along with other information from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Question

I intend taking parental leave in periods of one day a week. Will it affect my holiday entitlement?

Answer

No. It will not affect your entitlement.

The Parental Leave Act, 1998 allows either parent to take leave in order to care for a child. Normally the child must be under 5 years of age, however, this upper age limit can be extended in certain circumstances.

The Act provides parents with an entitlement to 14 weeks leave per child. However, unless a multiple birth is involved, no more that 14 weeks may be taken in a 12 month period without your employer's consent. Both parents have an equal entitlement to 14 weeks. The leave may be taken in one continuous block or, with your employer's agreement, separated into periods of days or even hours. You are not entitled to pay from your employer while on parental leave nor is there any social welfare payment similar to Maternity Benefit.

Apart from the loss of wages your position as an employee is unchanged. It is as if you have not taken parental leave. The time taken on such leave can be used to accumulate annual leave entitlement. If annual holidays fall due during parental leave, they may be taken at a later time. A public holiday, that falls due during parental leave and on a day when (but for the leave and the holiday) you would have been working, is added to the period of parental leave.

A dispute concerning parental leave can be referred by either yourself or your employer to the Rights Commissioner in the :

Rights Commissioner Service, The Labour Relations Commission, Tom Johnson House, Haddington Road, Dublin 4.

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Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre.

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Question

A friend of mine from France is coming to Ireland to look for work. Will he be able to get Unemployment Assistance while he is looking for work?

Answer

As there is no minimum period of residency in Ireland required before a person may apply for Unemployment Assistance (UA) from the Department of Social and Family Affairs, whether your friend will get UA will depend on him satisfying the relevant criteria that apply to Irish Citizens.

Nationals of EU member states as well as nationals of Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, Faeroe Islands and Andorra are entitled to come to Ireland and work without restriction. If they are over 18 and under age 66, and unemployed they may qualify for UA. To qualify they must be:

Unemployed (at least 3 days within 6 days)

Capable of work

Available for full-time work

Genuinely seeking employment.

In addition they must satisfy a means test.

In processing your friend's application and checking his availability for work the Department would look at the arrangements he would have made in relation to his residency in Ireland. Normally it would be expected that he would have established a permanent address. Proof of this could be such things as a rent book or an ESB Account. Generally, living in a hostel that provides budget accommodation for travellers would not be considered as proof that a person was resident and available for work.

He will also be expected to prove that his is genuinely seeking work. A number of factors including his educational qualifications, his previous work history and where he chooses to live in relation to possible job opportunities will be taken into account in deciding whether he satisfies the criteria.

Question

We are returning to Ireland after living in Germany

for a few years. Will we be able to bring our dog with us?

Answer

If you want to import a dog or cat into Ireland from countries other than the UK, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, you must have an import licence. In order to get a licence, the animal must either be put in approved quarantine in Ireland for at least six months or be put in approved quarantine for one month and then approved private arrangements for a further five months.

The second option is only available if the animal has come from certain countries, has been vaccinated against rabies, has a current rabies vaccination certificate and meets certain requirements when the one-month's quarantine is finished. The animal may be "quarantined" for the further five months at the owner's residence, provided there is a suitable facility there and approval has been given in advance of the importation by the Veterinary Inspectorate of the Department of Agriculture and Food. The animal and the premises will be subject to further inspection by private veterinary surgeons during the five-month period. You should apply for approval for such premises at least three months before bringing the animal to Ireland.

There is only one approved public quarantine premises: Lissenhall Quarantine Kennels and Catteries, Lissenhall, Swords, Co Dublin, Telephone (01) 8401776. Animals must spend their six or onemonth quarantine there.

The animal must be transported by air to Ireland and land at Dublin, Cork or Shannon airports and must be brought on by air to Dublin if necessary. Transport from the airport to the quarantine from one place of quarantine to another must be undertaken by the only authorised agent, Kelly Couriers, 30 Selskar Avenue, Skerries, Co. Dublin. Telephone: (01) 8490807.

All the costs of quarantine, veterinary fees, transport, etc. must be met by the owner. Arrangements for quarantine and transport must be in place before an import licence is granted. The animal should not travel without the import licence.

Further information is available from the Department of Agriculture and Food, Agriculture House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2. Telephone: 901) 6072000, LoCall 1890 200 510 or the Citizens Information Centre.

Maynooth Chiropractic Clinic

The Maynooth Chiropractic Clinic is proud to tell the people of Kildare about an exciting new piece of equipment now in use at the clinic. The 'Insight Millennium Subluxation Station' is the latest technology in the detection and monitoring of spinal problems. Chiropractic spinal lesions, called subluxations, are misalignments of the spine. They are associated with nerve irritation and muscle spasm. The 'Subluxation Station' scanner detects areas of the spine emitting excess heat (associated with nerve irritation) and areas of increased muscle (associated with muscle spasm). activity any radiation patient not exposed to discomfort. Furthermore, the procedure is excellent for discovering problem areas not associated with pain, which are very common. Apart from the aches and pains that usually bring patients to a chiropractic clinic, subluxations can create a more devastating affect on our general health. If spinal misalignments interfere with the flow of information along a nerve, the organ that nerve goes to cannot function properly. This can result in a wide variety of health problems (such as indigestion, breathing problems, altered sensation in the limbs).

The clinic is now offering free weekly classes about chiropractic and your health. For people who attend these classes they can have a free spinal scan to check the health of their spine (normal value 30 Euro).

Maynooth Chiropractic Clinic-

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Tel: 01-6285962

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Garden Tips for June

HANGING BASKETS

Hanging baskets will look good if you put time and effort into them. The greatest problem is usually keeping the soil sufficiently moist, as a basket hanging in mid air obviously dries out more quickly.

For this reason, the basic preparation is all important, from an appearance point of view the outside must be packed tightly with moss. Inside this, place a piece of polythene, cut a few drainage holes in the lower part of this polythene otherwise we would have a stagnant muddy mess at the bottom of the basket in which the plants' roots would soon rot.

For the filling of the basket, John Innes compost No.2 is very suitable but I prefer to use a mixture of 3 parts John Innes No. 2 and 1 part peat moss. This again is to have a compost that retains moisture better, as not all of us can give such baskets daily attention, which is what they really need, unless they hang in a position where they receive rain.

The best way of watering a basket is to take it down and stand it on a flower pot in a bath of water so that the water soaks up from the bottom and sides. This ensures that the compost gets wet right through, in contrast to watering it overhead when much of the water merely runs out over the sides without wetting the ball of soil in the centre.

The planting of a basket is largely a matter of personal preference, of course, but it is usually wise to have one principal upright centre plant, such as a fuchsia or large geranium (zonal pelargonium), surrounded by trailing plants, such as lobelia and alyssum. Petunias are one of my favourites for hanging baskets.

If watering baskets hanging high up, or if lifting them down is difficult, use a hanging basket pulley which can be bought at most garden centres or supermarkets.

Rose Care



As everyone appreciates the beauty of roses in the garden, it is well worthwhile to do all we can to improve or prolong the display.

The major step in this direction is to combat pests and diseases, which none of us can avoid. Nowadays, this is much easier, from the point of work involved, than it used to be. The pests can be most effectively controlled by using a systemic insecticide and we can now combat the diseases, such as mildew and black spot, by using a systemic fungicide, called

malathion spray on the leaves on top and underneath the leaves. Make sure to use a mask, goggles and gloves. Don't spray if its windy or raining.

Where black spot is concerned, it is as well to pick off any affected leaves and pick up any such leaves that have falling off bushes and burn them, as left lying on the ground they will spread the disease.

Another good practice is to feed your roses with a good fertiliser. Apply it according to directions on container and water it.

Keep your rose bed free from weeds by hand weeding, not by hoeing. More harm is done to roots of rose trees by hoeing than is generally realised. This type of damage to the roots is the most common cause of suckers arising from the stock on which the named variety have been budded.

If you are bothered by suckers, it is important that they are removed, otherwise the vigour of the stock will seriously weaken the growth of the part of the plant you want to flower well. Remove these suckers by pulling them off if you can, scrape the soil away from the area where the sucker originates, preferably with the fingers, so as not to do further damage, and pull the sucker away from the bush centre. If you cannot get it off without uprooting the plant, then cut it off, right at its point of origin and replace soil, pressing it down with a foot.

Tip for the Month



Pinch Peas: Remove the growing points from early peas which have finished flowering, to concentrate energies on pod production

Late Runner Beans: It seems but a moment since the season for sowing runner beans started, and yet already it is at an end. A final sowing can be made in milder areas, to produce crops until the end of October.

Gooseberries in full fruit should be picked over. Remove young green berries for cooking or preserving, but leave an ample number to mature for dessert. I would normally advise watering in hot, dry periods and feed with liquid manure, but hesitate to do so in current circumstances. By the time you read this it'll probably be pouring!

Raspberry Beetle: If raspberry beetle is an expected problem, it may be controlled by dusting the fruit clusters with derris some ten days after the flowers have gone over. Never dust open flowers which are still being visited by bees.



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June Murder - The Actor and the Coroner

There was in the past some concerns expressed in England about the dangers of the coroner's court making judgements on murder cases in particular and casting doubts on the innocence or guilt of a given party. In 1929 a lawyer writing in the *Daily Mail* made the following comments on a murder that had been committed some three months earlier:

'Coroners constitute themselves both judge and prosecuting counsel. They are privileged to make suggestions which no judge would permit. It is no exaggeration to say that these methods – methods of inquiry which the police are not permitted to use – threaten to undermine the base upon which the rights of citizenship are founded.'

On the evening of June 22^{nd} 1929 Alfred Oliver, a 60-year-old tobacconist was working in his shop in Cross Street, Reading. It was the week of the Ascot races. For the sake of raiding the till, someone entered the shop and repeatedly hit him over the head before leaving with £12. His wife found him shortly afterwards, badly injured and barely conscious. She first tried to speak to her husband and then ran into the street to raise the alarm. He was brought to hospital shortly afterwards.

The shop was in a state. The till was open, blood was spattered around him and there was a notecase and packet of cigarettes on the counter.

On being examined it was found that he had 13 wounds in his scalp about one or two inches in length. His skull was fractured in many places and he died of his wounds the next evening.

But he was able to give the police some information before his death. He had been reading a book, *A Day from London to Penzance*, some time after six o'clock when a man came into the shop. He thought he was from the gas office. He had given change to another man from the notecase some time earlier so he remembered that the money was there at that time. The police assumed that he was referring to two men who had entered the shop close to one another. His wife said that she had gone into the shop before six o'clock to say that she would be in the garden with the dog. There was very little evidence for the police to begin their enquiries into this callous, cowardly crime.

The local Chief Constable T.A. Burrows asked Scotland Yard for their help and in response two men arrived: Detective Chief Inspector Jim Berrett and Detective Sergeant John Harris. The first theory was that the crime was committed by a race-goer who was trying to recoup his losses at the races. There were usually a lot of undesirables in town for the races. Jim

Berrett had an excellent record as a detective and believed in taking his time and making detailed inquiries. He insisted on exploring all the possibilities and eventualities.

While this drama was unfolding, an American actor by the name of Philip Dale Drew was appearing in a Reading theatre in a melodrama called *The Monster*. In July he was appearing in the Palace Theatre, Trent Bridge and on July 23rd he brought a blue jacket and a waistcoat to the dry cleaners in Wheelergate, Nottingham. This began a chain of events with extraordinary results. Philip Drew was embroiled in a personal melodrama of his own to rival his performances on stage.

The police were making enquiries at all the dry cleaning firms in the area and throughout England and Wales. Each one was asked to notify the police if blood stained clothes appeared in their establishments. It was the opinion of the police that the murder was so brutal there would be a lot of blood on the clothes of the perpetrator. Eventually the word came in from a dry cleaning firm, the Renovation Company in Nottingham. Detective Harris went to make enquiries. He asked to interview Philip Yale

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June Murder – The Actor and the Coroner Contd...

Drew. He was surprised but not shocked at first but this did not last long. He was asked to make a statement and he signed it. He made another statement and signed it on the 7th of August. Reporters, eager for news, heard of the questioning of Yale Drew and photographs of him began to appear in the newspapers. There were also two people from Reading who identified him on being taken to Nottingham. They were a butcher's assistant, George Loxton, and a Mrs. Alice James. Loxton said that Yale Drew entered his shop on the fateful Saturday at 1.30 p.m. and asked for calves' liver. He then changed his mind and walked out of the shop in a hurry. He commented that he appeared to be either a Scotsman or an Irishman. Loxton added that he saw him again about 5.45 p.m. walking in the direction of Oliver's tobacco shop. He gave evidence at the Reading coroner's court and when asked if the man could have been an American, he replied that he could.

The police had asked Yale Drew if he liked calves' liver and he said that is was a favourite lunch dish of his.

Other witnesses gave evidence on another man seen in the vicinity just before the murder, between 5.20 and 5.30. He was described as being drunk and unsteady on his feet. A man called Windle said that he held his coat about him like a cape and another man, Nicholson, said that he called to the tobacco shop at 5.20 and that he saw a stranger collide with a lamp post. Another witness again said that he was in the area at 5.30 and that he was looking into the window of the antique shop beside Oliver's shop and that he saw a man collide with a lamp post and bumping into a car. A Mrs. Alice James corroborated his evidence. She claimed to have seen him in the doorway of Oliver's shop 'wiping blood from his face'. She said that he wore a dark suit, no hat and that he had 'a lot of rough hair'. She had the impression that he had been fighting.

Another woman said that she was looking into the butcher's window just before 6.00 p.m. and she saw a man running out of Oliver's shop and running down Friar Street. She also said that he wore a blue suit and she only got a very quick look at his back as he disappeared.

The evidence was mounting; a man who looked very like Yale Drew was seen acting strangely in the vicinity of the murder at the time of the crime. But there was competing evidence given by another series of witnesses. Mary Goodall ran a boarding house and Yale Drew had stayed with her while he was working

in Reading. She gave evidence that he did not get up until 11 a.m. that day; he went out and returned about 3 p.m. He went out again shortly afterwards, returned about 5.15, had tea with her and left for the theatre soon after 6.00. She also testified that he was wearing a brown overcoat thrown over his shoulders like a cape. 'Very theatrical' was her own comment. Other witnesses agreed that they had seen the actor at various times after 6.00 and that he was in a hurry. They also mentioned the brown overcoat worn like a cloak. He probably was rushing as he was due to appear on stage at 6.50 p.m. for the opening of the Saturday first house.

Next month - find out what happens to Yale Drew. Which of the conflicting evidence is correct?

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Maynooth Irish Countrywomen's Association

The Maynooth ICA Guild was certainly the place to be in 2002-2003! Here are some of the activities that were engaged in.

The year started in June with our President Mary MacNamara walking in the Sponsored Walk for National Breast Cancer Research in Naas. Handcraft Week in An Grianán saw Special Awards presented to Mary O'Gorman, Rosemary Hanley and Mary Halton. Marie Breen had a selection of crafts on display which included etched mirrors, boxed pictures to name but a few. Veva Kearins had won a Half Scholarship to An Grianán and with Rosemary Hanley had enjoyed their time there playing Pitch & Putt. Mary MacNamara, also a Half Scholarship winner had enjoyed her break in An Grianán.

Our Guest Speaker was Ronan Barry from The Special Olympics Host Town Committee in Maynooth. He gave us some ideas on how to help when the Brazilian Team comes to Maynooth in June.

Thoughts of a book to celebrate 50 Years of Maynooth ICA had their beginnings around this time. Good news came in the form of KELT promising us a grant towards our book. As of now, our book has gone to the printer and we await it eagerly.

Kildare Week was enjoyed by all and especially by Imelda Delaney who was crowned Rose of An Grianán.

Our Guest Speaker for October was Phil McRee, a tutor from Green Lane in Leixlip. She is involved with a Wider Option Programme for women wishing to return to work or to update existing skills or learn new ones and she is also involved with VTOS Schemes.

Our Auction for Two Half Scholarships took place with a very able and witty auctioneer, Margaret Houlihan who was assisted by Teresa Brennan and Betty Farrell. €240 was raised and the special draw was for all paid up members who had not won in the last three years.

Eilish O'Malley organised a moving and meaningful Service of Remembrance for the members with particular emphasis on the happenings in the Guild over the last 50 years.

The year drew to a close in December with our special Christmas night in our suitably decorated and festive hall. Eileen Flynn was presented with the Craft Cup by President Mary MacNamara.

A lovely evening followed with everyone having great fun opening their Kris Cringle presents.

But this wasn't the end of the partying because we had our Christmas Party on Friday 13 December in Straffan Court Hotel.

In January we had an interesting talk from Gráinne Dempsey on Alternative Medicine and Bio-Energy. In February Cottage Pictures had been completed by the Guild on Monday nights and were on display. Our speaker was CDA Netta Crowley. She spoke on many issues surrounding women, ranging from health awareness to opportunities for women to make a difference in the world around them. She also extolled the virtues of An Grianán. Betty Farrell presented the Guild with a cheque from the Senior Citizens. We attended our Annual Dinner Dance in the Ambassador Hotel on the 28th and were presented with our certificate for the Guild being 50 years old.

In March our President, Mary MacNamara was invited to sit on the Reviewing Stand in Main Street on St Patrick's Day. She had organised with Grainne Kelly and Helen Doyle to sell Green Noses on the day for Rehab. Grainne's Leprechaun Outfit was a huge success!! The money raised that day amounted to approx. \in 1000. Our speaker, Luke Bermingham spoke through the medium of music to make the feet dance in the Salsa fashion. March also saw us collecting for Daffodil Day on the 21st and our efforts raised \in 3,835 for this very worthwhile cause. The Birds Eye Table Quiz took place as usual in March.

April got off to a good start with Mary MacNamara presenting Margaret Houlihan with a certificate for 3D *Découpage*. Our Crafts Day took place in Maynooth Post Primary on the 5th. Approx. 55 attended from guilds around Kildare. Six classes were available covering Art, Calligraphy, Tucks & Textures, Candlewick Embroidery, Flower Arranging and Fabergé Eggs.

Congratulations to Norah McDermott on her involvement in the opening of a drop in centre in Clane. This centre is for people with or recovering from cancer, who need someone to talk to, who had had similar experiences. Congratulations also to her on her appointment as Treasurer to Kildare Federation. Some of our members took part in the Fun Night in Kilteel and the night lived up to its title. The committee welcomed Maeve Moloney as our new Representative on the Community Council.

The AGM in May gave us a chance to review the year's work and look to the future. Plans were also developed for our last meeting of the year, which will be a 50's Night Celebration, where we look forward to meeting friends, old and new, as we experience a taste of what life was like for the women who set up the Maynooth guild 50 years ago.

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Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

Our Easter Tea Dance held in the GAA Club on Sunday 27th April was a great event with visitors from Kilcock, Celbridge and surrounding areas attending. There was an Easter Bonnet Parade with at least 30 bonnets on parade, all taking part received a prize of an Easter Egg. The overall winner was May Hughes from Leinster Cottages, Maynooth (for the 2nd year). A raffle was held during the party with the proceeds going to the Special Olympics. Our chairperson presented a cheque for €248.63 to Elaine Bean and Melanie Oliver.



1st Prize in the Easter Raffle went to:

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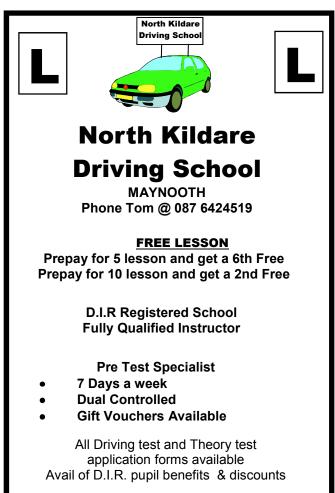
Phyllis Redmond (Kilcock)

Dick Kearns (Ladychapel) Betty Tracey (Maynooth) Rita Thompson (Greenfield) Patsy O'Rafferty (Moyglare)

Our Tuesday/Thursday morning club will close for the summer holidays on 26th June and re-open on 2nd September. Our next Tea Dance takes place on Sunday 15th June in the GAA Club from 3-6pm. The Labour Party walk takes place on the same day. The Senior Citizens Holiday in Kerdiffstown is from 24th to the 30th August. The Committee would like to wish all our Senior Citizens a Happy Holiday.

Patsy O'Rafferty P.R.O.





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Maynooth Boys National School Presents "Smike".

Following on last years very successful run of "Bugsy Malon" the music club is presenting "Smike" in the Parish hall from Thursday June 5th to Saturday June 7th

"Smike" is a musical version of Charles Dickens' nove, Nicholas Nickleby. The show stars boys from 3rd to 6th class. Some friends have volunteered to fill the female roles. Altogether over 100 children are involved in the production. They have been reharsing since January and so we are expecting another top class production the boy's school.

Once again the production is being produced by a team of teachers and enthusiastic parents.

Last year's production "sold out" each night so this year's tickets are expected to be in short supply again.

Contact Mr. Grundy in the Boy's School for details. Phone: 01-6293021

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Maynooth Golf Society

Our last outing to Turvey Golf Club on the 26th April was the Eddie Kavanagh Memorial Trophy. We would like to thank Kevin and Bronagh Donovan who sponsored the prizes, and Ann and Perry Twomey who sponsored the green fees and meal.

Results:

1st Overall	John Byrne	41 pts
2nd	Pa Conway	38 pts
3rd	Don O'Sullivan	34 pts
4th	Paul Farrelly	32 pts (Back 9)
5th	Colm Loftus	32 pts (Back 6)
6th	Paddy Foy	32 pts
7th	Niall Byrne	31 pts (Back 9)
Front 9	Gerry Kelly	20 pts (Back 6)
Back 9	Sean Moore	16 pts
Twos Club	Mick Fahy	

Our next outing is on Friday 23rd May to Kilcock. Names for Match Play before this outing.

Membership is now closed.

Tom Nolan PRO.



Bronagh Donovan (nee Kavanagh) presenting the Eddie Kavanagh Memorial Trophy to Niall Byrne who accepted same on behalf of his brother John who was the overall winner

Kildare Dance Summer School

Kildare County Council is pleased to host the Kildare Dance Summer School which takes place in NUI Maynooth from 5th - 9th August 2003.

The Dance Summer School is based on Laban principles. Rudolf Laban was an influential figure in 20th century dance and a key figure in Dadaism. He was a dancer, choreographer, actor, artist, sculptor, theatre producer, educator, therapist, writer and advisor to industry.

Dance Summer School content

- Dance with Disability
- Development Movement for Children (Sherborne Association Certificate)
- Toolbox for Choreography
- Dance in a Community Context
- * Back to Basics Onto Dance
- * Dance Drama
- Laban Studies
- * Music for Dance
- Movement Choir

The Summer School programme is based on Laban principles i.e. a systematic analysis of movement in relation to dynamic use of the body in space. However, previous experience of Laban's work or other dance techniques, is not essential.

This course will be of interest to dancers, artists, educators, community and youth workers. Non resident delegates are welcome.

Financial Details

Tuition fees, including morning and afternoon teal coffee \in 450.

Accommodation and Meals are extra (optional)

For further details contact:

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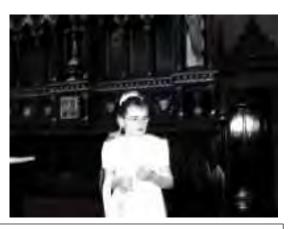
Two years work is finally coming to fruition and in no time at all now the Brazilian Team will be here, albeit a little earlier than expected. Due to flight difficulties the Brazilian Team will now arrive on Saturday 14 June instead of Monday 16 June as originally scheduled.

On Sunday 15 June the Brazilian athletes and their coaches will participate in a special mass at 12.45pm in the Parish Church. At 4pm St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band will lead a welcome parade from the Glenroyal Hotel, where the team will be staying, to the square and the band will then give a public concert in the square and the band will then give a public concert in the square, always hoping of course, that the ever-fickle Irish weather will also turn on an appropriate welcome!

The team have a full schedule of events during their stay in Maynooth. Eugene Lambert of Lambert's Puppet Theatre is putting on a special show for them. The G.A.A. are welcoming the athletes to their club and giving them a demonstration of Irish sports as well as hosting a cultural evening for them. Members of the team will visit each of the three primary schools in the town. They will also be going to Donadea and Dublin Zoo. In between all these social activities they will also of course be spending time on their training for the Games themselves and will be going to various different venues for each of their athletic disciplines.

The Torch Run on Friday June 20th will mark the final event of the host town programme in Maynooth. While it is impossible to give an exact time for the arrival of the Olympic torch in town it is due to arrive between 12pm and 1pm. However with the help of Brush Shields and various local performers we hope to create a carnival style atmosphere in the square in Maynooth from 11am onwards, with plenty to interest young and old alike. Do remember this may be the only chance you may ever get to see an Olympic flame passing through Maynooth. School children from the primary schools will be accompanying the flame as it enters Maynooth from the Celbridge Road and makes it way to the square via Mullen Bridge. A short ceremony will mark the occasion in the square before the torch heads on to Kilcock and finally links up with the other three flames which have been travelling the country in The Lions Club. We hope to see a large crowd in the square on the day, with everyone enjoying this memorable event.

We would like to say a special word of thanks to all the volunteers who have offered their time and expertise to the host town programme in Maynooth. We would particularly like to thank the staff of Larine Court Garden Centre for the Trojan work then did on Tuesday 19th May along with some of our volunteers in the most inclement of weather, filling the baskets we have attached to the lampposts on the Main Street and along the entrance to the town from the Straffan Road. We look forward to seeing the display of Brazilian flag colours when these baskets come into bloom. We hope the everyone in Maynooth will enjoy the visit of the Brazilian team to our town-be sure to say hello to them if you meet them in the course of their stay!



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Poets, druids and early Irish poetry

In early Ireland the poet (*fili*) was responsible for the native, traditional learning. But with the arrival of Christianity the Christian monks brought Latin, writing, Biblical and related material. Therefore, from 600 onwards, we there two streams into one river; native and foreign, oral and written, pagan and Christian influences. There are strong opinions and theories as to the relationship between the two. We will return to this subject at a later date.

Our first information on those responsible for the oral preservation of tradition comes from continental writers commenting on the so-called *Celtoi*. These include writers like Caesar, Aristotle and Plato who give various opinions on the different classes of learned men as well as Strabo, Lucan, Diodorus Siculus, Ammianus Marcellinus and Athenaeus. Another famous ethnogropher was Posidonius who lived c. 135 – c. 50 BC; he was a Stoic philosopher.

Most writers describe three categories of learned men called *druides*, *vates and bardos* the Irish equivalent being *draí* (druid), *filí* (poet) and *bard* (bard). The continental term *vates* is equivalent to *fáith* in Irish (prophet).

Let us look at some of the actual texts from these people. Athenaeus (fl. c. 200 AD) says in his text *Deipnosophistae* 4.36 (taken from the writings of Posidonius):

'Posidonius, in the twenty-third book of his Histories, says that the Celts have with them, even in war, companions whom they call parasites [those who dine at another's table]. These poets recite their praises in large companies and crowds, and before each of the listeners according to rank. Their tales are recounted by those called Bards, poets who recite praises in song'.

Diodorus Siculus (c. 60 - c. 30 BC) says of them:

'The Gauls are terrifying in appearance and speak with deep, harsh voices. They speak together in few words, using riddles that leave much of the true meaning to be understood by the listener. They frequently exaggerate their claims to raise their own status and diminish another's. They are boastful, violent, and melodramatic, but very intelligent and learn quickly. They have lyric poets called Bards, who, accompanied by instruments resembling lyres, sing both praise and satire. They have highly-honoured philosophers and theologians [those who speak about the gods] called Druids. They also make use of seers, who are greatly respected. These seers, having great authority, use auguries and sacrifices to foresee the future'.

Strabo's (c. 64/63 BC - 21 AD) statement is famous

coming from his Geography 4.4.4.:

'As a rule, among all the Gallic peoples three sets of men are honoured above all others: the Bards, the Vates and the Druids. The bards are singers and poets, the Vates overseer of sacred rites and philosophers of nature, and the Druids, besides being natural philosophers, practice moral philosophy as well. They are considered to be the most just and therefore are entrusted with settling both private and public disputes, so that in earlier times they even arbitrated wars and could keep those intending to draw themselves up for battle from so doing; ...'

Caesar, writing c. 50 / 44 BC says in *De Bello Gallico* 6.13:

'In all of Gaul there are two classes of men who are of some rank and honour ... first, the Druid and second, the warriors with horses. The Druids intervene in divine matters; they look after public and private sacrifices; they interpret religious matters: to them a great number of young men rush together for the sake of instruction, for the Druids are great in honour before them. For as a rule they settle all public and private disputes, and, if some crime has been committed, or if a slaying done or if it concerns inheritance or a border dispute, the same Druids decide: they settle the compensation and punishment; if a private person or the public does not yield to their decision they are prohibited from sacrifices. This is among the most serious punishments. Of those who are prohibited in this fashion, they are held as godless and wicked and they are cut off from all ... Moreover, of all the Druids one precedes who has the highest authority among them. When this one dies either the one who excels in dignity form the rest succeeds of if there are many who are suitable, by the vote of the Druids they contend for leadership, sometimes even contending with arms ... It is believed the training for Druids was discovered in Britain and from there it was transferred into Gaul. And now those who wish to learn the matter carefully depart for Britain for the sake of learning.

The Druids retire from war nor are they accustomed to any taxes. They have immunity from military service and are exempt from all lawsuits. So greatly are young men excited by these rewards that many assemble willingly in training and many others are sent by parents and relatives. They are said to commit to memory a great number of verses. And they remain some 20 years in training. Nor do they judge it to be allowed to entrust these things to writing although in nearly all the rest of their affairs, and public and private transactions, Greek letters are used. It seems to me there are two reasons this has been established: neither do they wish the common people to pride themselves in the training nor those who learn to rely less on memory, since it happens to

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Poets, druids and early Irish poetry Contd...

a large extent that individuals give up diligence in memory and thorough learning through the help of writing'.

Ammianus Marcellinus (c 330 AD – c 395) says15.9.8: 'The Bards sang the praiseworthy deeds of famous men to the melodious strains of the lyre. The [Vates] endeavoured to explain the sublime mysteries of nature. Between them were the Druids, an intimate fellowship of a greater ability who followed the doctrine of Pythagoras. They rose above the rest by seeking the unseen, making little of human mortality as they believed in the immortality of the soul.'

Their interest in mistletoe and oak trees is also noted by Pliny (23 AD – 79) in his *Natural History* 16.2.4:

'Not to be overlooked is the admiration of the Gauls for this plant the [mistletoe]. The Druids - as their magicians are called, hold nothing more sacred than this plant and the tree on which it grows, as if it grew only on oaks. They choose only groves of oak and perform no rites unless a branch of that tree is present. Thus it seems that Druids are so called from the Greek name of the oak [Greek drus].* Truly they believe that anything which grows on the tree is sent from heaven and is a sign that the tree was chosen by the god himself. However, mistletoe rarely grows on oaks, but is sought with reverence and cut only on the sixth day of the moon, as it is then that the moon is powerful but not yet halfway in its course (it is by the moon they measure days, years, and their cycle of thirty years). In their language the mistletoe is called

'the healer of all'. When preparations for a sacrifice and feast beneath the trees have been made, they lead forward two white bulls with horns bound for the first time. A priest in white clothing climbs the tree and cuts the mistletoe with a golden sickle, and it is caught in a white cloak. They then sacrifice the bulls while praying that the god will grant the gift of prosperity to those to whom he has given it. They believe that mistletoe, when taken in a drink, will restore fertility to barren animals, and is a remedy for all poisons. Such is the dedication to trifling affairs displayed by many peoples'.

There is a little information on female druids as well, but as would be expected they are not particularly numerous. Lampridius in his *Alexander Severus* 59.5 says:

'While he [Alexander Severus] was departing a woman of the Druids shouted to him in the Gaulish tongue: 'Hurry forward, but do not hope for victory, nor put trust in your soldiers'.

There was also the account of Vopiscus in *Numerianus*, 14:

He talks of his grandfather, Diocletian staying at an inn, with a Druidess. She prophecies that he will be emperor when he jokes that he will be more generous when he is emperor.

Aurelianus says that Aurelian once consulted a Druidess and she said that no name would be more famous than Claudius.

(*Footnote: the Irish word for oak is dair.)

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Riverbank Arts Centre Newbridge Events for June 2003

The Quiet Moment by Mike Finn (Island Theatre Company) 3rd and 4th June at 8.00pm

Peter works in California where he buys computer memory. In Limerick, Peter's father Eddie is getting on and slowly losing his memory. Peter comes home to spend time with his Dad and maybe to lay some demons to rest before it's too late. The Quiet Moment is a funny, sad and tender play about the past, present and future, starring Des Keogh who is well known for his comic shows with Rosaleen Lenihan and most recently seen in John B Keane's The Matchmaker.

<u>Kildare Youth Theatre Talent Competition</u> (Crooked House) 9th and 10th June at 8.00pm

Promising to be two nights of spectacular singing, dancing, stand-up comedy, and all round entertainment, what better way to celebrate summer than with the best that Kildare young people can offer? This is a showcase for young people aged between 12 and 22. Entrants will be selected from completed entry forms sent to Crooked House Theatre Company, Riverbank Arts Centre, Newbridge before **Thursday 5th June at 5.00pm.** Forms are available on our website at www.crookedhouse.ie in the Youth Theatre section or from the company at Riverbank.

No Man's Land (Film Club)11th June at 8.00pm

The internationally acclaimed winner of 2002's Oscar for Best Foreign Language film, this is Bosnian writer/director Danis Tanovíc's sardonic take on his homeland's civil war. The deadly, tragicomic trajectory of his deft and persuasive screenplay is imbued with an inexorable logic, distilled from his own painful experiences. Sudden, loud and deadly combat shockingly disrupts the peace of the countryside leaving two soldiers, a Bosnian and Serb, trapped together in a ravaged trench behind enemy lines.

Agustín Maruri is an award winning acclaimed master of the acoustic guitar and has toured worldwide with his music. He performs works from both classical and modern composers. In the recital's programme tonight he will be performing works ranging from an 11th Century Irish March, Six Renaissance Lute Pieces by Chilesotti, folk pieces by John W Duarte, to pieces by 19th Century composer Jose Vidas and Maurice Ravel's Pavane to name but a few.

Freddie White (In Concert) 13th June at 8.00pm

Freddie White, a legend of the Irish 70's and 80's music scene, will be performing music from his latest CD entitled Lost and Found which was released in October 2002. This CD, digitally remastered, is a compilation of Freddie's classic early albums Live on Tour (1979) and Do you Do (1981). PJ Curtis, producer of Lost and Found reckons that, as an artist ahead of his time, Freddie White's new CD which

sounds fresh and contemporary, will appeal to fans of singer songwriters such as Jack L and David Gray.

<u>James and the Giant Peach</u> (Crooked Mice) 21st June at 3.00 and 8.00pm

Crooked Mice's senior class present this classic children's story adapted by Richard R George. Young James Trotter lives with his two horrible aunts until one day he escapes from them. With the help of a giant peach and some magical friends he sets off for wonderful adventures and in search of happiness.

Rodrigo Y Gabriela (Island Theatre Company) 25th June at 8.00pm

This sensational Mexican guitar duo, Rodrigo y Gabriela, have in the last couple of months shot to national prominence with the release of their new CD RE-Foc and a Late Late Show appearance. During 2002 Rodrigo y Gabriela packed pub venues across the country. For their 2003 Irish Tour, three other musicians will support them and the show will feature much of the outstanding compositions from Re-Foc and some exciting new material written on a recent visit to their native Mexico.

Don Baker (In Concert) 26th June at 8.00pm

An intimate evening with Don Baker in Concert

Enjoy what promises to be one of the best concerts in the county as the Riverbank Theatre plays host to one of Ireland's legendary Musicians and Actors, Don Baker, the man Bono named "the greatest harmonica player in the world". Hear Don's stunning harmonica performances and blistering finger style guitar as he performs his original songs and a selection from his personal favourite standards to a mesmerized audience. Don has seven albums under his belt and is now working on his eight so there is no shortage of original material. Internationally known for his major role as Joe McAndrew in the acclaimed film 'In The Name of The Father' starring alongside Daniel Day Lewis, his starring role in 'Mia' along side Claudia Cardinale and "On the Nose" with directed by BAFTA award winner David Blair. Don also recently traded his harmonica for a role as a hard man in RTE's long running and popular soap FAIR CITY

Visual Arts Events for June

Portfolio Preparation: For three weeks in June, Riverbank Arts Centre will be offering Portfolio Preparation courses for those wishing to apply to Irish art colleges. Each Course will be a week long, running for 10am to 1 and 2 to 4.30. Classes will be run by qualified tutors. Each course is limited to eight places and fees for the week are €45.

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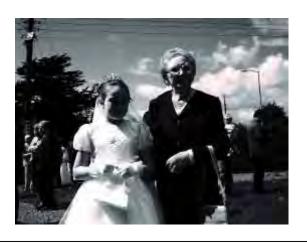
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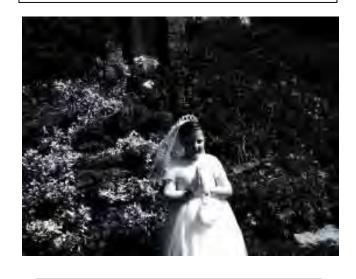
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Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

An Bord Pleanala Rejects 3 Storey Development on Nun's Field

Cllr. John McGinley and Deputy Emmet Stagg have welcomed the decision by An Bord Pleanala to comprehensively reject the appeal by Glenmoy Developments Ltd. for 128 two bedroomed apartments in two and three storey buildings at Dillons Row, on lands formerly known as the Nun's Field. The decision by An Bord Pleanala follows on from the original rejection of planning permission by Kildare County Council last November.

Cllr. McGinley stated that An Bord Pleanala quite rightly viewed this development as excessive in scale and substandard given that the proposal was for 32 units per acre. He also stated that the proposal was deemed as overdevelopment of the site which would reduce the amenities of existing residents living along Dillons Row/Dunboyne Road. In relation to the overlooking of the senior citizens bungalows at Nagle Court, Cllr. McGinley said that he was particularly pleased that the Bord had listed this as one of the reasons for refusal.

Deputy Stagg stated that it was now time for the developers to sit down with the residents of the area to agree on the type of development which would be suitable on the site in question.

Meadowbrook Link Road/Bond Bridge

The tenders are currently being assessed by the Council and the County Engineer has assured Cllr. McGinley that the Leixlip Area Committee will be advised of the outcome of the tenders consideration process before a report is brought to the full Council.

Taking Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV's) out of Main Street, Maynooth

The opening of the link at INTEL to the M4 creates a great opportunity to take north/south through HGV traffic out of Main Street, Maynooth. However, when Cllr. John McGinley proposed that such a measure be

taken it was met with fierce opposition from the Council engineers. As a compromise, and on a trail basis, Cllr. McGinley agreed to the erection of signs at Blacklion and at Barretts directing through traffic to the M4. Cllr. McGinley was advised at the April meeting of the Area Committee that "Designs were produced for new signs at Blacklion junction and on the R406 at its junction with the Maynooth Interchange. The signs will encourage trucks to use the alternate route. Existing signs on the Celbridge Interchange and on the motorway will also have to be adapted to direct truck traffic onto the motorway at the Celbridge Interchange and off the Motorway at Maynooth Interchange and vice versa.

Roads Design and the National Roads Development Office (NRDO) will be making final approval of the designs prepared and a quotation will be sought next from design manufacturers."

So instead of two signs that engineers decided on a belt and braces approach. However, worse was to come when the following Progress Report was given at the May Area Meeting: "As previously reported a weight restriction cannot be imposed on the Regional Road through Maynooth. The appropriate traffic management solution is to provide a suitable alternative route for trucks i.e. the southeastern orbital route.

We have re-examined the issue of the provision of additional signage at Blacklion and on the Straffan approach to the Maynooth Interchange which was proposed as a measure to encourage trucks to use the Celbridge Interchange and the M4. We have also consulted with the NRDO on this issue. We accept our consultants advice that the provision of such signage at the Maynooth Interchange and at Blacklion will be ineffective, ambiguous and confusing to drivers. The trucks which use this route are regular travellers and are fully aware that the most direct route is through the town. Expenditure on additional signage will be a waste of finance. Therefore no further signage will be erected.

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Party Political

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Cllr. John McGinley expressed his outrage at the complete reversal of a decision agreed by the Councillors previously and he stated that if the signs were not put in place he would re-submit his motion on placing a ban on through traffic. Such bans on HGV's through towns are the norm in France. Cllr. McGinley went on to say that there was not much point in building a motorway link at INTEL costing €48m and then not do everything possible to get HGV's onto it. Having them continuously coming through the town results in serious traffic congestion as well as tearing up the roadway at the square The repairs here will cost the Council iunction. €14,000 this year. Following a heated debate the County Engineer stated that he would re-consider the erection of a sign at Blacklion.

Tree Pruning in Maynooth

At the May meeting of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council Cllr. John McGinley proposed, and it was agreed, that the tree pruning requested by the Rail Park Residents' Association be carried out. So hopefully this essential tree maintenance, which was requested a year ago, will be carried out shortly.

Grass Cutting Programme 2003

Following prolonged representations from Cllr. John McGinley the Council have finally awarded the grass cutting contract for 2003. The contract for the Leixlip Area has been awarded to Green Avenue Landscapes and they started work in week commencing 5 May. The total cost of the contract is €26,000 for fortnightly cuts to the end of the growing season. The areas covered in Maynooth are, O'Neill Park, Dunboyne Road, Kilcock Road, Moyglare Road, Pound Park and the Harbour Field.

Cllr. John McGinley has asked that the contract be extended to include the Rathcoffey Road and the Straffan Road.

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were not successful previously due to the absence of lease agreements will receive special consideration in the next round.

Cllr. McGinley was advised that the grants will be advertised shortly.

Silken Vale housing estate

Following requests from residents, Cllr. McGinley has asked that Silken Vale Estate be designated as "Residents Only Parking" in the upcoming review of the Maynooth Parking Bye Laws. This is necessary in order to overcome the serious problem of non residents, who are using the train service, parking there all day.

Maynooth Action Area Plans

The Maynooth Development Plan called for Action Area Plans (AAP) for the Harbour Area and Doyles at Carton. Drafts were due on both last February. When Cllr. John McGinley asked what was causing the delay he was given the following reply by the Council official handling the work:

"Unfortuantely work has been suspended on the Action Area Plans per se due to the staffing situation and the encroaching deadlines in relation to the review of the County Development Plan. Over and above the wider context there are a number of issues which need to be resolved on order to progress the Maynooth Harbour AAP, such as the relocation of the Fire Station, the internal road layout and car parking.

On a happier note the consultants, CAAS, have just sent us the first draft of the Maynooth Carton AAP received 14th April. It is likely that we shall require some amendments/more detail before we would be happy to present it to yourselves."

Traffic Calming in Rail Park housing estate

Following a request from the residents association Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to honour their commitment to install traffic calming in Rail Park estate. The Council had advised the residents' association that the work would commence in early 2003.



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This will be our last meeting until September so do come along

Claire O' Rourke

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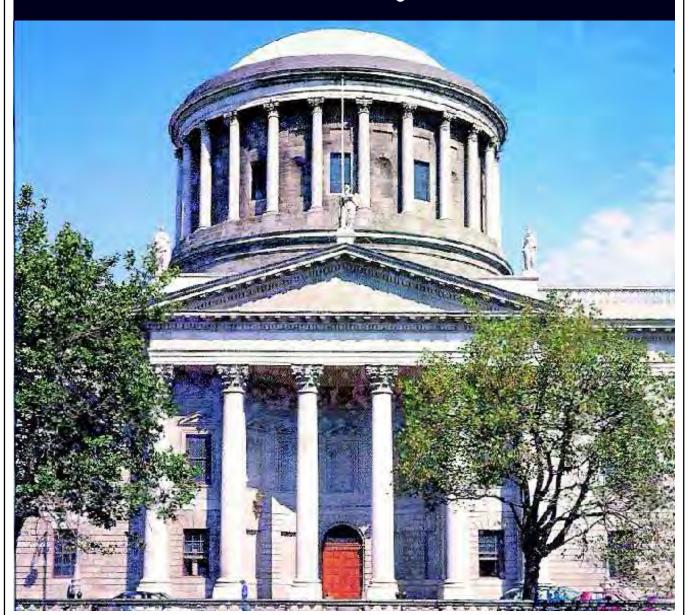


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Editorial

The Special Olympics have finally arrived in Ireland and the three years preparation has come to fruition. Maynooth welcomed its Brazilian delegation on Sunday 15th of June and there was a wonderful carnival atmosphere in the town as there was in all the host towns throughout the country. It is a great sight while travelling to see the signs welcoming wonderful and exotic delegations to the small towns of Ireland. In some cases the country might not even be known to the host town and they had to learn the history, background and a little of the language of the visitors. Maynoth also looks better than ever with the flower baskets, tubs in the square and the bunting throughout. The old Mart disappeared overnight. It shows what can be achieved when there is some effort expended on the town. There was great excitement also when the Olympic torch arrived and there was a big crowd waiting in the Square. The concert by Mickey Joe Harte was also a great success in the North Kildare Club. The roads around the town were closed and the College was used as a base for the buses. Unfortunately, with its usual lack of planning, the College also choose Friday as the day that the students returned to discuss their examination results with the lecturers and there was mayhem due to the lack of parking on campus and the road closures. A pity the University could not choose another consultation day.

But nothing compared with the spectacular opening ceremony produced in Croake Park and televised by Tyrone Productions on RTÉ. The appearance of such luminaries as Mohammad Ali and Nelson Mandela on Irish soil together was emotional to say the least. The 80,000 crowd were obviously thrilled by the spectacle that lasted four hours. Miraculously the rain stayed away and the event ran like clockwork. With all the difficulties at present and the feeling of discontent this event displayed what this country can achieve.

The volunteer effort in organising this large event for Ireland was also spectacular. A total of 30,000 volunteers worked incredibly hard for two to three years in every host town. It has been noted throughout the country that this has contributed to a growing community spirit which has declined in recent years due to the busier lives that most of us lead. Let us hope that these people who were so involved in this event will remain active within their communities and perhaps help to organise other clubs, societies and local events.

The Festival will be taking place as we go to print. It is hoped that all events will be well attended. A brochure on the Community Council and the Festival was delivered throughout the town so everyone should know what is going on. This has been a very busy week fortnight for Maynooth.

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Community Council Notes June Meeting

The June meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on the 9th June in the Glenroyal Hotel. New members of the Council - Mary McGinley, Greenfield Estate, Belinda Walsh, Moyglare Abbey, Kate Dempsey, Moyglare Abbey and Robert Wilson, Kingsbry.

Festival

Chairperson, Andrew McMullon told the meeting that brochures to include a short history of Maynooth Community Council would be going out to all households. It was noted that there are 8 teams entered for the 7-a-side and that matches will start on June 23rd in the Harbour Field.

Tidy Towns

Paul Croghan said that their committee are very busy now. They have done a huge amount of work around the Castle and College entrance. He thanked John McGinley for his support. Their collection on the weekend of the 6th, 7th and 8th June went very well. He thanked all involved with the collection.

Summer Project

Claire O'Rourke said that registrations will take place on the 1st July in the ICA Hall and the project will start on the 8th July.

Maynooth Community Centre Partnership

Ann Burns told the meeting that their group are very interested in getting a community centre for Maynooth. She said MCCP were interested in the Doyle's land for the centre and swimming pool (if Maynooth get it). They are looking for information about getting funding from the lotto, also to meet with Kildare County Council. Cllr. John McGinley said levies could be raised from further developments. Ann said they would be having a fund raising event during the Festival.

Maynooth Action Strategy

Muireann Ní Bhrolchain and Tom McMullon attended the monthly meeting of M.A.S. They have agreed to attend meetings on an ongoing basis. They felt that both Maynooth Community Council and M.A.S. are looking for the same things for Maynooth. it was also noted that work on Carton Avenue is nearly completed. Tom said the Castle should be used more by local people. It was also noted that Gerard Howard Williams is working very hard on this project. A Heritage Centre was proposed.

Geraldine Hall

Cllr. John McGinley said that the Geraldine Hall is now nearly in the hands of Kildare County Council, also that it is a protected building. However John told the meeting that it is now time for a definite plan for the Geraldine Hall. The hall could be of great use to the people of Maynooth. We must decide what we want. Maynooth Community Council represents the people of Maynooth and he hoped that a Draft Proposal Plan would be ready soon. It was proposed that Maynooth Community Council be the anchor tenants. Also there are a huge number of groups that would benefit including a theatre which would be of great benefit to

the community. Both Cllr. Senan Griffin and Cllr. John McGinley agreed that private development will take place in the harbour area, so we should have a plan in place and with development we could get something done. Cllr. Senan Griffin said that ∈450,00 raised from levies for development of children's playground like the one in Newbridge. Cllr. Senan Griffin said that finances for the Geraldine Hall should come from the €450,000 raised from Levies for development. Senan said it is very important that we have definite ideas and recognise our primary needs. Groups like Senior Citizens, Toddlers Group would benefit greatly from a centre here. Ann Burns said that M.C.C.P. have met with most local groups and they felt that Doyle's was the most suitable. However, it was stated that Maynooth could support the two centres with the one in the Harbour more suitable for groups like Senior Citizens, Toddlers Group, Scouts etc. However Paul Croghan raised the important issue that the building is still not secured. He said we may not have a heritage building if it is left as it is.

Post Primary School - New Principal

Congratulations were extended to Senan Griffin at the meeting. Secretary, Muireann Ní Bhrolchain wished him the very best in the new position. Senan said he hoped to maintain the standards set by Tom Ashe and Sean Ashe. He said he looked forward to the support of parents and students alike. Also he was only a phone call away if anybody had a problem.

Castledawson

Castledawson Residents Association raised the issue of further development and looked for support from Maynooth Community Council. It was noted that Maynooth Community Council were against further development in this area until all flooding problems are solved. It was also noted that this could take up to 2 years to sort out. It was decided to support Castledawson.

Laraghbryan Cemetery

Dominic Nyland told the meeting that Cemetery Sunday Mass has been postponed. He said they had trouble meeting with K.C.C., and the gardai. He said the condition of the cemetery is dreadful and he hoped K.C.C. would be cleaning it as soon as possible. It was also noted that K.C.C. will be banking areas vacated.

Festival Launch

Andrew McMullon thanked all for attending. He thanked the organising committee. He thanked the following people for their support and sponsorship. Michael Sullivan, Tesco's, John McGinley, L.S.Autos, Muireann, Claire O'Rourke, office staff, Band Hall Committee, Peter Hussey, John Tiernan, Caulfields, Declan Kennedy, Bradys, Louis Fitzgerald, The Roost, Martin Brady, Leinster Arms, Ray Grehan, Glenroyal Hotel.

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Special Olympics

Congratulations were extended to the Special Olympics Committee. Both Tom McMullon and Paul Croghan wished the committee well with the events for the week and also noted the hard work involved. Muireann Ní Bhrolchain wished all the local athletes the very best, John Paul Sherry, Michael Cronin, Grace Flatley, Mark Buckley, Niall Gilleen and Paddy Gennigan. Marie Gleeson thanked the Community Council for their best wishes for the Host Town Programme. Put this with the Community Council Notes

The Newsletter would like to acknowledge the letter from Ann Kelly regarding the history of the Newsletter. We would also like to pay tribute to the work of her father, the late Ted Kelly, on this publication from the time it was first published in 1969 up to the late eighties when the Community Council took over production of the magazine.

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Ted Connolly

Most families in Ireland are run fairly well to routine: get married, have children, work, educate them, see them get jobs - everyone happy, no problem. There are exceptions to the rule and Ted's family would be one of them.

Ted was born on the 14th April, 1929, into a family of nine other children at Convent Lane. Maynooth, or indeed the rest of Ireland,. Ireland was not very prosperous at that time so the chances of richness were very slim. They were totally shattered when in 1933 Ted's father died. Left with no option, their mother Annie had to put some of her children into care. So started Ted's excursion through life. To us who have lived ordinary family lives Ted's history is very different.

Ted was sent to the Sisters of Charity in Drogheda in 1934. At the age of 4, a very traumatic move for a child. His memory of that institution is very mixed. Some of the nuns were very kind but as usual some were right bitches. Ted was there until he was 10, then worse was to follow. The sisters did not keep anyone over that age so he was sent to Artane.

Anyone who read Patrick Tougher's book "Fear of the Collar" may have a little insight into the life in Artane but Ted had it first-hand.

The Newsletter would not print some of the words Ted uses to describe this kip. His mildest word on the place is "prison", where punishment was dished out at random and for no reason. You were lashed just for the pleasure of those perverts dishing it out. Ted did not encounter any of the perversions that we read so much of now but he thinks they got their thrills from just beating kinds.

Ted was assigned to the cobbling shop where along with mending shoes and harnesses he also had to make the straps used by the punishers.

At 16 years of age Ted was taken, if that be the operative word, by a cobbling family in Tullow, Co. Carlow. I suppose it was the nearest thing to slave trade as we have seen in Ireland. For two years he worked about fourteen hours a day for 5 shillings a month. This is now 32c, so that was a good month's salary.

Army Days

After two years of close enough to torture he absconded and joined the Irish Army on St. Patrick's Day 1947. After 6 months training in the Curragh he was transferred to the Hibernian School in the Phoenix Park. This barracks was later to become a hospital for the Gardaí. Ted kept himself to general army duties so his trade from Artane and Tullow were forgotten. Then through a list of barracks, Cathal Brugha, Portobello, Griffith on the South Circular and Gormanstown. Ted was sent to the Curragh for the 'fifties' internment. He was not too pleased to be guarding fellow Irishmen interned without trial but that was his job.

The Congo

In early 1960 the army looked for volunteers to go to the Congo for the U.N. Peace Keeping Force. Ted was one of the first to put his name in so on the 28th July 1960 he and his companions from the 32nd Battalion of the Eastern Command headed off. After a series of flights they landed in Goma. Their duty was to get refugees to safety from the Baloobas in the jungle. Three days and three nights of train travel through the jungle to their destination where they met up with Belgian, French, Dutch, British and even Indian soldiers.

The main danger according to Ted was the poisoned arrows but they thwarted many threatened attacks by giving the native their sandwiches. Being cannibalistic, it was easier to give them your food than be their goodies, later batallions found out to their folly.

On returning after six months Ted believed the greatest enemy in the Congo were the mosquitos; the danger of malaria was very high. He returned to general duties at Clancy Barracks in Islandbridge where he spent two years. Next stop was Collins Barracks, again for six months.

Ted applied again for overseas duties. He thought the Congo was a bit more exciting than square bashing in Collins. He was refused on health reasons. Now fed up with the job, he decided to retire.

Ted returned to maynooth and worked for 8 months at the mart. He then moved to O'Reilly's Garage for a while washing and polishing cars.

Next move was his best. He got a job in Kavanagh's Mills and for the first time in his life he though he was getting a fair deal. Working for a descent family and getting good wages and most of all respect he spent a very happy twenty two years.

Ted retired in May 1995 and has since enjoyed many a pint in the local hostelaries until his recent illness.

Ted will be greatly missed by his family and many friends, young and old.

Presentation to John Paul Sherry

The friends, family and neighbours of Special Olympian John Paul Sherry got together this month and made a presentation to John Paul on Laurence Avenue. They also erected a banner at the entrance to the estate wishing him luck. He will be competing in three of the swimming events in the Games and he and his mother were very excited at the prospect. The presentation was organised by Tom Purcell and many of the neighbours turned out to watch.

To add to the local excitement, John Paul was interviewed by Des Cahill during the opening ceremony! We would like to wish John Paul and all our Maynooth Olympians the best of luck and may they enjoy the games.











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Maynooth Summer Project



Once again its that time of year when you see those bored faces looking up at you wondering why the summer holidays are so long. The solution to your problems is here. The Maynooth Summer Project runs for a two-week period in July and caters for children between the ages of 7 and 12. The project is run entirely on a voluntary basis so if you wish to become an adult leader or a member of the committee the option is always there, why let the children have all the fun! This year we have a great mix of both local and away activities, from trips to chocolate factories where you get to make your own chocolate to discos in the local Glenroyal Hotel. So if you want to take part come to the registration day in the ICA Hall, Harbour (Opposite Health Centre) on Tuesday 1st July 2003. For more Details contact Madeleine at 01 6286443 or Paula at 01 6285810.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

WEEK 1 DAY	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	MEETING PLACE	ACTIVITY/ VENUE
Tuesday	1st July	10.30-12.30	I.C.A. Hall	Registration Day €3 — €7 Family
Monday	7th July	11.00-3.30	Greenfield Shopping Centre	Fort Lucan €8
Tuesday	8th July	2.00-4.00	I.C.A. Hall	Bingo €2
Wednesday	9th July	11.00-4.00	Greenfield Shopping Centre	Bowling Tallaght €6
Thursday	10th July	12.00-4.00	Greenfield Shopping Centre	Play Barn €8
Friday	11th July	2.00-4.00	I.C.A. Hall	Quiz €2

WEEK 2 DAY	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	MEETING PLACE	ACTIVITY/ VENUE
Monday	14th July	11.00-4.00	Greenfield Shopping Centre	Picnic Newbridge House €5
Tuesday	15th July	11.30-4.00	Greenfield Shopping Centre	Bowling Blanchardstown €6
Wednesday	16th July	2.00-4.00	I.C.A. Hall	Bingo €2
Thursday	17th July	2.30-4.30	Glenroyal Hotel	Disco €3
Friday	18th July	1.00-5.00	Greenfield Shopping Centre	Chocolate Factory Make your own sweets €13

If you are available to help out during the Project please give your name on Registration Day. The Summer Project is run entirely on a voluntary basis.

This year registration day is Tuesday 1st July at the I.C.A. Hall between 10.30 and 12.30. All children must be 7 years of age on or before 1st July 2003. The Registration Fee is €3 per child or €7 per family.

- 1. Booking for all away events must be made and paid for on Registration day.
- 2. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian on Registration day.
- 3. On all trips, children must bring sufficient food for the day and rainwear.
- **4.** Parents, please put suntan lotion on the children where necessary.
- 5. At some events children will be allowed to spend a small amount of pocket money.



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Maynooth Taekwon-Do School Re-opens

The Maynooth Taekwon-Do School re-opened for training back in February under new Instructor Stephen Doyle 5th Degree Black Belt. Taekwon-Do is a Korean Martial Art first introduced into Ireland just over 30 years ago by Grand Master Rhee and, with the help of Master Robert Howard and the Republic of Ireland Taekwon-Do Association (est. 1972), has spread throughout Ireland. Today, Taekwon-Do has become one of the most popular martial arts in the world because anyone, regardless of age, sex, and size, can benefit from it's training, and the RITA instructors are proud to continue to teach authentic Taekwon-Do as taught by the founder General Choi Hong Hi.

The 16th of May saw both Old and New students grading for the first time under Mr Doyle. The grading is an examination of the student's technique and of their knowledge of Taekwon-Do. This exam must be passed before the student moves to the next belt level.

The Maynooth Taekwon-Do School train in Riverstown Hall, NUI Maynooth every Wednesday and Friday from 7-9pm.

New adult and junior members are always welcome.

Contact Stephen at 01-4625252 for details.



Maynooth Golf Society

Our last outing was to Hollystown Golf Club on Friday 13th June and the following are the results:

2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th	Tom O'Haire Mick Flynn (Snr) Tom Flatley Gerry McTernan Barry Desmond Michael Flynn (Jnr)	38 pts (B.9) 38 pts 38 pts 35 pts (B.9) 35 pts 34 pts
7th	Mick Fahy	33 pts
C	John Nolon	40
Front 9	John Nolan	18 pts
Back 9	Pa Conway	19 pts
Two's Clubs	s Michael Flynn (J	nr)

Next outing Vice-Presidents (Paddy Foy) to Craddockstown on July 4th.



John Nolan, Mick Fahy & John Finnerty

Maynooth Town Football Club Weekly Lotto Results

4-May-03	2,8,9,27	€1,500	Lauren Branagan	Mattie Carroll	Willie Saults
11-May-03	3,6,7,21	€1,575	Ollie Durack	Fitzer	Tony c/o Brady's
18-May-03	7,8,11,19	€1,650	Liam Bowe	A. Tighe	
25-May-03	11,12,24,27	€1,725	J. Condron	M. Dignam	Fitzer
1-Ju-03	8,16,22,24	€1,800	Ciara O'Donnell	Pat Harty	John O'Burke



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Maynooth Community Games

Despite showery weather on Friday 23 May, plenty of boys and girls turned up at the G.A.A. grounds to participate in the local events.

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who competed in the U6 tiny tots race. WELL DONE!

Results as follows:

Event	Position	East	West
Girls U8 60m	1st	Sarah Curran	Eleanor Geraghty
	2nd	-	Sarah O'Leary
	3rd	-	-
Girls U8 80m	1st	Sarah Curran	-
	2nd	-	-
	3rd	-	-
Girls U10 100m	1st	Elaine Kelly	Ciara Brennan
	2nd	Niamh Kearney	Niamh Kearney
	3rd	Katie Curran	Katie Donnellan
Girls U10 200m	1st	Elaine Kelly	Ciara Brennan
	2nd	Niamh Kearney	Niamh Kearney
	3rd	Katie Curran	Anna King
Girls U12 100m	1st	-	Karen Feehan & Caoimhe Brennan
	2nd	-	Aisling O'Leary
	3rd	-	Caoimhe Brennan & Karen Feehan
Girls U12 600m	1st	-	Caoimhe Brennan & Karen Feehan
	2nd	-	-
	3rd	-	
Girls U14 100m	1st	Alison McAuliffe	Aisling Farrell
	2nd	-	Jennifer Feehan
	3rd	-	Elaine Houlihan & Claire McNamara
Girls U14 800m	1st	Alison McAuliffe	Jennifer Feehan
	2nd	-	Elaine Houlihan & Claire McNamara
	3rd	-	-
Girls U16 100m	1st	Michelle Roche	-
	2nd	-	-
	3rd	-	-
Girls U16 1200m	1st	-	-
	2nd	-	-
	3rd	-	-

Maynooth Community Games (contd...)

Girls U13 Walking Race	1st	Claire McNamara &	Elaine Houlihan (Joint 1st)
	2nd	Karen Feehan	-
	3rd	Anna King	-
Girls U14 Long Puck	1st	Niamh McAuliffe &	Aisling Farrell (Joint 1st)
	2nd	Elaine Houlihan	-
	3rd	Claire McNamara	-

Event	Position	East	West
Boys U8 60m	1st	Matthew Melia	Tadgh Forde
	2nd	-	Sean Kearney
	3rd	-	Seóirse Murray
Boys U8 80m	1st	Matthew Melia	Tadgh Forde
	2nd	-	Seóirse Murray
	3rd	-	Patrick O'Connor
Boys U10 100m	1st	-	-
	2nd	-	-
	3rd	-	-
Boys U10 200m	1st	-	-
	2nd	-	-
	3rd	-	-
Boys U12 600m	1st	Rory Kearney	Ciaran Kearney
	2nd	Johnny Curran	Josh Gunn
	3rd	-	Cian Egan
Boys U14 100m	1st	Emmanuel Ali	-
	2nd	Christopher Reilly	-
	3rd	-	-
Boys U14 800m	1st	Emmanuel Ali & Christopher Reilly	-
	2nd	-	-
	3rd	-	-
Boys U16 100m	1st	-	Naoise O'Cearuil
	2nd	-	-
	3rd	-	-
Boys U16 1500m	1st	-	Naoise OCearuil
	2nd	-	-
	3rd	-	-
	1st	Ailbhe Lenehan	Lisa Mahon
	2nd	Michelle Dolan	Niamh Donaldson
	3rd	-	Karen Feehan

Maynooth Community Games (contd...)

Event	Position	East	West
Boys U13 Walking Race	1st	Rory Kearney	Christopher Geraghty
	2nd	-	-
	3rd	-	-
Boys U14 Long Puck	1st	Rory Kearney	Sean Higgins
	2nd	-	Mark Donnellan
	3rd	-	Josh Gunn

Well done to all the boys and girls and good luck to all in the County Final in Newbridge on 4th and 5th July.

Swimming:

On Saturday 31st May, swimming manager Jim Fleming took a mini bus load of boys and girls to the County Final in Athy. A great day was had by all.

Medal Winners:

Maynooth East	Gold	Shane Monaghan	U8 Freestyle
	Silver	Sean McKnight	U10 Freestyle
	Silver	Gavin Doyle	U14 Freestyle
	Bronze	Tim Quane	U14 Freestyle
	Bronze	Justin Cullinane	U14 Breaststroke
	Gold	Claire Cowhey	U14 Freestyle

Maynooth Squad Boy's U13:

Gold: Gavin Doyle

Kevin Cowhey Tim Quane Justin Cullinane Sean Barrett.

Maynooth Girls Squad:

Sub:

Susan Fay Karen Feehan Elaine Houlihan Niamh Donaldson



Maynooth West	Bronze	Karen Feehan	U12 Breaststroke
	Silver	Elaine Houlihan	U14 Freestyle
	Silver	Jennifer Feehan	U14 Backstroke

Good luck to Shane, Claire and the boys' squad in Mosney in August. Many thanks to Jim for all his help coaching and looking after the boys and girls.

Maynooth Community Games (contd...)

Gymnastics:

Well done to Juliet Cunningham, Maynooth East U12 and Niamh Feeney U8 Maynooth East who completed in the County Finals in Newbridge on Sunday 1st June. Well done girls.





Niamh Donaldson, Susan Fay, Karen Feehan & Elaine Houlihan

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03/962	Vincent Howley	72 Moyglare Abbey Maynooth Co. Kildare	0	20/05/03	For new sunroom extension to rear	72 Moyglare Abbey Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/994	National University of Ireland Maynooth	National University of Ireland Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	26/05/03	Sought for change of use from residential accommodation to general office accommodation	Kiltegan House North Campus N.U.I. Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1027	Paul Mayock	Nephin House Baltracey Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	29/05/03	Sought for dormer style bungalow and septic tank with effluent treatment system in lieu of previously approved single storey bungalow and septic tank with effluent treatment system (PI, ref, 00/1799) on revised site	Baltracey Maynooth Co Kildare
03/1039	Sherwood Homes Ltd	Clifton House Lower. Fitzwilliam St Dublin 2	Р	30/05/03	Sought for development (238 dwellings) comprising of 80 three bedroom two storey townhouses. (Types A1 & A2) 80 two bedroom two storey townhouses. (Types B1 & B2) 26, 4 bedroom 2 storey semi- detached houses (Type C) 26 three bedroom duplex townhouses.	Newtown Townland Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1059	Dermot O'Neill	Pebble Hill Lodge Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	30/05/03	Sought for the demolition of a two storey end of terrace building facing onto Main St. Maynooth, comprising 2 retail units on ground floor and residential/office use on 1st floor and also demolition of 2 outbuildings comprising outhouses etc.	Kelly's Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare
97/808	P. Brady	Desking Draughting Services 5-9 Terenure Place Dublin 6 W	Е	03/06/03	Demolition of stores at rear of clockhouse, and demolition of No. 1 Courthouse Square and change of use of same from storage/residential to public house, as permission is sought for ground and first floor bars and basement storage areas. Also a store	Doctors Lane No. 1 Courthouse Square. Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1112	Brian & Sharon Cosgrave	345 Rockfield Green Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	09/06/03	To erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house with provision for window to front of dwelling house replacing existing garage doors	345 Rockfield Green Maynooth Co. Kildare

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03/1113	William & Angela Dunne	34 Rockfield Green Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	09/06/03	To erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion and also to erect a single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling house	34 Rockfield Green Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1114	Patrick & Julie O'Dea	45 Rockfield Court Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	09/06/03	To erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion and also to erect a single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling house	45 Rockfield Court Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1133	Helen Byrne	Railpark East Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	11/06/03	Sought for a development consisting of a bungalow, garage, and treatment unit	Railpark East Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1150	Stephen Molloy	237 Kingsbury Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	12/06/03	To construct a three bedroom detached two storey dwelling house to include shared recessed entrance and all associated site works inside garden	237 Kingsbry Maynooth Co. Kildare.



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Woodlanders with Michael Cronin

Michael Cronin represented Ireland at Pitch and Putt at the World Special Olympics in Ireland in June 2003. Neighbours who gathered on Woodlands Green on a gloriously sunny Saturday evening to fete Michael and his parents Breda and Fionnan presented Michael with a suitably inscribed crystal vase. He joined his teamates at Celbridge. Congratulations to the Cronin familly - Michael, Breda, Fionnan. Michael's sister Georgina is a beautiful June bride. Pauline McCarthy's huge GOOD LUCK MICHAEL banner was admired



Left to right: Shay O'Connell (Chairman Residents Association), Jo O'Connell, Michael Cronin, Pauline McCarthy, Irene Matthews, Breda and Fionnan Cronin

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I start to believe that coffee mornings with friends are things of the past but the event, which happened at Greenfield Shopping Centre on May 28, was really special. For community residents of Maynooth, for Leona Caulfield and her friends and for all those who decided to support her by coming to her coffee morning.

Leona Caulfield, who has been working in the Donovan's Londis for two years as a general assistant on the shop floor, is well known to many people in our town. She is always welcoming to the customers and

her fellow workers, and during her working with us Leona made friends with many.

It was not an easy decision for her to participate in the Special Olympic Games but thanks to her family and friends she made up her mind and enrolled for Pitch & Putt.

The coffee morning kindly assisted by the staff of Londis was really an event – everybody was welcome to have tea or coffee, enjoy hot bakery food and those who made a donation had a chance to win a lotto with fancy prizes.

Leona Caulfield greeted her friends from Leixlip, Celbridge, Maynooth and Lucan. She was helping to pour tea and coffee, asking customers to join her and support her for the Special Olympics. It was indeed her day – the day full of gladness, friendship and hope.

The most unexpected result of the day caused the donations, which totalled a surprising 2239 Euro and were all given to the Special Olympics Fund

It was truly a special morning. Not because it was somehow connected to the Special Olympic Games. Not because it was about something that was done and commemorated. It was so special because it gave a chance to show what is the Irish hospitality, spirit of voluntarism and how we keep our hearts open for the special people.

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Bunch of fresh parsley
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2lbs of waxy potatoes
1 red onion
1 bulb of garlic
2lb fillet of salmon
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Bunch of fresh dill
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Cooking for more or less

This easy delicious menu works perfectly, whether you're cooking for an intimate party for 4 or a larger gathering. To serve four halve the amount of ingredients. To serve 16 or 24 double of multiply by 3 only the main course is baked differently as follows:

For 4 halve the ingredients in the main recipe and bake in the oven for 10-12 mins. In $3\frac{1}{2}$ inch metal rings *double the main recipe for 16 and for 24 multiply by 3.

Fry the potatoes in batches. Grease 3 baking trays. Divide the mixture into 24 and spoon onto the trays and bake for 10-12 mins. They will not be perfectly round but they will still look pretty.

For larger parties you can hire glasses such as wine, pint glasses, etc.

Wine choice

For the starter I'd choose a light fruity chardonnay For the main course a Chilean sauvignon blanc with a crisp dry hint of elderflower.

Asparagus with herb and nut butter Prep time 15 mins/cook time 18 mins.

40 asparagus spears
Juice of ½ a lemon
3 tbsp. of olive oil
8oz of unsalted butter
2oz of hazelnuts (roughly chopped)
2 tbsp of chopped fresh chives
2 tbsp of chopped fresh parsley

Trim the asparagus and if necessary peel away the woody ends.

Put lemon juice in a large pan of salted water and bring to the boil add the asparagus and cook for 2-3 mins. Until tender. Drain and plunge into ice-cold water to arrest the cooking. Drain the asparagus again and pat dry and brush with olive oil. Heat a griddle pan over a high heat and cook asparagus in batches for 1-2 mins. turning once. Melt butter in a small saucepan, increase heat and add nuts and cook for 2-3 mins. until the the butter foams and nuts are lightly browned. Remove from heat and cool slightly add herbs and seasoning. Arrange asparagus on a serving platter with the warm nut butter on the side with breadsticks.

Andy's Tip:

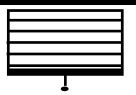
Char-grilling adds extra flavour as well as being attractive to look at, but the asparagus will be equally delicious if it is simply blanched and it can be served warm or cold. You can buy breadsticks in any good supermarket or you can simply serve with toasted garlic bread.

Baked Salmon and dill hash browns Prep. Time 1 hour/Cook time 25 mins.

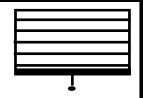
30zs of breadcrumbs
2 tbsp olive oil
2lbs large waxy potatoes (cut into 1cm dice)
1 red onion finely chopped
2 garlic cloves crushed
2lbs salmon fillet skinned and cut into 1cm dice
2 eggs lightly beaten
2 tbsp chopped fresh dill

Preheat oven to 200°C/400°F/Gas 6. Spread the breadcrumbs in an even layer on a baking sheet and put into the oven for 10 mins. until golden and crisp. Cool. Meanwhile heat oil in a large frying pan and panfry the potatoes with garlic and onion for 10-15 mins. until potatoes are golden drain on kitchen paper and cool put breadcrumbs potato mixture, salmon, eggs and dill into a bowl and season toss together well.

Spoon the mixture into into a 9 inch lightly round tin and bake in the oven for 20-25 mins. until golden in colour. Run a kitchen knife round the inside of the tin to loosen. Cut into 8 wedges. Serve with a tossed mixed salad and roasted peppers. **Contd...**



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Come to Dinner with Andy Mac cont'd

Andy's tips:

Make the potato and onion mixture the day before and cool. Cut up the salmon and add to the potato cover and chill next day add the toasted breadcrumbs, eggs and seasoning continue for the receipe. This dish is **unsuitable for freezing**.

Strawberry Cream Crowdie Prep. Time 30 mins.

7oz of oatmeal
1 ¼ pints of double cream
6 tbsp of whisky
40z of caster sugar
1 ½ lbs strawberries

Preheat grill to high. Spread the oatmeal in an even layer on a baking sheet and toast for 1-2 mins keep an eye on the oatmeal as it browns very quick. Leave to cool. Whisk the cream until soft peaks form. Fold in the cooled oatmeal, whisky and sugar into the cream reserve enough strawberries for decoration divide the remaining between 8 glass tumblers and top with the crowdie. Chill until required.

Andy's Tip:

When selecting the strawberries choose even size small fruit. These will fit into the glasses more easily. You can make this dessert with any fresh fruit that you like or you can even mix the fruits, nectarines and the strawberries go very well together.

Roasted Red peppers with garlic Prep Time 10 mins.
Cook Time 20-25 mins.

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Preheat oven to 200°C/400°F/Gas 6.

Cut 4 large red peppers in half lenthways and deseed then cut in half again place in a roasting tin with 4 garlic cloves cut in half. Toss in small amount of oil and roast. This can be served with main dish with a tossed mixed salad.

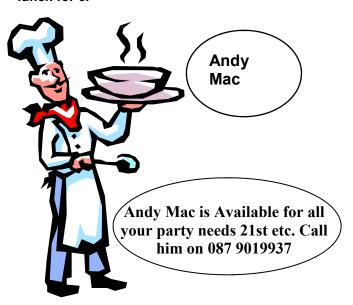
Andy's Questions

Q.1 I made meringues last week and they went flat and sticky and I was told that I should have made them in a copper bowel. Where did I go wrong and is it true about the copper bowl?

Well the most common problem with meringues is under whisking. If you do not incorporate enough air to support the weight of the sugar meringues will sag and the sugar will seep out during cooking. Make sure you whisk the egg whites hard until they hold hard peaks. If you think that they are hard enough hold the bowl over your head and if it does not fall then it is ok. You can add your sugar and no you do not have to use a copper bowl, any bowl will do as long as it is big enough to allow you to whisk in plenty of air and that is grease free.

You can ask Andy any question, just forward your question to the above.

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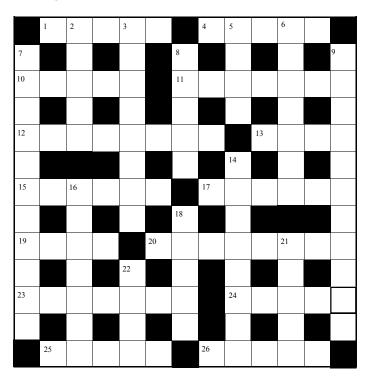






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- 13. Reed instrument (4)
- **15.** Bargain for (6)
- 17. Capital of Croatia (6)
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- 23. Formal speech (7)
- 24. Type of brooch (5)
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- 2. Composer of the opera Aida (5)
- 3. Clemency (8)
- 5. Period of time (4)
- 6. The Hunt for Red ---, film (7)
- **7.** Fast– pedal (11)
- **8.** Pungent (5)
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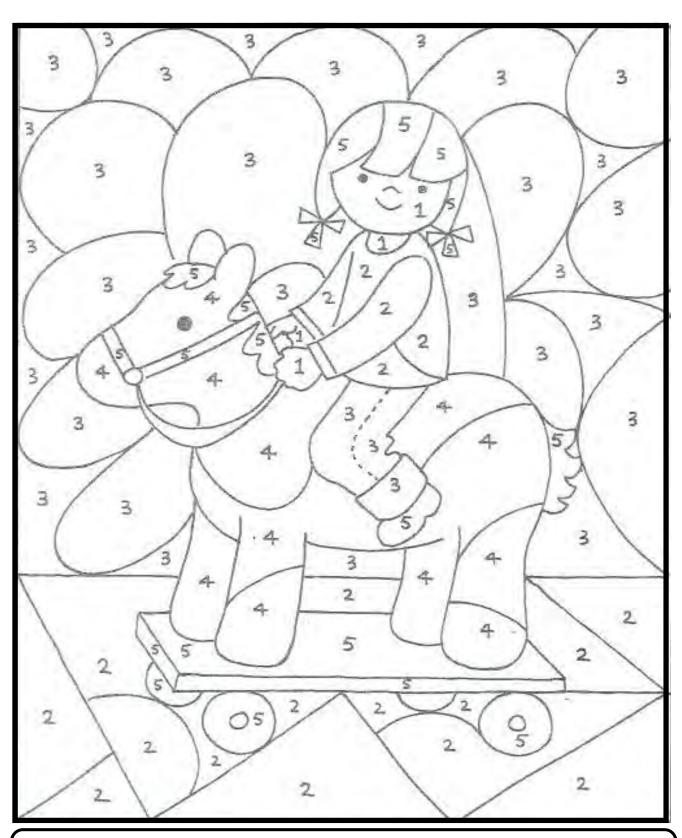
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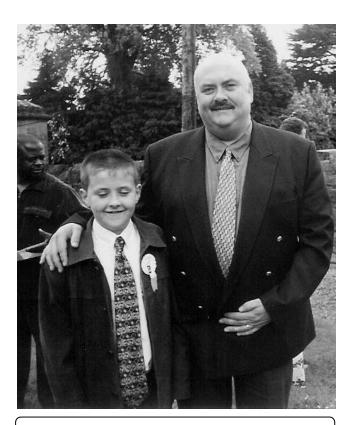
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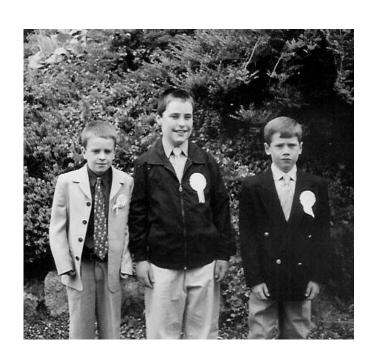
Brian Penny, his granddad and brothers James & Daniel



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Features

What happened to Yale Drew? Conclusion of the actor and the coroner

Last month we saw how evidence against Yale Drew was growing and that he was a serious suspect in the brutal murder of Alfred Oliver. At the coroner's enquiry, he was more than willing to give evidence and swore on the Bible. He was an imposing figure with his long, curly hair. He gave evidence that tallied with the statements that he had made to the police already. When the evidence against the actor increased – there was a rising tide of hostility against him in Reading. But as the evidence in his favour mounted public opinion also changed in his favour.

The chief witness who testified for him, apart from his landlady, was the second butcher's assistant, Alfred Wells, from the shop near Cross Street. He had gone to the police at 8.30 p.m. on the evening of the murder to report a man acting suspiciously. He had seen him on a number of occasions during the day; the first time was at 7.30 a.m. when he was having his breakfast at the Welcome Café in Cross Street. He said that the man came into the café and he was wearing a blue suit and brown shoes. This was very similar attire to that of Yale Drew. The man asked him where the lavatory was and he told him. Wells said that he spoke with a strong Geordie accent which he himself recognised as he came from Tyneside. He said that it could be mistaken for Scottish, Irish or even American by those who were not familiar with it.

The coroner, John Martin, suggested that Wells had not gone to the police at all and that he was in danger of committing perjury. Wells reiterated that he had gone to the police and made a statement, adding that they did not appear very sharp! This did not go down well as can be imagined!

The police were asked to search through their documents - Mr. Burrows said that if a statement were made they would have it. Wells said that the policeman to whom he made the statement was in court he was called to testify. He could not remember Mr. Wells at first. Then Wells reminded him that as he was giving his statement, a man came in and told the police that he knew a woman who said that she knew who the murderer was. This jogged the policeman's memory and he recalled the statement. A search was made again through the documentation and it was found - clipped to another piece of paper. The wording was nearly the same as the evidence just given by Alfred Wells; he strongly maintained that the man he saw in the café was not Yale Drew. Wells also mentioned a mannerism that this man had; he rubbed his hand across his face, brushing his head upward from his forehead. Everyone was struck by the similarity to the information given by Mrs. James about the man she saw outside Oliver's shop. One thing was sure however, Yale Drew was in bed at 7.30 a.m. on that morning. His counsel, Mr. Fearnley Whittingstall, smiled with relief. There was a definite change in the atmosphere in court.

More evidence in his favour was offered; another

boarding house owner said that she saw Yale Drew openly cleaning his jacket with fluid, probably to remove greasepaint. He stayed with her in Maidstone. It was established that he had no need to steal; both his accounts were very much in credit. If he had needed a loan he could get it from his friends, Mr. and Mrs. Lindo. They ran the touring company and they were friends for years. The theatre company also had a good summer. No one would testify that Yale Drew was either a heavy drinker or violent. On the contrary, he was very gregarious and friendly. The inquest closed with the verdict 'murder by some person or persons unknown'.

Supporters of Yale Drew surrounded him afterwards and celebrated. The butcher's assistant, his Geordie accent and his insistence on sticking by his statement had saved Drew from possible trial for murder! In the intervening period it was said that he aged about 10 years. One journalist commented that he looked like a man who had been through an 'emotional wringer'. The case sparked off debate in Parliament and eventually in 1953 the Coroner's Rules were laid out giving the proper methods of procedure and defining the scope of any inquest.

But who killed Alfred Oliver? The real murderer was never found. This was one case that Jim Berrett did not solve.

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Federation of Local History Societies Seminar



Left to right: John Duffy, Rita Edwards (Chairperson, Maynooth Local History Group), Maeve Mulryan-Moloney (Federation of Local History Societies), Roddy Hegarty (Federation of Ulster Local Studies), Jim Herlihy and Sean Collins.

The Federation of Local History Societies celebrates twenty-one years in existence. it is the umbrella body for more than one hundred Local History Societies (www.localhistory.ie). The Federation originated in Kilkenny Archaeological Society in 1982. It received much encouragement from the Federation of Ulster Local Studies, launched in 1974, when the County Donegal Historical Society invited Ulster Local Historical Societies to come together. Both Federations deal with matters of mutual interest, share expertise, exchange visits, provide mutual assistance and support, and influence heritage legislation.

The Federations came together recently at Maynooth for a joint seminar on Policing: North and South, 1800-1922. The weekend began with an address by Commissioner Pat Byrne. Jim Herlihy, Historian County Cork was joined by John Duffy Curator of the Garda Museum in Dublin, by Hugh Forrestor Curator of the Police Museum in Belfast, and by Sean Collins a former Mayor of Drogheda, as speakers, during an interesting weekend of lectures and discussions. An exhibition of items from both Museums showed aspects of policing in

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Features

Poets, druids and early Irish poetry

When the Irish began writing in Ireland, the *file* (poet) is the most important literary figure; the druid and bard remain in the background. The *file* is also referred to as *éces* (learned man). The druid has disappeared into the background for the most part although they appear sporadically in the sagas. The *file* may have taken over some of the duties, privileges and responsibilities of the druid but the process is obscure. In the Ulster Cycle Cathbad the druid appears in many of the tales. He prophecies Deirdre's future in the tale *Longes Mac nUislenn* (The exile of the sons of Uisliu): ... a woman, fair, tall, long-haired, concerning whom champions will contend, concerning whom high kings will ask.

Her scarlet-red lips will be About her pearly teeth – Against whom high queens will be jealous, Against her matchless, faultless form.

Cathbad also appears in *Táin Bó Cuailnge* (The Cattle-Raid of Cooley) and it is he who is given the honour of naming Cú Chulainn after he kills the hound from which he is named. Secondly Cathbad prophecies that any warrior who takes arms on a particular day will be famous forever in Ireland. Cú Chulainn hears this and follows the advice. He takes arms and the chariot and horses of the king, Conchobar.

F. Kelly writes of the druid in his book A guide to early Irish law. He mentions that in the 6th century First Synod of Saint Patrick oaths were sworn in the druid's presence. By the time the law-texts are compiled (7-8th centuries) the druid are considered severely; the text Bretha Crólige (The judgements of blood letting) says that the druid, along with the satirist and the brigand, was not entitled to sick-maintenance except at the level of a bóaire (a small farmer). However, the druid is included in the list of second level honorary personages in another law text. But we know very little about the position of the druid in early Irish life although there are some indications that they were considered dangerous: an 8th century hymn asks God to protect the reciter from druids, blacksmiths and the spells of women. They are mentioned in connection with love potions and are said to have recited spells and satire while standing on one leg with one arm lifted up and with one eye closed. This is called corrguinecht (heron or crane killing apparently). (Incidentally, the god Lug and his Fomorian ancestors notably use the exact same stance. The Fomorians were reputedly one-eyed, one-legged and one-armed. One of their leaders, Balor, was killed by Lug with a shot from his catapult as he put out his one eye and also destroyed the Fomorian army ranged behind him.) Another law text, Bretha Nemed (The Judgements of Nemed) states that a druid can ensure victory for the weaker side in battle.

The druid has captured the modern imagination and there are many 21st century druidic groups and ceremonies but they bear little or no resemblance to their Old Irish ancestors. There has also been a resurgence of interest in spells and magic and the two have become intertwined resulting in the publication of many spurious accounts and books on the subject – therefore *caveat emptor*, buyer beware!

Christianity was particularly severe on druids and more favourable to the *file*. Thus the *file* survives when the druid does not. *File* originally meant 'seer' and his responsibility was far-ranging in comparison with the modern day poet, he was capable of prophecy as we shall se along with his functions as chronicler, eulogist and satirist. He was the Old Irish equivalent of the Public Records Office, recording genealogy, history and saga.

Eoin MacNeill said that the *file* succeeded the druid; this would no longer be the accepted canon, he says: 'The *fili* were in unbroken succession from the druids, no longer calling themselves druids, because when Christianity prevailed, druidism fell into disrepute'.

It is also the view of Myles Dillon and Nora Chadwick, 'The poet (*fili*) seems to have inherited much of the prestige of the druid of pagan times. His duty was first to praise his patron, but also to preserve his genealogy, to be learned in history and literature, and to be master of the craft of poetry.'

By the time written history appears, the poet is the primary man of arts. He is at the top of the social structures, on a level with the king (and the bishop). They put themselves forward in the stories instilling fear and dread into the reader/listener. Aithirne is one of the first poets who is mentioned in the texts. The story Talland Étair (The siege of Howth) tells of his powers and his ability to terrify. Aithirne attacks Leinster and they defend themselves against him. The Ulstermen come to protect Aithirne and he is driven into Étar at Howth. During the tale the king Eochaid mac Luchta who is one-eyed gives Aithirne his single eye when the poet threatens him. God restores the sight of both eyes as a reward for his sacrifice. Aithirne is also one of the few children who spoke before birth - this being an indication of his future abilities. He casts a spell from his mother's womb and she asks for a drink of ale but really it is the child who is looking for it. She is refused three times. Aithirne casts a spell and the ale breaks through hoop of the vessels.

Fergus Kelly discusses the poet in the aforementioned book as well as giving a short piece on the female poet and the illegal satirist. From the evidence it appears that praise and satire were two of the main responsibilities of the poet; the references in sagas and laws are legion.

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Features

Poets, druids and early Irish poetry Contd...

The early Irish were obsessed with honour and honour price as we have seen in the articles on early Irish society. The term *lóg enech* (literally the price of face) has been noted and explained before. This was not reserved for the earlier period and the English writer Stanihurst describes the Irish as being 'greedie of praise and fearful of dishonour'. Furthermore, the author Tomás Ó Criomhthainn says in his autobiography *An t-Óileánach* that he would leave his day's work to listen to the island's poet rather than be satirised by him!

Poets are reputed to kill by satire – the Annals of Ulster say that the then chief poet of Ireland Cúán hua Lothcháin who was murdered in Tethba in 1024 satirised his killers and that their bodies rotted within an hour. This was done by means of the *firt filed* (poet's spell). This belief lasted beyond the earlier period as well; in 1414 the Annals of Connacht say that the lord lieutenant, John Stanley, died as a result of a poets spell. After the 16th century English sources have many accounts of the alleged powers of Irish poets to 'rhyme to death' men and animals (rats in particular). What a useful talent today! Blemishes could be raised upon the face of the object of satire – a visible manifestation of guilt.

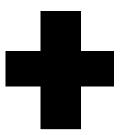
The poet should also stay with the king to protect him from sorcery and he could perform prophecy in three different ways. These skills are described in an old law text and also in the text called the Triads of Ireland as (encompassing forosna knowledge illuminates), teinm láeda (breaking of marrow) and dichetal di chennaib (chanting from heads). The first mentioned is the poet's ability to prophecy in verse and we will see instances of this later. There is a strong pagan resonance to these references but the practice known as glám dícenn is even more sinister. The law on the organisation and order of poets describes the ability of the poet to bring about the death of a king who has offended him. This is done by sticking thorned sticks in a clay effigy while chanting satirical verse.

For further information on some of the above see F. Kelly, *A guide to early Irish law* (Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies, 1988) and F. N. Robinson, *Satirists and Enchanters in early Irish literature* (New York, 1912).

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You need a seed-bed in a good site away from overhanging trees, where the soil can be lightly forked and raked down to a fine tilt. If it seems rather dry, Water it thoroughly overnight, before sowing the seed. No fertiliser should be needed with ground in good heart as we do not want to produce rapid, sappy growth.

Make shallow drills and sow the seed sparingly. The seedlings should not need to be thinned out but should be transplanted singly as soon as they are large enough to handle conveniently so that each grows into a sturdy bushy plant by planting-out time, September or early October.

There are a number of improved varieties in most catalogues to choose from so make a careful selection of those that appeal particularly to you such as, Verbascum, a type of mullein, which can b obtained as yellow flowers on silvery spikes, Arctic Summer or as large-flowered hybrids in various shades from creamy white to rose-mauve, Canterbury Bell which ranges in colour from to pink, lavender and blue.

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When Brompton Stock seedlings are being planted out discard all the dark-green-leaved ones, as they produce single flowers. Keep only the light-green ones, as they are the doubles.

In colder districts Brompton Stocks are best wintered in a cold-frame and planted out in the beds in March.

Parsley

Parsley is a herb that is often required in the kitchen in winter and spring, when there isn't any in the garden. This need can be overcome by sowing some now. You don't even need a space in the vegetable plot for it, you can use it as an edging to the flower border as its foliage makes it a very attractive plant.

If the border has had manure or compost dug in already this is ideal as parsley likes rich, deeply cultivated, soil. Just rake the surface fine and smooth and sow thinly half-an-inch deep.

The seed is one of the slowest to germinate, often taking five or six weeks before appearing. This process can often be speeded up by soaking the seed in warm water for 24 hours before sowing.

When the seedlings are large enough to handle comfortably, thin them out to 6 in. apart. Given sufficient space in this way to develop fully, they will make nice bushy little plants forming a pleasing edging and at the same time producing plenty of the foliage so useful as a garnish and as flavouring for various dishes.

Few people seem to know that the stalks, chopped up, add a pungent flavour to fish, meat and sauces. In the second year, the roots also can be used, chopped up or grated, to add a parsnip-like flavour to such dishes.

There are several outstanding varieties of parsley on the market now. For flavour, one called French is recommended, while a newer one called Green Velvet, which has great cropping potential, is considered better than Moss Curled which we all used to grow. The variety which probably stands the winter better than any the is Asmer New Dark Green Winter. Also winter-resistant is a new variety called Bravour. This one, like another called King of the Parsley's (a very dwarf king), is specially recommended for those people who wish to store some for future use in their deep freeze.

A small packet, costing a few cents is quite sufficient for most families as it will sow a row 3ft. long.

Tips:

Thinning: Rows of seed sown in June will need thinning. Carrots, beet, turnips, lettuce and the like will be ready. Water after thinning, to settle those left back in place and avoid a check.

Harvest Herbs: Foliage of many herbs is now in its prime, and can be gathered for storage.

Prune Wisteria: Wisteria have done well this year, and this season's lateral shoots can be cut back to 15cm (6in) now and then taken back to two buds in December.

Buy Cabbage: Obtain cabbage seed for sowing later in the month or in early August, to provide crops next spring.

Keep Cutting: Sweet peas throw a mass of flowering stems. More are encouraged if flowers are cut regularly.

Azalea Cuttings: My Indian azaleas are plunged outside for the season and are growing away well. I'll be taking cuttings which, when set in a shaded cold frame, should root within the month.

Lift Onions: Autumn-sown onions can be lifted when growth is complete and the bulbs are ripe. Allow to dry before storing in a cool and airy place.

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Maynooth Gaelic Football Under 14



Maynooth Under 14s found it very difficult when they were placed in the A league of a very competitive Feile A competition. The league consisted of Celbridge, Leixlip, Clane, Kilcock and eventual winners Confey. Despite the poor results, trainers Dennis Dempsey and Kieran Finnegan are encouraged by the commitment shown by the whole team. Indeed five members of the team were recently called up for Kildare U14 trials. They were Alex Cash, Peter Warren, Joey Glynn, Sean Durkan and Thomas Donnelly. Peter Warren and Sean Durkan have now become members of the panel for the forthcoming Leinster Championship. Hopefully they can represent the club as well as Karl Ennis (brother of Pascal) and Paul Flood who are on the Kildare Senior Panel. The trainers would like to thank Colm Cushe who has refereed some of their games at short notice and Dominic Nugent who makes sure the pitch is available. Well done to all involved in the very successful Feile competition. The huge effort put in by the organisers certainly paid off.

The U14 football team have enjoyed playing recent challenge games against Straffan, St. Kevins, St. Margarets (Dublin). The U14 Summer League B has begun and the team have games against St. Laurences, Suncroft, Geraldines Leixlip and Sarsfields. All teams are played home and away. The trainers would like to see more support from the parents. After all everything is done on a voluntary basis so all support is noticed and appreciated. The following is a record of all games played since March:

Competition Under 14 Football Feile A.

Leixlip 5-7 Maynooth 1-3, Clane 6-11 Maynooth 0-2, Celbridge 7-11 Maynooth 0-2, Maynooth 1-5 Kilcock 7-10

Challenge Games

Straffan 3-8 Maynooth 1-7, St. Kevins 1-5 Maynooth 4-7, St. Margarets (Dublin) 2-9 Maynooth 2-5

Competition Under 14 Football League B

St. Laurences 1-7 Maynooth 3-7, Suncroft 0-6 Maynooth 1-12, Maynooth 1-3 Leixlip 3-9, Maynooth 2-12 Geraldines 0-12, Maynooth 2-10 St. Laurences 2-5.

Team Panel:

Ciaran Egan, Danny Finnan, Sam Hare, Chris Moynan, Dara Walshe, Peter Warren, Joe Dempsey, Thomas Donnelly, Sean Durkan, Joey Glynn, Cormac O'Reilly, Alex Cash, David Sidney, Graham Kenny, Rian Byrne, Sean Barrett, Keith Leonard, Ben Finnegan, Mark Browne, Michael Brennan, Sean Moore, Owen Curran, Francis McDonald, Conor O'Brien, David O'Grady, Michael Fahy, Owen McNutt.

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Maynooth Flower & Garden Club

In February issue of Maynooth Newsletter I listed the committee for 2003. Due to an error, I omitted to name a vital person on this committee—Jo O'Connell. Jo is our artistic and computer expert, she has at each meeting very informative and artistic news notes for everyone. Included are dates of forthcoming events, garden visits, lectures, also all information on club events. Jo also prints the notices for our monthly meetings. Apologies Jo for omitting your name in February. No events in club during July and August. So we wish all happy holidays and see you in September.

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Maynooth BNS Production of Smike

Smike

Maynooth Boys' National School has just finished it's run of the musical "Smike". The show, which is a musical version of Charles Dickens' Nicholas Nickleby, was presented in the Parish hall from July 5th to 7th.

The show involved over 100 of the boys in the school ans some of their friends who were playing the female parts. The show tells the story of a new teacher, Mr. Nicholls, in a very unfriendly school called Dotheboys Hall. He has to study the book Nicholas Nickleby and decides to turn it into a musical. The boys travel back in time to the school and meet Mr. Squeers, the horrible headmaster and his wife, Mrs. Squeers. The children are kept in terrible conditions and don't have enough food to eat and sleep 30 to a bed. Mr. Nicholls helps the boys to overthrow the horrible Squeers family and the boys in the school return to the present time.

The show was the most ambitious one the Music Club have attempted and in the opinion of this reviewer it was their most successful. Many in the audience commented on the professionalism of the cast who had learnt many pages of difficult dialogue and had

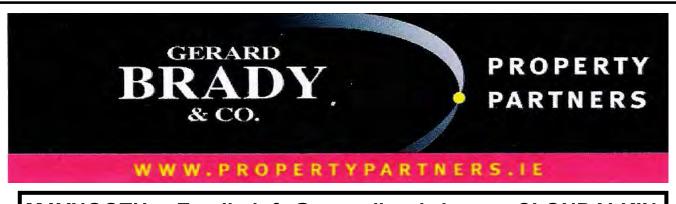
complicated dances and songs to learn. The costumes and sets were first rate and were produced in the school by the boys with the help of some enthusiastic parents. There is no doubt that the six months of rehearsal were well spent and the countless hours of effort the teachers put into the show were obvious in every scene. It seems the Music Club gets better with each show.

A huge "Well Done" to all those involved and we can hardly wait for news of their next production.

Due to the cost of producing the Newsletter unfortunately we have no option but to increase the price of our advertising from April 2003

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Mr. Seamus Grundy (producer) & Pádraig Tracey





Sean G. Cushen & Rikki McTernan (Smike)

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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre

Question

I understand that there has been a change to the income-disregard in the means test for the Carer's Allowance. Can you please give the details?

Answer

Yes, you are correct. The weekly income-disregard for people on Carer's Allowance has increased by €19 for a single person and €38 for a couple.

Carer's Allowance is a means tested payment from the Department of Social and Family Affairs for carers who are looking after certain people in need of full-time care and attention. The person must have so severe a disability as to require continuous supervision and frequent assistance throughout the day in connection with their normal personal needs and to require the care for at least 12 months. A carer will normally reside with the person being cared for, but a non-resident carer may qualify for the allowance. A carer receiving the payment can work for up to 10 hours per week, providing they get approval from the Department. Since April 2003, the weekly income disregard has increased from €191 to €210 for a single person and from €382 to €420 for a couple.

The Carer's Allowance payment is made up of a personal rate and extra amounts for child dependents. The maximum personal rate is €129.60 (€147.80 if aged 66 or over). If caring for more than one the maximum rate is €194.40 (€221.70 if aged 66 or over). Carer's Allowance recipients are paid an annual Respite Care Grant at the start of June. For 2003 the grant has increased from €635 to €735. Those caring for more than one receive an increased grant of €1,470.

To apply for Carer's Allowance you must complete application form CR 1 which is available from your local Social Welfare Office, Post Office, LoCall Leaflet Line:1890 202325 or from the Social Welfare Services Office, Government Buildings, Ballinalee Road, Longford. Tel:(01) 7043000 or (043) 45211

For further information contact Citizens Information Centre at 01 6285477

Question

Friends of ours recently purchased some self-assembly furniture. However, there were no instructions in English with the furniture and they were

unable to assemble the furniture correctly. They have contacted the furniture shop but they are not satisfied with the response. What are they entitled to?

Answer

Following recent legislation the furniture shop is liable for the inappropriate instructions and your friends are entitled to look to have the furniture repaired or replaced if appropriate, or to look for a price reduction or a refund.

'Aspects of the Sale of Goods and Associated Guarantees' (Directive 99/44/EC) became law in Ireland in January 2003. Its purpose is to ensure consumer protection and strengthen confidence in cross-border shopping through a common set of minimum rules. These rules are valid no matter where the goods are purchased in the EU.

The Directive provides consumers with additional protection to that already provided by the Sale of Goods and Supply of Services Act 1980 in Ireland. The added protection includes:

- Liability of retailers for statements made on the specific characteristics of the goods.
- The reduction of the price of the goods as a remedy open to consumers in certain circumstances.
- The liability of retailers in relation to incorrect installation of goods even when the goods are installed by the consumer following inappropriate instructions.
- The right to written guarantee at the time of purchase with details on how to make a claim under the warranty, the duration of the guarantee and the territorial scope.

Your friends should inform the furniture store of the change in legislation and of their rights under the legislation.

Further information on the Directive is available from: The European Consumer Centre, 13A Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin 1. Tel:(01) 8090600

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I am hoping to start my first job next month. What should I do so that I can avoid paying too much tax?

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Answer

To ensure your tax is dealth with properly and that your employer and that your employer deducts the correct amount of tax there are two things you must do

You should give your employer you Personal Public Service Number (PPS No.) This is your unique personal identification number for public services in Ireland. Your enployer should then let your tax office know that you have started work and that they are your employer. If you do not know your PPS. No. or you wish to apply for one contact your local

- Social Welfare Office.
- You should apply on a Form 12A for a 'Certificate of Tax Credits and Standard Rate Cut-Off Point' to your employer's tax office. You can ask your employer for the application form and the address of the tax office. If your employer does not have a Form 12A, you can get one from any tax office or by telephoning LoCall 1890 306706

To ensure that your employer and tax office have time to have everything sorted out before your first payday, it is advisable to do all this as soon as you accept an offer of a job (even for part-time or holiday employment). The tax office will then forward you a detailed statement of your tax credits. Your employer will also be notified of your tax credits.

Your own personal circumstances dictate the amount of tax credits you are entitled to and therefore how much tax. All workers have tax credits - for example, a single person has a Personal Credit of €1,520 and a PAYE Credit of €800 in the tax year 2003. If you are single your tax is calculated on your gross pay at 20% of your earnings below €28,000 and at 42% of the balance. This gives you your gross tax liability. Your tax credits are then subtracted from this figure and the remainder is the amount of tax you will apy. The tax you pay is spread over the tax year so that you receive approximately the same wages each week.

For further information contact Citizens Information Centre at (01) 6285477

Question

We are going to France in August. Our 16-year-old son who is included on my passport is also coming with us. Should he have a separate passport?

Answer

Yes, he will need to have a separate passport. Children under 16 may have their names included on a parent's passport or they may get a separate passport, but children aged 16 and over need separate passports.

If they are under 18 years of age, parental consent form, PAS M, signed by both parents or guardians is required to get a passport or to have their names included on a parent's passport. All applications, whether or not a previous passport was held, must be accompanied by the long form of the Birth Certificate (or and Adoptive Certificate) showing the names of the parents.

Children under 18 may apply for a three-year passport (€12) or a standard ten-year passport(€57)

Application forms including PAS M, are available from all Garda stations. They are also available from Post Offices showing the ServicePlus logo as they provide a 'Passport Express' service. The 'Passport Express' service costs €5.40 and guarantees receipt of a passport with 10 working days where applications are completed correctly with proper documentation.

Ordinary postal applications for people living in Clare, Kerry, Limerick, Tipperary or Waterford should be sent to the:

Passport Office, 1 a South Mall, Cork Tel:(021) 494 4700 or LoCall 1890 426 900 Applications for people living elsewhere in the State should be sent to the :

Passport Office, Setanta Centre, Molesworth Street, Dublin 2

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Maynooth Newsletter

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

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on or before copy date which is on page 68 of this issue or you can Email us at maynoothcc@ eircom.net

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Laraghbryan Golf Classic

On Friday 6th June, the Laraghbryan Cemetery Association held its third annual Golf Classic at Kilcock Golf Club. It was very well attended with 18 teams playing on the day. Unfortunately we had four teams who could not make the day in the end. We would like to thank Kilcock for putting the course at our disposal for the day and, also to the catering staff who provided the golfers with a fabulous steak meal afterwards. The course itself was in very good condition, obviously helped by the great warm sunny day we had.

We would like to thank everyone who played on the day and especially the businesses and individuals who sponsored teams, tee boxes and holes on the day. Without that much needed sponsorship and support it would be very difficult to run what turned out to be a very successful day. Thanks are also due to the very hard working committee who went out to get these sponsorships. We must also say a special word of thanks to **Carton House Golf Club** who once again sponsored the overall prize of a fourball at their splendid facilities and we hope that the winners will enjoy their day.

The funds raised over the last three years have given the committee the opportunity to have work continued on the restoration of the old historic church ruin in the cemetery in conjunction with Kildare County Council and the Office of Public Works.

The presentation of prizes were held that night in Maynooth GAA Club to whom we must say thank you for allowing us the use of their facility. The following are the prize winners:

1ST (62.8) L.Farrelly, B.Desmond, J.Nolan.

2nd (63.4) B.Dempsey, H.Carty, E.Dunne 3rd (63.7) D.Heffernan, M.Ryan, M.Boden.

4th (66.4) T.O'Connor, S.O'Groarke, M.Hegarty 5th(66.7).....J.Mc Elligot, L.Ayres, J.Fleming.

Nearest the Pin: S.Durcan

Longest Drive: (12th) G.Brabston.

(15th) D.Murray

We hope that everyone enjoyed both the day and night and, hopefully we will see all of you again next year.

For and on behalf of The Laraghbryan Cemetery Committee

Laraghbryan Cemetery Sunday will take place on Sunday 13th July at 3pm



Barry Desmond, Liam Farrelly & John Nolan Winners of Laraghbryan Golf Classic



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MAYNOOTH HILLWALKING CLUB

During the month of June the club was kept busy, with a visit to the Blackstairs for the mountain challenge of 26 kms / 17 miles and ascent of 4,800 ft. members of the club completed the event in atrocious conditions of wind and rain. Congratulations to those A number of others with injuries who finished it. completed the first half of the hike to Sculloge Gap. Our Easy Hike to Howth under perfect conditions attracted 18, of whom 9 attended our event for the first Two of these have subsequently taken out time. membership and have attended more challenging of the The events since. view blooming rhododendrons was breathtaking, with multiple colors of the flower in full bloom. They were at their best the day we saw them, but alas, we will have to wait until next year to be able to experience that sight By the time we complete our trek along the Grand Canal from Sallins to Hazelhatch on Saturday 14th June, this article will have gone to the printers. By the looks of things there is a lot of interest from non-members. If all those who have made enquiries travel with us we will have a good turnout.

For Sunday 22nd June (mid summer) we have planed a Hike taking in the length of the newly restored St Kevins Pilgrim Route which runs from Hollywood to Glendalough via the Wicklow Gap, a distance of 26 Kms. We have interested non-club members meeting up with us and completing the second half of this hike across the Wicklow Gap to Glendalough.

July will see a number of moderate and harder hikes planned, but these are restricted to club members. If anyone is still out there who wants to return to the pastime or wants to get out into the fresh air for the summer, it is still not too late to join. Unfortunately, due shortage of leaders there are no planned easy hikes at this stage for the month of July. There are no organized hikes planned for August unless there is demand. Groups of members will make arrangements to head of rambling to new areas and check for new routes, which will be programmed later into our activities calendar.

Alzheimer's Respite Care, Kildare Branch -- Sponsored Walk, -- Sunday, July 20th.

For anyone wishing to complete an Easy hike of either 5 or 7 miles in a beautiful area why not support the Alzheimer's Respite Care, Kildare Branch on their Third Annual Sponsored Walk. This is a very worthy cause, which can benefit greatly by your support. Taking place on **Sunday July 20**th next a sponsored walk organized by Shay Hendrick of Celbridge will take place in the picturesque vales of Glendalough.

In the past this event has been very well supported by the people of North Kildare. Shay has managed with the support of friends and colleagues this year to be in a position to make available a free bus to Glendalough for anyone interested in supporting this The bus will depart from the front of the Glenroyal Leisure Club, Maynooth at 9 am . People from Celbridge who are interested will have a bus available from the front of the Mucky Duck at 9.15 am. In Clane a bus will collect those interested from the front of the RC Church, Main Street, at 9.40 Buses will depart from Glendalough at 6 pm am. sharp to return the weary walkers home. should be plenty of time for a ramble around the sites of Glendalough, take in a bit of sun, enjoy an ice cream or something stronger (like a cup of tea??). Why not pay a visit to the Interpretative Center and attend the audiovisual show and a guided tour of the Monastic city. Book as early as possible as these tend to fill up very quickly Remember Shay and his colleagues have managed to provide free transport so why not go along and give a donation to the cause or better still obtain a sponsorship card from the under mentioned sources and help support the Alzheimer's Respite Care, Kildare Branch in your own little way. Anybody interested in sponsorship cards should contact:-

Frank Dunne's, Electrical shop, Celbridge.
Shay Hendrick, Celbridge,
Home No 6272583 or mobile 087-1276021.
Tony Leech, Celbridge, mobile 087-2392913
Sean Byrne, Celbridge, mobile 086-1617092
Martin Byrne, Maynooth, mobile 087-7996532

This should be a very pleasant, interesting and enjoyable day out particularly for anyone not familiar with Glendalough and its environs. There are a number of additional visits and sights in the area that can be taken in after the walk.

Anybody wishing to make their own way to Glendalough and support the event can do so and meet with Shay at 1045 am. The walks commence from the Glendalough Hotel Car Park at 11 am. Why not bring a picnic basket with you and enjoy it afterwards. There are many facilities around for picnickers. Shay tells me there will be a certificate and a tee shirt for everyone who supports the day.

In case you missed last month's edition I have included the information again. If you attend either the Sponsored Walk or the hike along the pilgrim route the information might interest you. You can pick up further details on your visit to Glendalough. Duchas has planned a series of lectures on environmental matters and Special Interest Walks at their centers in the Wicklow Mountains National Park in Glendalough. They are also organizing Wednesday morning and afternoon Guided Nature Walks around Glendalough.

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MAYNOOTH HILLWALKING CLUB Contd...

Also for the budding artists out there they have an "Art in the Park" programme for 7-13 year olds from July 16^{th} 2-4 pm.. Advanced booking is necessary for these sessions. A Number of workshops are also planned on environmental matters. Details on all of these are available from The National Park Education Center at **0404-45656** (Mon – Fri- 9.30 – 5.30), and The National Park Information Office at **0404-45425** (open 7 days a week 10.00-6 pm.).

Please note that weather conditions may restrict our club activities. Itineraries are subject to change and anyone interested should check beforehand closer to the activity with one of the contact numbers below or by e-mail. 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 (in the region of 5 kms per Only attempt our outings if you are consider yourself fit enough to maintain this speed and 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. attending should ensure they have sufficient food and water to meet their needs for the event. generally stop for 45 mins for lunch. Depending on weather it may be longer or shorter. Remember in the mountains in a lot of cases there are no quick exit routes back to the cars. Please do not put the leader in the awkward position to have to turn away those

who are not properly equipped or whom he considers are not adequately fit for the event. We have had to refuse to take people in the past and if necessary will do so in the future. Our numbers are not sufficient to support bus transport to our activities so those attending will need transportation. Unless otherwise advised on particular events, our meeting point is in front of the Glenroyal Leisure Club and departures are at 9 am. Sharp. There will be no waiting or delays.

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 Club Telephone is 086-3984172

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- Let your pet drink as much water as it wants.
 However, don't give it anything by mouth if it's unconscious or convulsing.
- When you go to the vet, take the toxic substance and any packaging that has a label. If you don't know what the animal has swallowed, take any suspect material loose pills, solvents, pesticides. If your pet has vomited, take a sample

Splinters

- Use a magnifying glass to help you find a small splinter, then remove the splinter with tweezers and cleanse the area with salt water.
- If the splinter resists, soak the wounded area in warm water and dry; then dab on some glue and gently press on a bit a gauze. When it's dry, peel it off; the splinter should come with it.

Spiders

- You don't have to kill a spider when you see it. Spiders in Ireland are harmless to human beings. Remove a spider from a bath with a cardboard tube it will crawl into the tube, because spiders like the dark
- Spiders are among a gardener's best friends. If you see a large spider on your wall, don't harm it; capture the creature in a wide-mouthed jar or yoghurt pot. Then release it in the garden, where it will make a meal of flies, aphids and other such pests.

Punch Bag

- For a lightweight punch bag, put a football or volleyball into the waist section of a pair of sturdy nylon tights and knot the waist, Using the legs, tie it to a hook.
- For a heavyweight bag, stuff a duffle bag or

heavy-duty laundry bag with rags or laundry and hang it securely from a beam or firmly mounted ceiling hook, or use a tightly rolled foam mattress.

Contact lenses

Many soaps leave an oily film on your hands that transfers to your lenses when you touch them. To check how oily your soap is, run a finger down a mirror after washing your hands. If your finger leaves a streak, use a different soap before handling your contact lenses.

LOST LENS If your contact lens falls on the floor, darken the room and sweep a torch or a small lamp slowly and methodically back and forth across the area. The lens will glint in the beam, even if it has fallen into a pile rug.

Coffee stains

To remove a coffee stain from washable fabric, try one of these methods.

- Soak in a warm biological detergent solution if the fabric is suitable, then wash as usual.
- Rub the stain with a bar of white household soap or a commercial stain remover and then launder.

If the fabric is not washable, sponge the coffee stain with laundry borax solution (1tbs/15ml to 18floz /500ml of water), then blot dry. If the stain remains, apply a 50-50 solution of glycerine and water, leave for an hour, then sponge with water.

Sunburn

- For quick relief, take a cool oatmeal bath, then smooth on a thin layer of a soothing moisturising lotion-do not use oil in any form. Apply cool compresses made of crushed ice, or a packet of frozen peas for 10-15 minutes several times a day.
- To prevent dehydration, drink lots of nonalcoholic liquids.
- To relieve general discomfort, take aspirin or paracetamol.
- Wear loose clothes and cover up. Don't expose the affected area to the sun before all the symptoms have gone.

Caution: If you feel intense pain or if you have blisters, swelling or fever, do not apply any creams or lotions to the skin. See a doctor as soon as possible.

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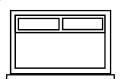


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Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

McGinley and Stagg Object to 3 and 4 Storey Apartments on Former Pitch & Putt Course:

Cllr. John McGinley and Deputy Emmet Stagg have made a submission to an Bord Pleanala in support of Kildare County Council's original decision to refuse planning permission for 3 three storey and 5 four storey blocks of apartments on the former pitch and putt course on Dunboyne Road, Maynooth.

The Council's refusal was appealed on 29 April by Tony and Tom Bean and as one of the original objectors to the proposal Cllr. McGinley and Deputy Stagg have exercised their right to comment on the appeal.

Cllr. McGinley stated that the main concerns about the proposal can be summarised as follows:

- The 3 three storey and 5 four storey blocks of apartments will have a detrimental effect on residents of Leinster Cottages which border the site. From their cottages and rear gardens their existing pleasant environment will be destroyed by such large structures which will dominate the skyline. The view of the Lyreen River which has existed for 200 years will be blocked.
- The same blocks will cause overlooking and consequent loss of privacy for residents of Leinster Cottages.
- Pound Park is a passive recreational area and the 8 blocks as viewed from this area will again dominate the skyline and will be visually obtrusive.
- The 200 year old Leinster Cottages form part of the Architectural Conservation Area of the Town of Maynooth, as such the historic core. The proposed blocks will destroy this area rather than enhance the character of the area
- The density of the proposal at 26 dwellings to the acre is excessive and does not conform with the Residential Guidelines because of the adverse impact the proposal will have on the amenities of existing residents and the fact that the proposal does not enhance this historic area.

Cllr. McGinley and Deputy Stagg concluded their submission by stating that the proposal, in the heart of old Maynooth, represents unacceptable development and called on An Bord Pleanala to uphold Kildare County Council's original rejection of the proposal.

Bond Bridge/Meadowbrook Link Road

Cllr. John McGinley was advised at the Leixlip Area Meeting of the Council on 5 June that the recommendations on the awarding of contracts for both the Meadowbrook Link Road and Bond Bridge would be going to the County Manager for approval in two weeks time. Hopefully the long wait for the commencement of work is over.

Discretionary Grants

Each County Councillor was allocated €40,000 of Discretionary Grant Funding for use this year. Cllr. John McGinley has allocated his €40,000 as follows:

- €15,000 for a new footpath from the Straffan Road junction to the bus stop at Railpark on the Celbridge Road.
- €11,800 for the installation of new public lighting along the Celbridge Road from opposite house No.1 Laurence Avenue up to the Gael Scoil.
- €4,000 for a second fence at Beaufield.
- €2,000 for proper landscaping at Beaufield

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- €900 for potted beach plants to be planted between the fences at Beaufield
- €3,600 to the Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee for the erection of timber bollards at the green areas outside the Geraldine Castle so as to prevent cars from parking on the greens
- €2,700 to complete the reconstruction of the footpath at Double Lane.

Provision of Bus Bays at the Girl's School

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

"That the provision of bus bays at the Presentation Primary Girl's School, Maynooth be put in place without any further delay."

As a result of the motion Council officials advised Cllr. McGinley at the Area Meeting on 5 June that the land transfer from Charter House (to make space for the bus bays) was practically completed and that they expected to have the bus bays in place before the school opens in September.

The external landscaping at the entrance to the Lime Walk Avenue can then proceed. This work is an integral part of the Carton Avenue Redevelopment Project and will enhance the work nearing completion inside the gates.

Development Contributions Scheme to Fund Social Infrastructure Projects

Cllr. John McGinley's motion "That a scheme of development contributions, as required under the Planning and Development Act 2000, be prepared for the general Leixlip Electoral and that these contributions be set at an appropriate level per dwelling in order to fund social infrastructure such as a swimming pool complex, community centre and playgrounds for the area. Furthermore, that the proposed scheme be advertised and that the public be given eight weeks to make submissions before the Manager prepared a report for decision on the scheme by the members." was agreed unanimously at the Leixlip Area Meeting on 4 April. Cllr. McGinley was given the following update at the Area Meeting on 5 June:

"Views of members noted. Preparation of overall Development Contributions Scheme for the entire County is currently under consideration and the issue will be progressed in this context."

Cllr. McGinley expressed his outrage at this ignoring of the members wishes. He was supported by all of the other Councillors in his views that one scheme for the entire County was nonsensical and it appeared to him as if the Manager was only interested in a development scheme to fund roads and other civil infrastructure. Cllr. McGinley stated that it was the wish of the Leixlip Area Committee that a development contribution scheme to fund social infrastructure in the area be put in place without any further delay and that the money accumulated be ring fenced for use in the towns of Maynooth and Leixlip only.

As the Manager is obliged by law to have such schemes approved by the full Council by March 2004 the Area Committee Members decided to send Cllr. McGinley's motion to the full Council for it's consideration. It is of course open to other Area Committees to decide what development scheme is appropriate to their area and under the Act the Council can adopt as many different schemes as it wishes.

Buckleys Lane Improvements

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

"That the potholes on Buckley's Lane, Maynooth, be filled in and that the road be properly surfaced with tarmac in the interest of safety."

Cllr. McGinley was advised at the June Area Meeting that the work would be done as soon as possible.

Traffic Calming in Housing Estates

There are requests for traffic calming schemes for seven different locations in Maynooth. Councillors were advised at the June Area Meeting that the Council have only €65,000 for traffic calming in the entire County and that only a small amount of the requests can be met from this small budget. The recommendations on what schemes will proceed will be going to the County Manager in mid June. Cllr. McGinley expressed his total dissatisfaction with the miserly amount being spent as €300,000 was allocated for traffic calming at budget time. Council officials stated that the €300,000 was conditional on €235,000 coming from the Dublin Transportation Office (DTO) and that the DTO have stated that they are making no funds available to Kildare County Council this year. This is yet another cut back from this Government of cut backs.

Taking Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV's) out of Maynooth Main Street

As a result of Cllr. McGinley's motion the Council has agreed to erect experimental signs at Kildare Bridge on the Dunboyne Road and at Blacklion Road junction with the Leixlip Road. These signs will direct HGV through traffic to the INTEL Link to the M4 rather than through the Main Street.

Provision of Bus Shelters in Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley has again written to CIE asking them to provide bus shelters at the following locations:

1. Opposite the Glenroyal Hotel Complex on the Straffan Road

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- 2 At Joe Buckleys Shop on Main Street
- 3 At O'Neill Park opposite TESCO

Temporary Accommodation Request for Maynooth Post Primary still under examination.

Deputy Emmet Stagg again questioned the Minister for Education in the Dáil in relation to the provision of two prefabs at Maynooth Post Primary School to relieve overcrowding in the school.

Despite the fact that the request is for prefabs and was submitted 3 months ago, the Minister stated in his response that officials in his Planning and Building Unit are currently examining the application and a decision will be conveyed to County Kildare VEC as soon as possible.

It is astounding that having drop kicked the extension plans for the school into touch the Minister and his officials are now delaying the sanctioning of the prefabs.

Deputy Stagg will continue to pressurise the Minister for as long as it takes to get the required sanction.

Just under €2 Million Euro spent on restoration of Maynooth Castle – but that's the end of it.

Deputy Emmet Stagg again raised with the Minister for the Environment the unacceptable decision by the Government to cease the restoration works on Maynooth Castle.

The Minister advised Deputy Stagg that €1,967,406 was spent on the restoration of the Castle and "This programme of works is now complete".

It is typical of this Government not to finish the job they started. Phase 1 of the restoration works involved the development of the ground floor vaulted areas for exhibition purposes together with access to the first floor and the provision of small scale guide and visitor facilities. Phase 2, which was dropped by the Government, would have seen the provision of a roof on the Keep of the Castle and an auditorium.

With an investment of €2 million already made in the Castle it makes no sense not to proceed with Phase 2 so that the full potential of the Historic Castle could be achieved in terms of visitor numbers.

It seems the Government has no problem in finding €3 million to buy Countess Markievicz's old home in Sligo but when it comes to Maynooth Castle the shutters are put up on extra funding.

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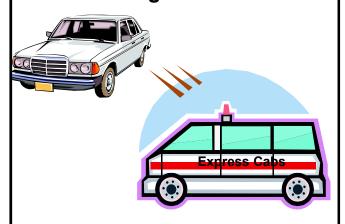
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Fianna Fail Political Notes



Candidate for local elections.

The Maynooth Cumann has chosen Brid Feely to stand for the local Elections due to take place in 2004. The Cumann is delighted to have candidate of Brid's calibre and hope that over the coming months there will be ample opportunity for the residents of the Town to meet with her. There is a full article on Brid elsewhere in the Newsletter.

Visit of Minister John O'Donoghue to Maynooth on 8th April 2003.

The Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann were delighted to be able to organise the visit of Minister John O'Donoghue to a variety of venues in Maynooth on Tuesday 8th April. As the current incumbent in the Ministry of Sports Tourism and Arts it was particularly relevant that several current projects in the Town would be acknowledged directly by the Minister's visit. The first stop for the Minister was to the Carton House Golf Club. This fledgling premier golf facility were delighted to have the Minister present to participate in the official announcement of the relocation of the headquarters of the Golfing Union of Ireland (GUI) to a new home on the Carton House Golf course. The relocation of the GUI to Carton is a major coup for the Management of Carton and also a great benefit to the Club and members. The New GUI headquarters will house not only the administrative functions of GUI also a Golf Museum, and a Golf Academy which will create a great deal of publicity and interest in both Carton and Maynooth. Mr Brian Finn, President GUI, Mr Lee Mallaghan, and Mr Conor Mallaghan of Carton House Golf made the official joint announcement. Amongst the other attendees were Willie Coonan, Men's Capt., Pat Cox, Ladies Capt., Stephen and Deborah Mallaghan and members of the Maynooth Cumann. Minister O'Donoghue then travelled to the Maynooth GAA club on the Moyglare Road. Here he received a colourful and enthusiastic reception from the many

Young Footballers and Hurlers. With such a large group of players greeting the Minister there was hardly time for many speeches but the club were delighted to explain to the Minister their plans for the expansion of the club's facilities. Key in these plans was the expansion of current indoor facilities including a multi-purpose hall, gym and meeting rooms. Although not on display the plans for additional playing pitches were discussed and welcomed.

The final leg of the minister's visit was to the Glenroyal hotel. Here Minister O'Donoghue was delighted to officially pen the brand new Leisure Centre. This building now houses a new 20mt pool revised reception area an enlarged aerobics area and state of the Art Gym facility. There was an official unveiling of a plaque to commemorate the opening and a walk around to inspect the fine work done in providing a welcome expansion of the popular Leisure Centre.

The Minister then addressed a gathering of representatives from many of the local sports, arts and tourism groups.

Concluding his visit, the Local Cumann had a private meeting with the Minister at which issues of concern in relation to the Ministers office were raised.

Brian Lenihan Public Meeting Monday 14th of April.

On Monday 14th April Junior Minister Brian Lenehan attended a public meeting in the Glenroyal Hotel. Minister Lenihan addressed the attendees on a range of issues relating to his portfolio and other issues of interest. There followed a questions and answers slot in which the Minister was questioned on issues relating to services and facilities for youth, concerns relating to the increased incidence of underage drinking, the use of Shannon as a stop over for American armed forces and issues relating to the declining numbers of visitors to Ireland as tourists.

Carton Avenue.

As the works in Carton Avenue come to conclusion there was an opportunity to have Minister McCreevy visit with members of the Cumann on Friday 25th April. There have been significant renovations carried out to the footpath and trees in the Avenue and apart from having to the re-seed the grass areas; the Avenue looked much improved. The Minister was delighted that he had been able to help in bringing about the works and he complemented all of the various people involved in the project on the enhancement of a much-used public space. A number of issues remain to be completed and judging by the numbers of people out walking on the day of the Minister's visit the Avenue has been a very worthy project.

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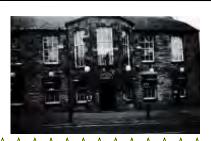


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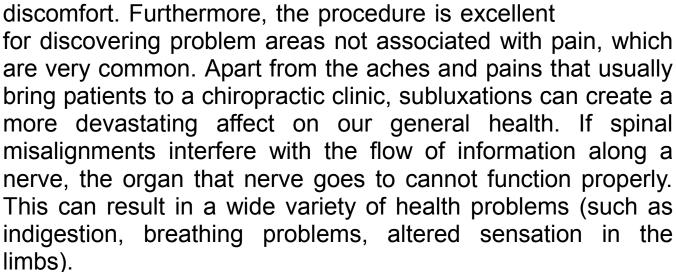
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<u>Editorial</u>

The Special Olympics have finally arrived in Ireland and the three years preparation has come to fruition. Maynooth welcomed its Brazilian delegation on Sunday 15th of June and there was a wonderful carnival atmosphere in the town as there was in all the host towns throughout the country. It is a great sight while travelling to see the signs welcoming wonderful and exotic delegations to the small towns of Ireland. In some cases the country might not even be known to the host town and they had to learn the history, background and a little of the language of the visitors. Maynooth also looks better than ever with the flower baskets, tubs in the square and the bunting throughout. The old Mart disappeared overnight. It shows what can be achieved when there is some effort expended on the town. There was great excitement also when the Olympic torch arrived and there was a big crowd waiting in the Square. The concert by Mickey Joe Harte was also a great success in the North Kildare Club. The roads around the town were closed and the College was used as a base for the buses. Unfortunately, with its usual lack of planning, the College also choose Friday as the day that the students returned to discuss their examination results with the lecturers and there was mayhem due to the lack of parking on campus and the road closures. A pity the University could not choose another consultation day.

But nothing compared with the spectacular opening ceremony produced in Croake Park and televised by Tyrone Productions on RTÉ. The appearance of such luminaries as Mohammad Ali and Nelson Mandela on Irish soil together was emotional to say the least. The 80,000 crowd were obviously thrilled by the spectacle that lasted four hours. Miraculously the rain stayed away and the event ran like clockwork. With all the difficulties at present and the feeling of discontent this event displayed what this country can achieve.

The volunteer effort in organising this large event for Ireland was also spectacular. A total of 30,000 volunteers worked incredibly hard for two to three years in every host town. It has been noted throughout the country that this has contributed to a growing community spirit which has declined in recent years due to the busier lives that most of us lead. Let us hope that these people who were so involved in this event will remain active within their communities and perhaps help to organise other clubs, societies and local events.

The Festival will be taking place as we go to print. It is hoped that all events will be well attended. A brochure on the Community Council and the Festival was delivered throughout the town so everyone should know what is going on. This has been a very busy week fortnight for Maynooth.

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Festival Soccer Tournament

Festival 7-A – Side Soccer Tournament

The very popular tournament for the Joe Murphy Trophy was sponsored by TESCO this year. Eight teams entered and it was run off on a league basis with two groups of four teams:

Group 1 had Derrinstown Estate, Kingsbry, The Old Dublin Roaders and Meadowbrook.

Group 2 had Silken Vale, Parklands, Old Greenfield and Greenfield Drive.

In Group 1 the Old Dublin Roaders, Derrinstown Estate and Kingsbry all ended up with 6 points. The Old Dublin Roaders topped the Group on goal difference and Derrinstown Estate were runners up on the number of goals scored (the goal difference being the same).

In Group 2 Greenfield Drive were the winners on 5 points with Old Greenfield and Parklands locked together on 4 points and with the same goal difference, however, Old Greenfield were declared runners up having scored more goals.

The first semi-final was between the Old Dublin Roaders and Old Greenfield and here the Old Dublin Roaders went 2-0 up even though they only had 6 players from the start. Old Greenfield fought back to draw level at the end of normal time. The match went to extra time and under the *Silver Goal* rule the Old Dublin Roaders won having scored three minutes into extra time.

The second semi-final was between Greenfield Drive and Derrinstown Estate. Greenfield Drive scored first but Derrinstown equalised before half time. In the second half the stronger and younger Greenfield Drive team pulled away to win 3-1, making them the favourites to win outright.

The final between Greenfield Drive and the Old Dublin Roaders was held in the Harbour Field on Sunday the 29th June and was preceded by two very enjoyable

under 8's matches. The Old Dublin Roaders went 1-0 up after only 3 minutes through a very unfortunate *own goal*, however, they had most of the chances but missed a few sitters in the first half. They scored a second 8 minutes into the second half and even though Greenfield Drive hit the post the Old Dublin Roaders never looked like losing.

On behalf of the organising committee I would like to thank all of the teams for taking part and following the success of this years tournament hopefully we will have a greater number of teams entering next year. I would also like to thank TESCO for their sponsorship and the Murphy family for the beautiful trophy.

John McGinley (Organiser)



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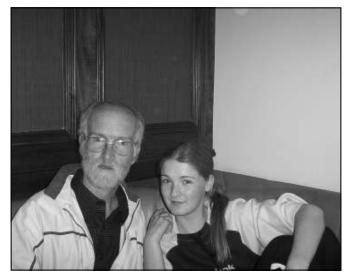
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6th	Steve Greenwood	32 pts	(B.9)
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Shopping List

1 large onion Bunch of celery 4oz of mushrooms 3 tomatoes Saffron Fish stock cubes Salmon fillet about 6ozs in weight Tiger prawns if fresh ask for 6ozs If frozen double the weight 1 carton of single cream Bunch of parsley 2 1/4 lb shoulder of lamb 1 head of Savoy cabbage 1 ½ pts of lamb stock 1lb of potatoes Bunch of carrots Packet of baby leeks Packet of baby onions Bunch of fresh thyme Carton of double cream 1 ³/₄ lbs of cooking apples

From the Store Cupboard

Samll bottle of vanilla extract

Small box of eggs medium size

Butter
Tomato puree
Soft brown caster sugar
Plain flour
Baking powder
Cinnamon

5 ozs of pecan nuts

How to get ahead

1 lemon

The day before prepare the vegetables and fish for the soup cover and keep in the fridge. Make the Irish Stew but don't add the cream. Cool down and put into the fridge. Make and freeze the ice-cream, make the soda bread, cool and wrap in clingfilm.

On the day make the dessert and the soup. Gently reheat the stew over a low heat until piping hot and add the cream. Cook the cabbage and put the ice-cream into the fridge 20 minutes before serving.

Soda Bread

Prep time 15 mins Cook time 40 mins

Preheat oven to $220^{\circ}\text{c}/425^{\circ}\text{c}/\text{gas}$ 7. Mix $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs of flour, $1\frac{1}{2}$ tsp of baking soda, 1 tsp of salt and 2 tsp of sugar together. Stir in enough of butter milk about $1\frac{1}{4}$

pints to make a soft dough turn out onto a floured table and pat into a circle and make a cross with a knife, cutting halfway down through the dough, bake for 15 minutes and reduce the heat to 200°c/400°c/gas 6 and bake for 25 minutes until golden (the loaf should hollow when tapped on the bottom). Cool on a wire rack.

Pan fried cabbage

Discard the outer leaves of the cabbage, cut in half and remove the heart and discard. Roughly chop cabbage and cook in boiling salted water for 5-6 minutes and drain, refresh in cold water and gently squeeze out excess moisture heat 2oz butter in a frying pan and stir fry the cabbage until golden brown.

Wine Choice

Well there's no contest a good Irish stout through the meal will be a very good compliment, but if you would rather have wine, a new world sauvignon blanc or a Sancerre would complement the starter. For the main course, a soft red côtes du lubéron makes a good partner.

Salmon and Prawn Broth

Prep time 15 mins Cook time 15 mins

1oz of butter

1 large onion chopped finely

1 celery stick finely sliced

4 ozs of mushrooms sliced

3 tomatoes chopped

1 tbsp of tomato purée

Pinch of saffron

1¾ pts of fish stock

6oz of salmon fillet, skinned and diced

6oz of tiger prawns

3 tbsp of single cream

Parsley ot garnish

Melt butter in a large saucepan, add onion, celery, and mushrooms, cook over a gentle heat until softened. Add the tomatoes, tomato purée, saffron and stock, bring to the boil and add salmon and prawns. Remove from the heat and let stand for 5 minutes until salmon is cooked serve with swirl of cream and parsley.

Andy's tip:

You can use any type of fish that you like.

Rich Irish Stew

Prep time 30 mins Cook time 1½hours

2½ lbs of boneless shoudler of lamb

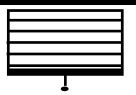
1½ pts of lamb stock

1 lb of potatoes cut into chunks

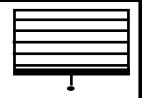
9oz of carrots sliced

9oz of leeks sliced

7oz of baby onions soaked in boiling water for 5 mins Drained and peeled



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3 fresh thyme sprigs 1/4 pint of double cream 1oz of butter

Trim and cut lamb into bite size pieces. Discard any fat. Put lamb into a large saucepan and cover with lamb stock. Bring to the boil over a medium heat and skim any scum from the surface, simmer very gently, uncover for 30 minutes add half the potatoes and simmer for a further 30 minutes. Stir well to break up the potatoes and thicken the liquid, add the remaining potatoes, vegetables and thyme and simmer for another 30 minutes until all is tender. Gently stir in cream and butter and return to a gentle simmer for 1 minute, stir in fresh parsley and serve with pan fried cabbage.

Andy's Tip:

It is very important to simmer the stew very gently over a low heat if its allowed to boil vigorously the lamb will toughen.

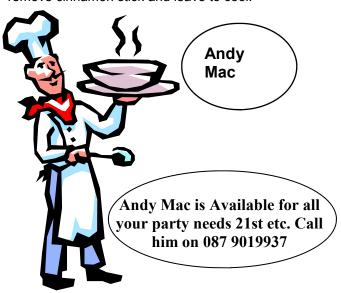
Cinnamon, Apple & Pecan Cake Prep time 25 mins Cook time 1 hour 10 mins

7oz butter softened
1¾ lbs cooking apples peeled, cored and roughly chopped
9oz soft brown sugar
2 eggs beaten
1tsp of vanilla extract
13oz plain flour
1tsp baking pwder
2 tsps of cinnamon
1 lemon, grated zest only
5oz pecan nuts chopped
Caster sugar to decorate

Preheat oven to 180°c/350°c/gas 4. Grease a 22.5cm/9 inch cake tin melt ½ oz of butter in a large non stick frying pan over a high heat. Add chopped apples and cook for 5-7 minutes stirring continuously until softened and golden brown. Set aside to cool, cream remaining butter and sugar until light and fluffy, add eggs and vanilla a little at a time blending the egg fully each time before the next addition siff all dry ingredients together and fold into the egg mixture stir in apples, lemon zest and nuts, spoon the mixture into the cake tin and bake in the centre of the oven for 1 hour 10 minutes. Cover the cake with a sheet of greaseproof paper after 20 minutes to prevent it browning to much. To test weather the cake is cooked insert a skewer into the centre, if it comes out clean the cake is cooked. Leave to cool in the tin, serve with cinnamon ice-cream.

Cinnamon ice-cream

Place 1 pint of milk in a pan with 1 cinnamon stick bring almost to the boil then set aside to infuse the flavour for 30 minutes. Whisk 6 egg yolks and 4oz of caster sugar in a bowl, bring the milk back to the boil and slowly pour onto the yolk mixture whisking continuously until the mixture becomes thick enough to coat the back of the spoon straight through a fine sieve remove cinnamon stick and leave to cool.



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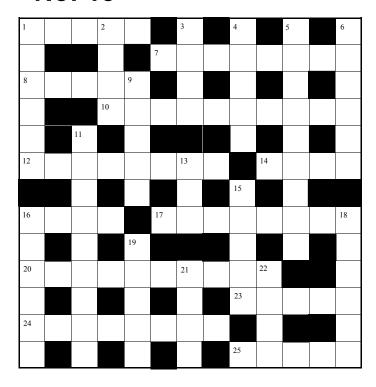
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- 24. Diaphanous gown (8)
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- 4. Drain (5)
- **5.** Dunce (9)
- 6. Belfast's county (6)
- 9. & 22 down British racing driver (5,4)
- **11.** Urge (9)
- **13.** Permit (3)
- **15.** Material (5)
- 16. Needlework (6)
- **18.** Any of two (6)
- **19.** Savoury meat jelly (5)
- 21. Town crier's call (4)
- 22 See 9 down

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Across: 1. Ovule; 4. Swoop; 10. Caron; 11. Cheetah; 12. Epidemic; 13. Oboe; 15. Expect;

17. Zagreb. 19. Akin; 20. Narrator. 23. Oration;

24. Cameo; 25. Never; 26. Handy.

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14. Patricia; 17. Private; 18. Wayne;

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- Aged 21 or over (24 or over for a postgraduate course) and for the previous 6 months have been receiving a social welfare payment such as Unemployment Assistance/Benefit or One-Parent Family Payment
- Aged 18 or over and for the previous 6 months have been receiving a disability payment such as Disability Allowance or Invalidity Pension (receiving Disability Benefit for 3 years)
- Aged 18 to 20, out of formal education for 2 years and for the previous 6 months have been receiving One-Parent Family Payment or Unemployment Assistance/Benefit.

An adult dependant of someone who is eligible may qualify if Qualified Adult Allowance is in payment. Periods spent on employment schemes, training courses and in prison may count towards the 6-month qualifying period.

Courses you can attend include full-time second level courses certified by the Department of Education and Science (DES) or approved by the Further Education and Training Awards Council (FETAC), such as the Leaving Certificate or a Post Leaving Certificate course, and full-time third level courses approved by DES for its maintenance grant schemes or courses which have Higher Education and Training Awards Council (HETAC) recognition.

When you have been accepted for a course you should apply to DSFA for the allowance on Form BTE 1. You will be paid the allowance instead of your social welfare payment at a rate equivalent to the maximum of your current social welfare payment. If you were previously getting an unemployment payment, the BTEA will not be paid during the summer period between academic years. Those who had been receiving other payments will continue to receive the BTEA during the summer.

Question:

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

Answer:

What you may be entitled to under legislation depends on how long you have worked for your employer and your normal weekly earnings. Earlier this year statutory redundancy payments were increased, however, you may negotiate a redundancy payment that exceeds the minimum entitlement.

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Question:

I believe there have been some improvements to the Back to School Allowance. Have the allowances increased for 2003?

Answer:

Yes, the income thresholds as well as the payment for children over 12 have increased, however, the payment for children under 12 has not increased.

The Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance is a special payment to assist with the costs of children's school uniforms and footwear at the beginning of the school year. It may be claimed for a child aged 18-22 in full-time education for whom a Child Dependant Increase is payable.

Families claiming a social welfare payments (including Family Income Supplement) or a Health Board payment are eligible for this scheme if their income is below certain thresholds as follows:

	Lone parent	Couple
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Each additional child	€21.60	€19.30
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Know Your Rights Contd...

Those taking part in a Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme (VTOS) or in receipt of Back to Education Allowance are also eligible. The allowance is also available to people on employment schemes such as Community Employment, Back to Work Allowance, and Revenue Job Assist who retain their secondary benefits, (i.e. gross weekly household income is less than €317.43) If they do not meet this condition they can apply under the normal income limits.

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The Scheme runs from 1st June to 30th September and is administered by the Health Board as part of the Supplementary Welfare Allowance Scheme. Families should apply to the Community Welfare Officer at their local health Centre.

Question:

Some French friends of mine have decided to move from France to Ireland. Will they need an Irish driving licence or an international driving permit in order to be able to drive here?

Answer:

No, they will not. If they already have a French driving licence they can use it in Ireland as long as it is still valid. Similarly, you can use your Irish driving licence in France.

Holders of licences issued by a member state of the European Union or the European Economic Area may drive in Ireland as long as the licence they hold remains valid. If they are resident in Ireland they may subsequently exchange it for an Irish licence for the same vehicle classes without having to pass the driving test.

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Holders of a driving licence from any other country may similarly drive in Ireland for up to 12 months, as long as their licence is valid, but they must pass a driving test before an Irish licence can be granted. Should they require a provisional licence it may be obtained from the appropriate regional licensing authority.

A temporary visitor to Ireland may legally drive here providing he or she holds a valid licence issued in his or her country of residence or an international driving permit. The holder of a licence for a vehicle with automatic transmission, for example the majority of American cars, may only drive automatic cars in Ireland.

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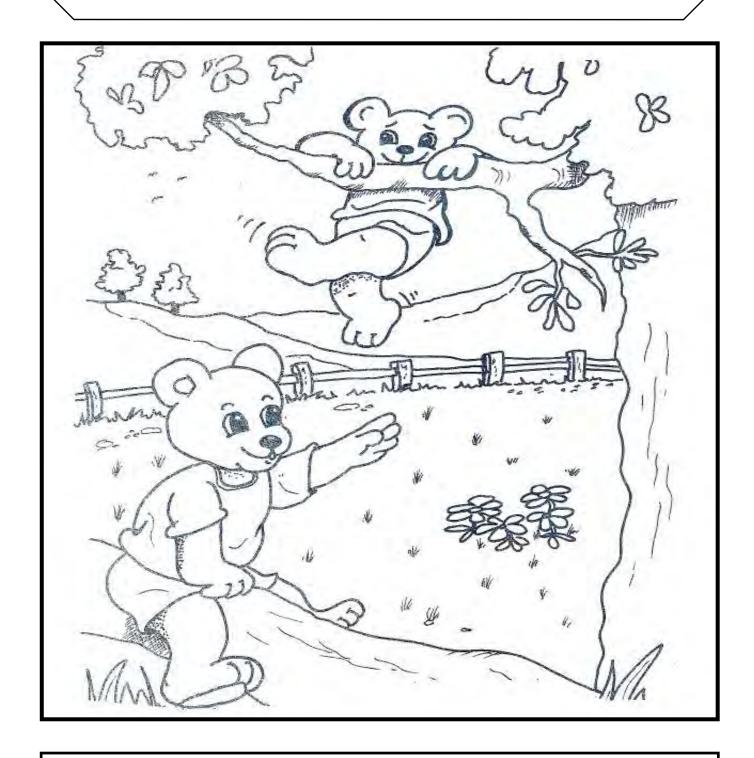
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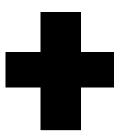
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Special Olympics Maynooth Host Town Programme

On Saturday June 15th a group of 35 complete strangers arrived in Dublin Airport and were taken on a relatively short bus trip to Maynooth. Tired and weary after, for some of them, 3 days travelling, they were greeted by a host of Maynooth volunteers outside the Glenroyal Hotel. Their natural exuberance came instantly to the fore as they hugged and kissed the assembled volunteers and realised, far more than the volunteers themselves that the absence of language is not at all a problem if your hearts and minds are open and genuine. Thus began what can only be described as a love affair between the members of the Brazilian Special Olympics team and their host town of Maynooth.

Everywhere the Brazilian team went they brought their special magic with them. On Sunday morning a special mass celebrated in English and Portuguese brought the team and the wider community of Maynooth into contact and the warmth of the atmosphere was palpable. Lunch in the Coffee Mill preceded an open party in the Square. St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band paraded the team from the Glenroyal Hotel to the Square. Those of us who saw the looks on the faces of the Brazilian athletes when they realised the Band were coming to the hotel for them will not easily forget those expressions. In the Square the team was introduced to the people of Maynooth and was presented with bags, T-shirts, baseball caps and badges specially designed and produced by the VPTP students of Maynooth Post-Primary School. The gifts went down a treat. Then, in glorious sunshine, the team and the crowd danced their hearts out.

The Brazilian Embassy offered a trip to the Lambert Puppet Theatre on Monday but it must be said that for many of the Brazilian team the highlight of the outing was their first view ever of the sea at Monkstown! We do tend to forget how much we just take the sea for granted in this island nation. Vodaphone in Sandyford provided a memorable lunch complete with a specially designed Special Olympics cake. The Leinster Arms was the venue in the evening for a delicious dinner in a relaxed atmosphere.

On Tuesday the primary schools in the town opened their doors to the Brazilian team. Displays of sport, music, singing and dancing greeted the athletes in the schools and they came back full of praise and delight. You didn't have to understand the words to know what the visits had meant.

Donadea was the next stop and a gallant band of volunteers had set up picnic tables and chairs, had sorted food with the help of the Coffee Mill and had

set up a treasure hunt in the forest. The weather was again on our side and we all ate in bright sunshine. The treasure hunt proved an enormous success and the Brazilian athletes adored the Leprechaun who kept popping out from behind trees to fill their goodie-bags!

The G.A.A. provided a demonstration of Gaelic sports on Tuesday evening and greeted the Brazilians with a guard of honour complete with fire engine sirens. Some of the Brazilian team looked like they were born to wield a hurley after just a few minutes practice. Indeed there is now the makings of a hurling team in Brazil as the G.A.A. sent each member of the team home with a hurley and a sliothar.

On Wednesday volunteers got a chance to see the athletes in action as they got down to the serious business of training and the volunteers were impressed. By this stage we had got to know the team, the backgrounds they came from, the problems they had faced getting here at all and the praise they deserved for overcoming so many obstacles and all of this without any complaint and with constant good humour. The bond between the coaches and their athletes was extraordinary they were parent, friend, carer, as well as trainer. They deeply appreciated the genuine fuss that was being made of the athletes, many of whom come from very impoverished backgrounds and they, like us, could see many of the athletes growing in confidence and responsiveness as the week progressed.

Wednesday evening saw a gathering again in the G.A.A. Club which those who attended will long For the second evening in a row remember. Donovan's Londis in Greenfield provided the food but this time it included a magnificent B.B.Q. The team were greeted by Masamba whom people who attended the St. Patrick's Day Parade will vividly recall. The smell of cooking steaks, chicken and fish wafted over the club grounds and the parking area was strewn with bales of hay, with a space reserved for the dancing that was to follow. Rita Doyle's dancers gave a display of Irish dancing, samba dancers from Dublin displayed Ceili and in general young and old, Irish and non-Irish had an unforgettable night of fun and camaraderie. Indeed many Maynooth people there that night wondered why we didn't do this kind of thing more often and if perhaps we had forgotten how pleasurable simple, homemade entertainment can be. It must be said also that, as with all Special Olympic activities, it had to be alcohol free but I think we were all just drunk on the euphoria of it all!

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Thursday morning was training sessions again as the athletes did need to be kept in trim for the week ahead. The afternoon was spent in Dublin Zoo in sunshine yet again. It was a leisurely, but animated visit which the Brazilians thoroughly enjoyed as indeed did the volunteers who accompanied them.

The final party was held on Thursday night in the Glenroyal Hotel and the dancing was once again non stop. The Brazilian team all wore the fantastic bright vellow T-shirts that the VPTP students from Maynooth Post-Primary School had made and they really looked Everybody was included and everyone participated in the entertainment but there was touch of sadness as the evening drew to a close. group of people had come into our lives only six days beforehand, just names on a sheet of paper. Now they were living, breathing, special individuals with distinct personalities, quirks and idiosyncrasies. They had greeted us with smiles and hugs numerous times a day, they had held our hands, they had tugged at our heartstrings and brought us out of ourselves and our own little worlds. They had brought us into contact with people in our own community and had provoked extraordinary acts of generosity and friendship and they kept thanking us! If only they could realise how much they had given to us. Now their visit to us was coming to an end and by the time the team left to go to bed that evening there were very few eyes in the room that were completely dry.

Friday morning was tough as the bus pulled up in front of the Glenroyal Hotel to carry the Brazilians to Belfield for the duration of the games. Brave smiles adorned many faces but the tears were never far away. Yet the mood was not one of sadness it was one of warmth and joy, it was one pleasure in human contact, in giving, in receiving, in sharing. As the bus pulled away, amid a sea of waving hands, people turned to each other and hugged and smiled and wiped their eyes. Perhaps we had learned to appreciate each other just a little bit more as well.

As with the rest of the week the sun broke through just in time to greet the Olympic Torch as it made its way to Maynooth. The Torch bearers entered by the Straffan Road with children from all the primary schools joining them from Silken Vale to the specially where prepared stage in the Square, entertainment had already commenced, ably hosted by John Byrne and Tony Bean. Our local silver medal winning special athlete, Mark Smith, and Trevor Walsh of TV3 welcomed the Torch to Maynooth and members of the international police force team carrying the Torch addressed the crowd before the Torch was whisked away to its next destination in the North Kildare Club. Noel Brady and Maynooth's traditional music group had entertained the large crowd in the Square before the arrival of the Torch and Brush Shields kept the party going until 2pm.

But the story did not end there. One of the Brazilian athletes did have his parents in Ireland for the Games but none of the others had any supporters at all. So many of the Maynooth volunteers decided that they would be their "families" for the next 10 days. In Croke Park for the truly amazing opening ceremony the Brazilian flags were waved high on the Cusack Stand and immediately attracted the attention of the Brazilian team, located in the central seating area. The joy was obvious even at that distance. atmosphere in Croke Park was charged with emotion. Host towns from all over the country were doing exactly what we were doing trying to make eye contact with the teams they had grown to care about and love. Family members watched with pride as their special athlete paraded on to the pitch. To see Mohamed Ali, despite all his own difficulties, waving and smiling to the crowd; to hear your own president welcome such warmth these special athletes; to hear the founder of the Special Olympic movement, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, speak of her mission and her joy at being in Ireland; to hear Nelson Mandela, a man of such integrity, speak of his respect for the assembled community of Special Olympians who could not be deeply moved. The World's largest sporting event of 2003 was taking place on our soil and we were part of

The progress of the Brazilian team became the subject of constant phone calls and text messages for the next weeks as volunteers tried to attend as many events as possible, sometimes moving between several venues in the one day. The athletes gave us many thrilling moments, not just when they won medals but when they were "brave in the attempt" as the Special Olympic oath states. The atmosphere at the venues was amazing and efforts of the athletes who came last in an event were rewarded with as hearty a cheer as the person who came first. It was all about participating: the winning was of course an added bonus!

The closing ceremony was not to be our last time to see the Brazilian team. Again in Croke park, though seated in different areas, the volunteers all made contact with the team. The team themselves made the front page of the Irish Times on Monday 30th June carrying their placards spelling "Thanks" but what the paper didn't show was the second line of placards saying "Maynooth". We all thoroughly enjoyed the party atmosphere in Croke Park but we knew that we had one more party yet to go.

The Brazilians were not due to leave until Tuesday July 1st so on Monday evening June 31st they came once again to Maynooth.

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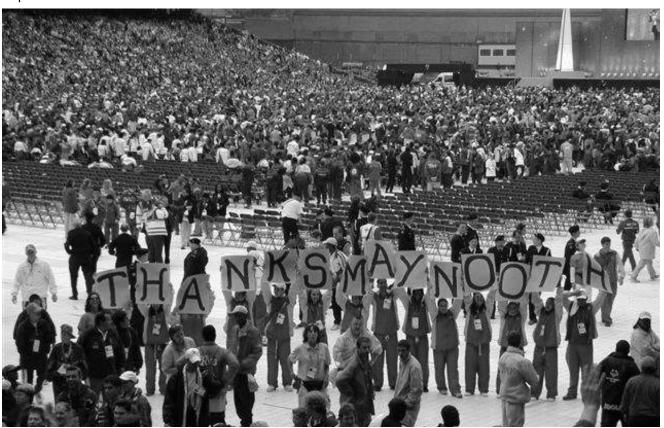
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Due to various generous donations during the intervening week we were able to take the team to the Sports Locker and allow them to pick sporting items for themselves to bring back to Brazil they were thrilled. The staff of the Sports Locker were fantastic to them: very patient and very understanding. Meanwhile another group of volunteers were getting everything ready for a party in the Glenroyal Hotel balloons, food and drink all appeared as if from nowhere and once again we all danced till we dropped. Medals and place ribbons were admired, stories told, hugs given, smiles exchanged and the delight of the moment was savoured. The goodbyes of that night as the team returned to Belfield were more final but everybody was determined to remain as bright and as cheerful as possible and give them the send off they deserved.

A small group from Maynooth made their way to Dublin Airport to see the team off on their long journey home. They had not seen their families for over two and a half weeks so there was the joy for them at the thoughts of that reunion. Some would be returning to situations as far removed as is possible from the life they had experienced in the two weeks they were here but they all left with fantastic memories. The final farewell was tearful but they were not tears of sadness. They were the tears that come when something good has happened and the immediate source of that goodness is about to be veiled from sight. But the feeling that goodness has given and the impact it has made will live on in our minds and hearts.

There are so many people who should be thanked for the experience of what was the Maynooth Host Town programme and the danger is of course the someone will be left out, so apologies in advance. Firstly all the volunteers who gave so freely of their time, talents and energy deserve special praise. It would not have been possible without them. The management and staff of the Glenroyal Hotel were outstanding. Nothing was too much trouble for them and everything was done with such grace and courtesy. They made everyone feel at ease and showed a genuine interest in all that was going on.

We express our deep appreciation to Donovan's Londis, the Leinster Arms, Vodaphone and the Coffee Mill who catered for functions outside the Glenroyal. Again everybody went out of their way to make the Brazilians' stay as special as possible. Thanks to Willie Kiernan for providing public address at our outdoor functions. Thanks also to Larine Court for their help in creating all the flower baskets and tubs which added so much to the appearance of the town. Grateful appreciation also to all the schools in the area, the Tidy Towns Committee, the G.A.A., members of the Maynooth Flower Club, the Public Library, Sr Alphonsus for her guided tour of the town, the businesses who decorated their premises and indeed to anyone who contributed in anyway to the creation of what was a very unique event in Maynooth. Let us hope that the volunteer spirit and the goodwill that was present during the Special Olympics will long continue to be a part of our lives in this community.



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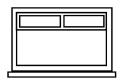
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Maynooth Labour News



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Government Won't Even Estimate Cost of Phase Two of Restoration Works to Maynooth Castle

Following the rejection by the Minister for the Environment to proceed with Phase Two of the restoration works to Maynooth Castle, Deputy Emmet Stagg sought information for the Minister in relation to the likely cost of the works.

Amazingly the Minister decided not to proceed with Phase Two without even having an estimate of the cost of the works.

Deputy Stagg indicated that he found the Minister's response a joke, as the minimum one would expect before you abandoned a project would be estimated costings. Just under 2 million euro has been spent on Phase 1 of the restoration works and Phase 2 would have seen the provision of a roof on the Keep of the Castle and an Auditorium.

The full potential in terms of visitor numbers can only be achieved if Phase 2 of the restoration works are proceeded with.

Deputy Stagg will continue to raise this issue with the Minister but because of the Government's mishandling of the economy he did not expect a change in attitudes until they were dumped from Office.

Temporary Accommodation Finally Approved for Maynooth Post Primary.

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been advised by the Minister for Education that sanction has issued for the provision of prefabs at Maynooth Post Primary School.

The prefabs will ease overcrowding in the school and will cater for about 60 pupils and should be in place for the opening of the new school year in September.

Whilst welcoming this measure Deputy Stagg indicated that he would renew his campaign for the provision of an extension at the school which would comprise of 10 additional classrooms and administration rooms.

Tony Smith Memorial Walk

The Tony Smith Memorial Walk was held on Sunday June 15th at 3.00 p.m. and about 30 sponsored walkers

participated. The sponsored walk went from Maynooth GAA towards Main Street, along the Avenue and into Carton.

We expect the walk to raise \in 6,000 for the Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee and hope to hand over the money shortly.

Maynooth Labour Branch would like to thank the people of Maynooth for their continued support for this sponsored walk which was first held in 1980.

We would also like to thank Lee Mallaghan and Michael Barry for again allowing us to use Carton for the route.



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Cllr. McGinley Lodges Objection to 238 Dwellings at Newtown, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley has lodged an objection with Kildare County Council in relation to the planning application by Sherwood Homes Limited for 238 dwellings at Newtown, Maynooth.

Commenting on the reason for his objection Cllr. McGinley stated that in the first instance the application was premature as the subject site, whilst zoned for new residential, cannot be developed in advance of the implementation of flood alleviation measures on the Meadowbrook and Lyreen Rivers as outlined in the Hydro Environmental Limited report which was commissioned by Kildare County Council in 2001. The Office of Public Works did carry out work on the Meadowbrook and Lyreen Rivers in 2002 but the major works required by the report which included culverting at Bond Bridge have not been carried out to date.

In addition Cllr. McGinley indicated that the density of the proposal at 13 units to the acre was excessive and did not conform with existing low density housing in Castledawson and Parson's Hall Estates. In effect the high density proposed would have an adverse effect on the amenity of adjoining properties because of the poor quality of design put forward by the applicants. This high density proposal would also adjoin open countryside which is not recommended under the Residential Guidelines for Planning Authorities. Finally Cllr. McGinley was critical of the proposal to incorporate 26 three storey duplex town houses into the proposal. Existing housing in the area is made up of two storey houses and bungalows and the three storey houses would be out of character and incompatible with same.

Cllr. McGinley was supported in his objection by his colleagues Cllr. Colm Purcell and by Deputy Emmet Stagg.

In conclusion Cllr. McGinley looked forward to the rejection of the proposal and he complimented the Resident's Associations of Castledawson Estate and Parsons Hall Estate who had submitted detailed objections to the proposal.

Cllr. McGinley proposed at the Leixlip Area Committee Meeting on 4 July that refusal of permission be recommended to the County Manager and this was agreed by the members present.

Bond Bridge/Meadowbrook Link Road

Cllr. McGinley was advised at the Leixlip Area Committee Meeting of the Council on 4 July that the recommendations on the awarding of contracts for both the Meadowbrook Link Road and Bond Bridge projects had not yet gone to the County Manager for approval. Cllr. McGinley expressed his complete dissatisfaction as he had been told at the June meeting that the recommendations would be on the County Managers desk within two weeks.

Action Area Plans (AAP's) for the Harbour and Carton Avenue

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following update at the 4 July meeting on the AAP's for the two locations:

Harbour Action Area Plan:

"While significant work has been carried out on this AAP there are a number of issues to be concluded before finalising a draft. These include the future of the fire station and the roads depot and the issue of car parking. The consultants for the landowners made a submission on 6th June 2003 and this is currently being considered."

Carton Avenue Action Area Plan:

"CAAS Consultants were assigned this action area plan. They presented a 'work in progress' draft AAP in Mid-May. There were a significant number of changes that we required after the proposal was examined in conjunction with Brian Swan, Senior Architect. A revised draft is now due and is awaited. This shall be proof read and circulated to the Members within the next two weeks. The land transfer has not yet been concluded."

It was agreed that there would be a Special Meeting of the Leixlip Area Committee on 23 July to discuss the Action Area Plans for Maynooth and Leixlip.

Skateboard Park for Carton Avenue Public Park

Cllr. John McGinley's motion "that the Action Area Plan for the lands at Carton Avenue incorporates a skateboard park to be developed and operated by Kildare County Council in addition to a children's playground" was agreed unanimously at the Lexlip Area Meeting of the Council on 4 July. As the Council's newly appointed Leisure and Recreational Manager, Niall Rafferty, was also warmly in favour of the proposal our teenagers can look forward to a new recreational outlet, hopefully sooner rather than later.

Cllr. McGinley Expresses his Concern Over Proposed ALDI Building

Cllr. McGinley has examined the proposals for the ALDI discount store on the Kilcock Road next to Kavanagh's Mill site. It is his view that the proposed store is inappropriate for this prime location because of the poor quality of the proposed building.

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This is the gateway to Maynooth from Kilcock with NUI Maynooth on one side of the road and the historical St. Patrick's College on the other side. It is therefore essential that any building at this location must be of a very high quality and certainly not the standard ALDI design. There is already a fine proposal for the Mill location and a decision on it is awaited from An Bord Pleanála. It is Cllr. McGinley's strong view that ALDI's building should complement the Mill proposal and not detract from it as proposed in the present application.

Lack of Footpath from Hand's Corner to GB Glass, Dentist on Leixlip Road

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to lay a footpath and resurface the hard shoulder at this much pedestrianised location. The hard shoulder of the roadway is in a very poor condition and is hazardous for the many pedestrians who have to use it to get to the Post Office and TESCO's. For the elderly and people with buggies it is a nightmare.

Cllr. McGinley has asked that the development levies specifically collected for this purpose be used to reconstruct the footpath and hard shoulder without any further delay. Some £68,000 was collected in levies from TESCO for a footpath some 3 /4 years ago and there is no evidence of it having been spent in the area.

M4 Sign at Barretts for Galway/Sligo

Cllr. McGinley's motion "that the M4 westward sign for Sligo/Galway at Barretts, Maynooth, be moved closer to the slip road to the M4 in order to remove the confusion and to stop traffic driving into Barretts." has resulted in the National Roads Authority (NRA) deciding to remove the sign as they consider it to be superfluous. The NRA believe that it's removal will resolve the problem.

Safety at Laurence Avenue

Following representations from local residents Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to paint a white line on the road indicating to motorists entering Laurence Avenue from the Celbridge Road that they must stop. Many motorists think that they have the right of way and don't yield to traffic coming up or indeed down Laurence Avenue.

Flooding at Laurence Avenue

Flooding has been taking place for many years now at the corner opposite House No.1 Laurence Avenue. The Council say that this is caused by the roots of the trees blocking up the surface water drainage pipes and they replaced the pipes some time ago but the problem has returned. At the request of local

residents Cllr. McGinley asked the Council to remove whatever trees were causing the problem. As a result the Council will remove the three trees at the top of the green initially and this will be carried out by the end of July.

Flooding at the Bottom of Maynooth Park

Cllr. McGinley has again asked the Council to clear the blocked shores that is causing flooding on the roadway from House No.'s 38 to 42 and 63 to 67 Maynooth Park.

CIIr. John McGinley Launches Personal Website

Cllr. McGinley has launched his personal website following training at the recent National Conference of the Labour Party. The website provides contact details and up to date information on local news and information. " This website is just another way of staying in touch with the local electorate. At a time when computer access is increasing in society it is important that local elected representatives use every means to keep in touch with people. Whereas nothing should replace the personal touch I believe that this website has an important role to play in the dissemination of information to the public and access to the Internet is now available at the Public Library in Maynooth."

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Ted Connolly

It was with a great sadness that the members of the local Labour Party Branch learned of the death of our comrade Ted Connolly. Ted was an Honorary President of our Branch and was a regular attender at meetings until his recent illness. At Branch Meetings Ted was as fearless in putting his point across as he would be over a pint in any of the local hostelries. He also proudly participated with his ONE colleagues in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. To his family and his many friends we offer our condolences. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.



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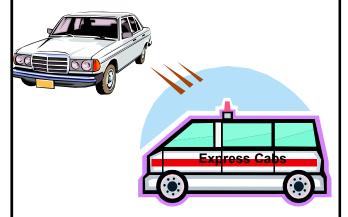
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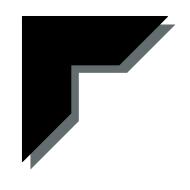






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Clubs, Organisations & Societies

Féile na nGael heralds new era for Maynooth Juvenile Handball.

Maynooth GAA club hosted 6 handball teams for the Féile na nGael competitions on June 12th and 13th. Thanks to the generosity of local families, all teams and mentors were offered accommodation in local GAA family homes. Maynooth entered their first ever girls and boys teams for this event. The girls team members Aisling Farrell (Captain), Louise Walsh, Eimear Connolly, Róisín Gorey and Sarah Hogarty started with a win in their first game against Templeudigan of Wexford on Thursday evening June 12th. In the 2nd game Templeudigan came back with a strong win to tie the match on points. Next day the An Ghaeltacht team from Ventry in Kerry became hot favourites when they easily overcame both Maynooth and Templeudigan with powerful serving and impressive retrieving. With Maynooth and Templeudigan tied on points the semi final place was decided on Templeudigan's higher aggregate score. Given the Maynooth girls lack of competition experience and considering that 4 of the players were competing in Féile camogie between their handball matches it was a very creditable performance.

In addition Louise Walsh gave a very solid performance in the skills test but had to give best to Templeudigan captain Niamh Murphy. The An Ghaeltacht team played in Mullingar in the semis and subsequently ran out winners in the final that evening.

Meanwhile, the Maynooth boys team Gavin Mulligan (Captain), David Mulligan, Colm Peelo, Ciaran Scally and Gareth Corcoran were playing away in Mullingar. In their first match they became involved in an exciting tussle with the Beart team from Donegal. Winning the first game after a battling performance they easily defeated Beart in the second game. In the second match Tydavnet from Monaghan, fresh from a comprehensive win over Beart, maintained their form when they defeated the spirited Maynooth in two straight games.

Maynooth came home for their semi-final match against Tinryland from Carlow on Friday evening June 13th. The Tinryland team showed their class with a powerful display of handball skills to easily defeat Maynooth. The Tydavnet team Monaghan also found Tinryland too hot to handle in the final. In the skills final Tydavnet's Donal McMahon ran out winner of the skills competition over Cian Clancy of Tinryland. In the skills semis Donal had just pipped Maynooth captain Gavin Mulligan single point. bу а This was an encouraging display by the Maynooth boys team. To qualify in their first competition for the semi-finals, at an away venue was very satisfying for the players.

The finalists medals and trophies were presented by local Féile and Kildare Handball chairman Pat Ryan of Leixlip. He complemented the players on their skills and told them to spread the word among their friends about the great U14 weekend that Féile undoubtedly is.

It was all roads to Mullingar on Saturday June 14th for the Féile parade and hurling / camogie finals. The Maynooth teams marched under the Maynooth Handball banner and along with all the other handball, hurling and camogie teams were addressed in Cusack Park by an Taoiseach Bertie Aherne and Kilkenny hurling star D J Carey.

A platform has now been established for juvenile handball in Maynooth. Maynooth GAA club are proud to have hosted the event and with the Kildare clubs hosting the event again next year the teams will have the opportunity to build on this year's performance. With a summer camp planned for the last two weeks

With a summer camp planned for the last two weeks in August, local matches and a juvenile team competition in September, Maynooth juvenile handballers can make significant progress over the coming season.

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Boys left to right:
David Mulligan, Gavin Mulligan, Gareth Corcoran, Colm Peelo and
Ciarán Scally with team mentors Tony Fingleton, Joe Mulligan and Eamon Gorey.



Girls left to right:
Aisling Farrell, Sally Ann O'Reilly, Sarah Hogarty, Eimear Connolly, Louise Walsh and
Róisín Gorey with team mentors Tony Fingleton and Eamon Gorey.

A Century of Irish Motorsport

Weekend of May 31-June2 became an unforgettable date for all the people who are keen on motorsport as well as many others who are just interested in vintage cars. Gordon Bennett Cup Race Centenary Festival, which started in Athy, Co.Kildare, was held exactly a hundred years after the original race of 1903.

Gordon Bennett Races, named after the proprietor of the New York Herald, James Gordon Bennett, are recognised as the true ancestor of all modern international motor racing. Under the circumstances, which we now may call very fortunate, the Race of 1903 was to be held in Ireland.

The circuit chosen for the 4th Gordon Bennett Cup Race of 1903 was centred on Athy, Co.Kildare and passed through counties Kildare, Laois and Carlow. The race which started from Ballyshannon, Co.Kildare, featured 12 competitors representing Germany, Great Britain and Ireland, France and USA, three of each participating country.

The results were, however, very promising — only 5 among 12 completed the course, with Camille Jenatzy on Mercedes, representing Germany, finishing in 6 hours 39 minutes, with an average speed of 49.2 mph for the total distance of 327.5 miles. The race was a tremendous success and in its time, when Ireland had a car population of 250, it gathered large crowds of spectators.

The Centenary Festival in Athy was the same success – many people decided to come with their families and friends, travel from outside Ireland to watch it. This race featured the cars from all the years of the past century – the vintage cars of the beginning of the century, including Napier 1903, the number 5 of the Race 1903, the old cars and the modern cars. The Commemorative Speed Event, which was held at Moate of Ardscull, the original place which welcomed the contestants of 1903, numbered at 147 participants.

Robin Rhodes, the commentator of the race and the voice of the Irish motorsport, kindly commented on the festival.

When a kid I've been reading about this race about these cars and I'd never hoped to live long enough to see it.

It's amazing that it's the same road and we are using it today — in 1903 it wasn't a tarmac though. Special pride is to welcome John Bentley with Napier, the original car, which has been racing on the Gordon Bennett Cup a century ago.

I've been in motoring sport for years but this – wonderful cars, which you are supposed to see in the museums, they are here and racing, doing what they

are supposed to do.

Look at the people around here - it's a bank holiday weekend, and still many people are here, watching the race, celebrating, and enjoying this exciting event. Truth to tell, this festival is not just about the old cars, it's about the commitment to motor sport.

The festivities lasted for the whole day – they started at Moate of Ardscull and were continued at Emily Square in Athy by the vintage car exhibition, street Irish dancing, hilarious street entertainment from the Prison Officers Pipe Band, and the Gordon Bennett Exhibition which was on display in the Athy Heritage Centre. The festival was followed by the vintage car days in Bagenalstown, Co.Carlow and Portlaoise.

Special thanks to Robin Rhodes for a warm welcome and Jakki Mooney for the support.

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Poets, druids and early Irish poetry

The poet is seen a liminal character in the early literature and can function as a shaman with access to realities beyond the experience of most other members of society and can reveal those realities to them through his poetry. The *imbas forosna* is also an liminal exercise; the poet acquires knowledge in liminal situations and the possessor of knowledge is often liminal himself.

Liminal figures can perform extraordinary acts and liminal objects are the source of extraordinary powers. The liminal figure or object offers a key to the categories between which it exists and can mediate between other pairs of separate categories. Last month we saw that one of the divination processes is that of imbas forosna and its performance is relatively obscure. In the 9th century Sanas Chormaic by the bishop-king Cormac mac Cuilennáin, it is said that the poet chews raw flesh - it could be pig, dog or cat and then he offers this to the idols and places it behind a door. The poet then puts his two palms to his cheeks and falls asleep, dreaming of the future. Cormac also says that Patrick outlawed both imbas forosna and teinm láeda because they were dangerous pagan practices.

This can be seen as fanciful speculation but others have deconstructed the liminal aspects of this technique. The meat by which the poet contacts the other world and acquires knowledge is 'improper' food for humans. First, it is uncooked, secondly, although the Irish did eat pork it is probably that cat and dog meat were taboo. The food then functions as a liminal object between the categories of edible and inedible. He chews it but does not swallow; so it is also between the state of being eaten and not being eaten. By placing the food behind the door on the threshold it mediates between this world and the next.

Sanas Cormaic also has two stories where poets use dichtal di chennaib. They are presented with skulls and asked to say whose remains they are – they are identified as skulls of lapdogs and the poets also reveal their owners. In one of the stories the poet places the tip of his wand on the skull to find out whose dog it was. There are other references to poets putting the tip of his wand on a person' head or body to learn of his identity. The use of a lapdog's head may be significant; an anomalous and liminal animal, domesticated from nature that is much more dependent on humans than a hunting dog. (So are the dogs, cats and pigs used in imbas forosna.)

In another divination process the poet lies on hurdles (*cliatha*) made with mountain ash and covered with the skins of sacrificed bulls; the seeker of knowledge drinks new ale, invokes the gods and waits for the revelation. The hurdle is used to make walls, doors,

fences and coverings – to separate spaces and to create boundaries. When the poet uses his *cliatha fis* (hurdles of knowledge) he is using a liminal prop to make contact with his supernatural informants. Again, the ale that is used is just fermented; it is nearly inbetween fermented and non-fermented – a liminal symbol.

Scottish seers behave in a similar way. The poet/seer is wrapped in the skin of a newly-killed cow, he is taken to an isolated place where he awaits the revelation. The hide and the poet are both suspended between life and death. The seer identifies with the animal and exists between the categories of human and beast during the ritual. He gains access to special knowledge as he is a marginal member of the community who is stranded in nature.

Imbas forosna is said to exist in a well in the other world that is located in the *les* of a dwelling. This *les* is the area adjacent to the house or settlement - an appropriate place for a well. The source of the knowledge is therefore in the in-between place between the house and the outside world. (Les can also mean rampart or bank that encloses the settlement.) Further, the imbas is said to arrive in the well from the hazel-nuts that fall into the water. The salmon that live in the well eat the nuts and swim down the river that flows out of the well: then the poets eat the salmon and acquire the knowledge. The knowledge is contained in the 'tips' of the other-worldly hazel-trees: the crop of nuts that are the most easily detached; the liminal part of the tree. The knowledge is given to the poet in a nut eaten by a fish; through a combination of plant and animal matter. The poet waits on the bank of the river, a liminal place between land and water. Therefore both the knowledge and the poet are in liminal areas.

The mention of salmon and knowledge immediately brings Find mac Cumaill to mind. He is best known as *fénnid* and the leader of a *fian*-group. Find often has to identify mysterious figures that he encounters and he uses a technique similar to that mentioned above. He chews his peripheral and liminal finger, a 'raw' piece of 'improper' food. His finger is between edible and inedible, eaten and not eaten like the food in *imbas forosna*. There are variant versions of the acquisition of this knowledge and his progress to poet-seer. The common and best known 12th century version goes a follows:

In his youth Finn goes to learn the art of poetry from a poet whose name is also Finn. The latter Finn has been waiting several years on the banks of the Boyne River for the salmon of knowledge to come to him. He finally catches the fish and tells his pupil to cook it and serve it to him; the boy is not to eat the fish himself. Finn the pupil brings the cooked food to his master

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and says he did not eat any of the fish, but that he burnt his finger (by touching the salmon while it was being cooked) and put it in his mouth. The poet realizes that by this simple action the boy has unwittingly acquired the knowledge contained in the salmon; he tells Finn the pupil to eat the fish because he is the true 'Finn'. After this incident, whenever Finn puts his finger in his mouth he is enlightened.'

In this case, the man who is still a child acquires the knowledge from the fish without really eating it, on the banks of a river between land and water. He becomes a poet in the context of food changing from raw to cooked (= nature to culture). The liminal salmon transmits the knowledge as it moves from this world to the other world while it is cooking. Simultaneously and accidentally it cooks Finn's finger, a peripheral part of the body. Finn is between cook and cooked, between consumer and consumable.

But an earlier 8th century version tells a different story: 'A man from a *sid* (other-worldly dwelling) keeps stealing cooked food from Finn's men before they have time to serve and eat it. Finn sets out to cook and guard the food; when it is stolen Finn chases the thief to the door of the *sid* and kills him there. A woman at the door, who is holding a vessel that has been emptied of most of its liquid contents, shuts the door against Finn, who is trying to enter. Finn's finger is stuck in the doorway. (Presumably some of the magic liquid in the woman's vessel spills on to his finger.) Finn extricates his finger from the doorway and puts it in his mouth. He brings the stolen fool back to the *fian* camp. Since then, whenever Finn puts his finger in his mouth he is enlightened.'

This incident happens outside the human world and on the threshold of the other-world. The cooked food is taken before it is eaten and the episode interrupts the sequence of cooking, serving and eating food. If Find had not chased the thief and coincidentally won knowledge, it would never have been served to the *fian* and eaten. Find again puts his finger in his mouth.

Another parallel version is found a later medieval tale *Feis Tighe Chonáin* (The Feast of Conán's house):

'A man of the other world owns a well of wisdom which is guarded by his three daughters. Whoever wishes to acquire knowledge must buy a drink of the water in the well. Finn and some of his men find the door to the man's dwelling open and try to enter. The three daughters push against the door to close it while Finn and his men struggle to keep it open. One of the women is holding a vessel containing the magical liquid, and some of it splashes into the mouths of Finn

and his men during the struggle, so that they acquire knowledge without having to pay for it.'

The same elements appear – the doorway, the spilt liquid that splashes in this case directly onto the mouth. A similar incident appears in the same tale:

During a hunt Finn is lured away from his men by an otherworldly woman disguised as a deer. She leads him to a magical lake where she reassumes her normal appearance and tells Finn that she has lost her rings in the water. He jumps into the lake and retrieves the rings, but when he returns to the shore he finds that the woman is gone and that he has become a decrepit old man. Finn's men find him and at first do not recognise him. When they realise what has happened they attack and unearth a nearby subterranean sid in revenge. The lord of the sid, whose name is Cuilenn 'Holly', comes out and makes amends by giving Finn a rejuvenating drink; this not only restores Finn's youth but also gives him wisdom. However, Finn's hair remains grey even after he has drunk the magical liquid; Cuilenn offers to change his hair-colour back to what it was, but Finn prefers his hair grey. He passes the cup over to his men, and as they are drinking from it the cup leaps out of their hands and buries itself in the ground.

Continued next month Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

For further information cf. J.F. Nagy, 'Liminality and knowledge in Irish tradition', *Studia Celtica* 16-17 (1981-2) 135-43), A. van Gennep, *Les Rites de passage* (Paris, 1909) is the pioneering work in the area of liminality, cf. also Mary Douglas, *Purity and Danger: an analysis of concepts of pollution and taboo* (London 1970)

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Party Political

Fianna Fail Political Notes



Brid Feely chosen to represent Fianna Fail in local elections

At a recent meeting of the Local Fianna Fail Cumann a decision was made to run a candidate in the upcoming local elections in 2004. A number of candidates were considered and a decision to select Brid Feely was passed unanimously.

Brid moved to Maynooth in 1966 when her father started work in Kavanagh's Manor Mills in Maynooth as the Company Secretary. Living initially in Laragh and later on the Main Street of Maynooth while a new family home was being built on the Straffan Road, where her family still live. She started her education like so many of Maynooth's children in St. Mary's National School, where she was taught by the well known Sr. Alphonsus, whom Brid hails as the best teacher ever!!! Secondary school was St. Joseph's Presentation College, Lucan, and from there to Maynooth College to complete her BA in 1980 and an H-Dip in 1981. Working for a short time as a teacher a career change was about to happen and Brid found herself working in the Meat exporting business. Working in the Castalia Offices off Main Street, Maynooth she built up a range of experiences in dealing with exports to European and Far Eastern countries. Never shy of a new challenge Brid once again decided to change tack and moved to the offices of Coonan's Auctioneers, Maynooth. Going back to the books once more she studied for and has just completed her M.I.P.A.V. exams in Estate Agency and now works as a Sales Negotiator with Coonan's.

Brid had a distinct interest in and love of politics from an early age inherited from both her father and grandfather and from her mother's father who was actively involved in the War of Independence.

During the 1980's while still in her teens, Brid joined the Kildare branch of Ogra Fianna Fail, and was Secretary of the Kildare Ogra Dail Cheantair for some years. On a local level, Brid joined the Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann and was the youngest and indeed first female Chairman of the organisation for many years. Brid's pioneering spirit in bringing women's issues to the fore will be a very strong card for her as an elected representative and will no doubt appeal to the many women whose stories go unheard.

With her abiding interest in and awareness of the development of Maynooth over the intervening years, and with her background as a Geography teacher, Brid is particularly keen and anxious to play a part in the Maynooth's future. Thus giving rise to her decision to go forward as Fianna Fail candidate for the Maynooth/Leixlip area in the Local elections to be held in June 2004. She is committed to the process of careful planning and best future development, (strategically and spatially) for the Maynooth area.

She is determined to play an active and involved role in the future shape of Maynooth as the next 5-10 year period which will be a time of progress, change and rapid social and geographical development which must be approached with optimism but caution also. In the short term she is very keen to ensure that she give as much help as possible to ensuring that the Community Centre is achieved for the rapidly expanding and youthful population of Maynooth, with provision of a playground and skating/rollerblading area a must. She also welcomes the current study being undertaken to consider a suitable site for a swimming pool for the Nth. Kildare area. The ongoing issues of Main Street traffic, parking, crime and litter are of course issues that are close to her heart and she will pursue these with full determination to bring about speedy and conclusive results.

Brid looks forward to an opportunity to meeting with the people of Maynooth over the coming months, to hearing your views, concerns, and ideas to help make Maynooth a better Town. To bring about change to cope with the ever increasing demands placed upon its infrastructure and to put in place the policies that will help these changes happen in an orderly fashion that will be for the benefit and enjoyment of all the towns residents. Not withstanding all of that Brid will want to make personal contact with the many unaddressed women's issues that are ongoing in peoples lives and to bring about resolutions for these people as well as tackling the bigger issues for the community at large.

Marseilles and the body in the trunk

It was Saturday, August 3rd 1097 in Marseilles and unbelievably hot. A man approached the Good Department of the railway station and left three pieces of baggage. The porter took charge of the pieces and went to put them away. He wondered about the couple who had left them. The woman seemed French but the man, who spoke French like an Englishman, tipped him like an American.

He was putting the baggage away when he felt something sticky at the bottom of the trunk. He went to the stationmaster and told him that something dead and bloody was lying in the trunk. He was taken seriously and the police were called. They arrived and decided that the baggage must be taken away for examination. The porter was questioned about the couple. He described the man as between 50 and 60 years of age, he was tall, very thin and his dress was sloppy. His wife spoke French without an accent and she had asked for the luggage to be sent first to Boulogne, then Dover and finally to an address in Bayswater, London. She seemed younger than the man and was beautifully dressed.

When the French police checked the address in Bayswater, it did not exist. The person to whom the luggage was to be sent did not exist either. After a number of hours, the bags were opened and the remains of a body were distributed between them! There was a torso and arms in one bag, the head in another and finally the legs in the last one. They were many marks on her body and she was presumed Scandinavian and a natural blonde.

The next line of enquiry was to try to find the couple who had left the bags. They questioned taxi drivers and hotels. Finally, they found one taxi driver who remembered them - a woman dressed like a duchess. They had ordered a taxi to the hotel du Louvre et de la Paix. The reservation was in the name of Mr. and Mrs. V. Jarvis. The staff at the hotel said that he had the impression that the man had been drinking. The place was full of the smell of whiskey. He assistant manager also said that he suspected that the Jarvis name was an alias. When asked why he explained that the woman was very concerned about an article of luggage that she had brought with her - a Morocco jewel-case that had a crest on it and the initials M. St. L. G. Jarvis, he said, is not spelt with a G. The police officer, Jouhannoud, found that the couple had gone to Toulon, he asked the police in Cannes to check if any luggage had arrived in the name of Jarvis. It was also established that the couple had said that their luggage was en route to Evian and that when the couple took a car for Toulon she only took the jewel-case and an extra coat.

The police in Cannes were in contact very quickly. On August 2nd a very large bag had been sent from Cannes to be delivered to a Mrs. V. Jarvis in La Ciotat a town that lies half was between Marseilles and Toulon. The police found the chauffeur who had driven the couple to Toulon but he said that he had not stopped at La Ciotat.

The bag was opened by the police but they found nothing to identify the owner. There were beautiful clothes and a headache powder with the name of a chemist in Monte Carlo. The search then turned to Monaco. They helped to identify the body in the trunk - a woman who had been missing since 1st August, Mme. Elsa Levin, Swedish, wealthy and blonde. On that date she went to her bank and took out 20,000 francs and some jewellery that she wanted to wear. She was in the habit of changing her jewellery daily if she was attending a special event. Although she was 67 years old she looked much younger. The detective in Monaco, Antoine Blanchard, said that he would go to Marseilles to identify her along with two of the casino attendants. She was in the habit of playing at the casino although spending very little. But they could not yet identify the couple. The woman could have one of Mme. Levin's many female friends. But the fact that the man was a whiskey drinker might help with the identification - most Frenchmen drank brandy not whiskey. This was to finally identify the couple.

The police went around Monaco and talked to the shopkeepers about whiskey drinkers. One of them finally identified the couple who bought a bottle of whiskey a day. The woman was Lady Goold who got a bottle of Canadian whiskey each day. She also owed a large bill. The police went to the address given by the shopkeeper – a beautiful villa. But they only found a young, beautiful girl who said that her aunt and uncle were away. She said that she was Henrietta Duval and that identified her aunt and uncle as Sir Vere St. Leger Goold. Bt., and his wife Lady Marie Gorodin Goold. The case was finally becoming clearer. The victim was identified as Mme. Elsa Levin and she was a known acquaintance of Lady Goold. Indeed, they had spent a lot of time together recently.

Back to La Ciotat where the suitcase sent from was still awaiting delivery. A footman in full livery picked it up in a dogcart. The note he carried to identify himself was signed Mrs. Vere St. L. Jarvis. The police followed him back to the villa where a man was waiting at the door. He insisted that he was Sir Vere Goold and despite his protestations he and his wife were both brought to the police station. The police decided that it was best to leave the two in detention for some days—it was felt that if Vere Goold were deprived of whiskey for long enough that he would admit to the crime.

Marseilles and the body in the trunk Contd...

Meanwhile they returned to the villa to talk to the niece who mentioned the fact that she had been away for a while and on returning that there were signs that certain rooms in the villa had been excessively cleaned. When the police examined the areas they found that there were specks of blood in the bathroom and the living room as well as the storeroom. The Marseilles police got an order to extradite the couple but Sir Vere Goold was surprisingly resilient - he didn't crack as expected. Furthermore they were demanding a consul and extra-territorial privileges. But Scotland Yard and Paris co-operated and there was much to be known about Marie Goold. Sir Vere was her third husband and he was not the real baronet - his elder brother was in Australia. When she married him, she had built up a great design business in Bayswater, London and it did not take him long to spend every penny she had saved. They went to America to escape creditors but eventually they returned to France where Marie Goold met her niece Henriette and the plan was that they would bring her to Monte Carlo to find a rich husband. They borrowed heavily to this end - but to no avail. Henriette, beautiful as she was, failed to find a husband and now they were broke.

The jewel case was opened and it was found to contain jewellery belonging to Mme. Levin. The Goolds denied the murder until they were faced with the body in the morgue. The Sir Vere finally admitted to a murder in an alcoholic frenzy. Marie tried to invent the story of a stranger who had attacked them but when confronted by her husband's confession she finally gave in. They had killed her for the money and jewellery that she had taken from the bank that day in an effort to cover their debts.

Eventually they went to trial and Vere was sent to a penal colony. Marie was sentenced to death but this was commuted to life imprisonment in Cayenne where she died of typhoid Fever. Her husband committed suicide a year later.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

Well, the project got of to a booming start on Monday the 1st of July with nearly 100 children registering. Since then we've been up and down slides in Fort Lucan, Playing Bingo in the ICA hall and bowling in Tallaght. There's a lot more fun to come so keep your eyes peeled for photographs in next month's newsletter!!!

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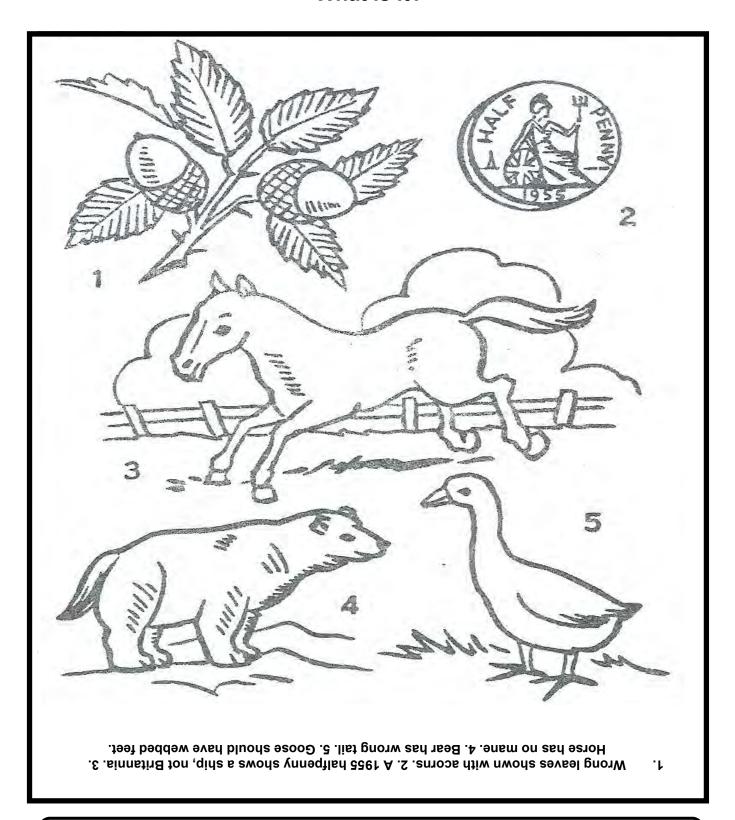


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Children's Corner

What is Wrong? There is something wrong with each of these objects. What is it?



Winner of Last Months Children's Competition: ADDRESS:

NAME:

AGE:

cheese and tomato

Topped with mozzarella and



TOPPPINGS AND LOTS OF THEM

Extra cheese, mushrooms sweet corn, extra sauce salami, pepperoni, chicken

Green peppers jalapeno peppers garlic BBQ sauce chorizo sausage spicy beef ham

Red onions, pineapple black olives, tomatoes spicy sausage, bacon, deep

€5.00

appetizers

Garlic bread with lots of garlic butter €2.50 Garlic bread with cheese €3.00

Nearly world famous buffalo wings	10	€5.99
Flavours: mild nuclear spicy bbq	15	€8.50
Southern fried chicken goujons with bbq or	chilli dip	€5.00
Deep fried mushrooms with bbq, chilli or ga	rlic dip	€5.00

Wedges-deep fried crispy potatoes with bbq, chilli or garlic dip

Salads

Garden salads-crisp lettuce, tomato, olives, red onion, basil and balsamic dressing Grilled chicken Caesar salad-grilled chicken on a bed of

garden salad, Caesar dressing and parmesan croutons Drinks 1.25 ltr coke/diet coke/fanta/sprite/ €6.00 €2.00 €085

Spice up your life

We travelled far and side and suffered on your behalf to develop this spicy feast. Warning: Not for the faint hearted.

Mexican Style Pizza

Refried beans, seasoned chicken or spicy beef, diced tomato, onion, jalapeno peppers, salsa sauce and blended cheese 9"=€8.50 12"=€12.50 16"=€18.50

Fiesta Chicken Pizza

Grilled peppers, tomato, cheddar cheese, roasted chicken, sliced red onion, black olives and chilli sauce 9"=€8.50 12"=€12.50 16"=€18.50

Indian Style Pizza

Tandoori chicken, tomato, peppers, red onion, coriander and missal sauce

9"=€8.50 12"=€12.50 16"=€18.50

Thai Style Pizza

Thai lemon chicken, carrots, spring onions, bean sprouts, spicy peanut and satav sauce

9"=€8.50 12"=€12.50 16"=€18.50

Steak Pizza Surprise

Sliced steak, pepperoni, Italian sausage, blended cheese, garlic, onions, tomatoes, red sauce and garlic dip

9"=€8.50 12"=€14.50 16"=€21.00

Californian Style

Four Cheese Pizza

Tomato, parmesan, mozzarella, goat cheese, cheddar cheese, oregano, thyme and pesto sauce

9"=€8.50 12"=€14.50 16"=€21.00

Goat Cheese and Bacon

Bacon, tomato, red and green bell peppers, red onion, mild goat cheese, mozzarella, pesto and red sauce

9"=€8.50 12"=€12.50 16"=€18.50

Vegetarian Deluxe

Grilled mixed vegetables, tomato, sweet chilli sauce, thyme, oregano, basil and cheese 9"=€8.50 12"=€12.50 16"=€18.50

American Style

Straight from the adopted home of pizza, where everything's is big including the portions, comes this meaty range of American culinary delight. Eat your way across the good old U.S. of A with our savoury selection of pizza. We did, just to bring you this menu. Be warned thought-this



selection is not for the peckish. It's only for those with serious appetites

Chicken Fajita Pizza

Chicken, red onion, grilled peppers, spicy guacamole sauce and salsa on '=€9.00 12"'=€13.00 16"'=€18.00

Chicken Philadelphia

Chicken breast, grilled onions, peppers, mushrooms, tomato, red or bbq 9"=€8.00 12"=€12.50 16"=€18.00 sauce and cheese

All Meaty

Spicy beef, pepperoni, ham, sausage, mushroom and onion 9"=€8.50 12"=€12.50 16"=€18.50

Philly Style Pizza

Grilled steak, onions, peppers, mushrooms, tomato, cheese blend and 9"=€8.50 12"=€12.50 16"=€18.50 red sauce

Chicago Supreme

Spicy beef, spicy sausage, onions, mushrooms, peppers, red sauce and 9"=€8.50 12"=€12.00 16"=€21.00 chilli dip

Pepperoni Deluxe

Pepperoni, smokey bacon, tandoori chicken, tomato and cheese 9"=€8.50 12"=€14.00 16"=€19.50

Super Supreme

Salami, ha,, peppers, pineapple, olives, mushrooms and oregano 9"=€8.50 12"=€12.00 16"=€18.50

Traditional Pizza

Once you try one of the old standards, Rebel style, there's no going back to the tepid cardboard excuse that currently masquerades as pizza. This is ham and pineapple, pepperoni and vegetarian with a difference. You might want to call up your other pizza delivery service now, just to say goodbye.

Rosemary Chicken and Potato Pizza

Grilled garlic chicken, rosemary potato, sweet onions, red sauce or herbed garlic butter sauce.9"=€8.50 12"=€11.00 16"=€18.00

Mushroom Pepperoni and Sausage Pizza

Spicy sausage, pepperoni, mushrooms, cheese, red sauce and bbq dip 9"=€8.00 12"=€11.00 16"=€18.00

Bacon, Mushroom and Tomato Pizza

Crispy bacon, mushrooms and tomato base

9"=€8.00 12"=€11.00 16"=€18.00

Hawaiian Supreme

Ham, pineapple, red sauce, cheese, garlic, chilli and bbq dip 9"=€8.00 12"=€11.00 16"=€18.50

Vegetarian Supreme

Mushrooms, peppers, onions, tomatoes, sweet corn, oregano, red sauce, chilli, garlic and bbq dip

9"=€8.00 12"=€12.00 16"=€18.50

Burning Desire

Tuna, jalapeno peppers, olives, oregano, red sauce or chilli dip 9"=€8.00 12"=€11.00 16"=€18.00

Meal Deals



One 9" cheese & tomato pizza+ 3 toppings One garlic bread

One box of wedges Two cans of soft drink

€12.50



One 12" cheese & tomato pizza+ 3 toppings Two garlic bread

15 buffalo wings Three cans of soft drink

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Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth School of Speech and Drama Tenth Anniversary

Maynooth School of Speech and Drama celebrated its tenth anniversary with a fabulous end of term play staged last May in The Riverbank Arts Centre, Newbridge. It was the highlight in what has been an exceptionally successful and action packed year for the school.

Last September, the school entered the Scor novelty act. Eight children from the school performed a play, written by teacher Martina Murphy. They succeeded in winning the Kildare final and the Leinster semi-finals. They missed representing Leinster in the All Ireland finals by three points.

Children also entered the Guildhall School of Music and Drama exams in November and all managed to do well. Guildhall exams are the most respected speech and drama exams in the world. Maynooth School of speech and Drama are one of the few schools in the country that offer these exams to students.

In January, the rehearsals for the end of term show began. An Alan Ackbourne play was picked – Ernie and his Incredible Illusinations. In preparation for this, the school employed some highly respected workshop facilitators specialising in carnival and dance. These workshops contributed directly to a wonderful carnival scene featuring juggling and stilt walking to the grand finale dancing.

One of the workshop co-ordinators was so impressed with the older children that he asked fifteen of them to participate in the Dublin City St Patrick's day parade. A wonderful day was had by all; exceptional March weather combined with some very curious costumes gave children and teachers alike a day to remember.

And meantime, rehearsals were on going for 'Ernie.' Mad, funny, depressing, hopelessly woeful, blissfully brilliant rehearsals. By the time late April arrived, teachers and students alike hated Ernie with a vengeance!

On May 9th however, all this was forgotten as the children were introduced to the fabulous Riverbank – a lovely intimate theatre built to professional standards. It was a long day as the children had to be at the Riverbank for four o'clock for technical rehearsals until the show ended. They handled it like the disciplined pro's they were. Parents helped out, coming on the busses with the children and one talented parent did a great job on make-up. Aligned to this, our workshop facilitator had given free dancing lessons to some of the kids and with so much goodwill in the air, it just wasn't possible for anything to go wrong.

The night ended on a high. One theatre professional in the audience commented, 'I don't know what yez are doing with those kids, but whatever it is, it's right.'

And so say all of us.



Taking a break from Rehersals

Community Council Notes July Meeting

The July meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on the 14th July in the Glenroyal Hotel.

There were two new co-options to the Council - Brid Feely, Straffan Road and Zona Christie, Meadowbrook Crescent.

Area Action Plan for Maynooth

On July 23rd the Leixlip Area Committee will discuss the 1st Draft Action Area Plan for Maynooth, if agreed it will go on display in September.

Maynooth Community Council Collection

The Annual Maynooth Community Council Collection will take place on the 11th - 14th September.

Recycling Centre

It was stated that the recycling centre in the public car park is not satisfactory where it is at the moment. It was suggested that it should be moved across from where it is now.

Cllr. John McGinley said that Kildare County Council would inspect it every day, also that there is dreadful abuse at this centre.

Matt Callaghan said that he has been looking after this area for the past month and that the bins are nearly always full. It was also noted that the clothes bin is not Kildare County Council's property.

Community Centre for Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley posted a motion "That the Community Council look at the possibility of a Community Centre at the Parish Hall site."

Some people felt that the Parish Hall was redundant and should be used more. However this was said to be untrue. The hall is well used at the moment, also that the Parish Hall is a very valuable asset to the Town.

Peter Connell said that he was informed that a site was offered near the Kilcock Road side. Peter thought it could be of use as a Community Centre, also this area would have to provide own car parking facilities. With the possibility of the Parish Hall being demolished and a new building being put in place it was felt that all concerned groups should meet.

We now have four groups looking at the prospect for a Community Centre in Maynooth. Maynooth Community Council, Maynooth Action Strategy, Maynooth Community Centre Partnership and the Parish Hall Committee.

It was felt that a meeting should be arranged as soon as possible to discuss all these issues.

Festival

Chairperson, Andrew McMullon thanked all involved with the Festival. He said most of the events had been well attended, also that the brochure that went out to all households made people more aware of the Festival.

Andrew said that we need to start work for next years Festival now. There is a full report on the festival in the Newsletter.

Greenfield Residents Association

Matt Callaghan said that trees and shrubs along the Straffan Road had being trimmed, but he said it was not a good job. Also that the yellow box on the Straffan Road at Greenfield Shopping Centre was not long enough. However it was stated by Cllr. John McGinley that the yellow boxes are generally made as wide as the entrance.

Matt also congratulated the Special Olympics Committee and Chairperson, Elaine Bean for a job well done. He also thanked the people who cleaned up the town and has it looking so well.

It was also stated by John McGinley that a skate-board park and children's play ground could be on the agenda if agreed by Leixlip committee.

Tidy Town

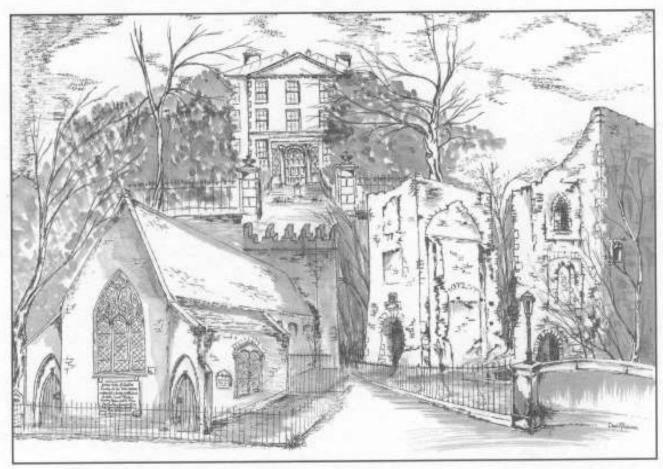
The tidy town committee have gained several new members this has come as a direct effect from the volunteers in the Special Olympics stated matt also.

Local Artist

Local artist Caoilfhionn Murphy has produced a lovely post card depicting local historical buildings Caoilfhionn will be offering these for sale at local outlets.

Next Community Council Meeting will be held on the 8th September in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Marie Gleeson PRO



Maynooth, Co. Kildage

New Postcard of Maynooth

A new postcard of Maynooth has recently been created by Caoilfhionn Quinlan Murphy. A reproduction of an original pen and ink drawing commissioned for the Brazilian Special Olympics delegation, the card depicts three historical Maynooth landmarks? St. Mary's Church of Ireland, Stoyte House in St. Patricks' College and the Geraldine Castle. The original drawing was presented to the Brazilian team during their recent stay in Maynooth.

The artist, Caoilfhionn Quinlan Murphy, has successfully exhibited at the Castle Keep art group for the past three years. She was the main illustrator for the Book of Maynooth which is on permanent exhibition in the Community Library, Main St., Maynooth. Caoilfhionn also illustrated the recent Maynooth History and Civic Forum publication 'Myth & Memory', the history and story of the graveyards of Maynooth.

The postcard is available for sale in the Maynooth and University Bookshops and Just Gifts.

Useful Tips

Stings

- Insect sting even multiple stings are seldom very serious in Ireland. The only notable exception (most often caused by a bee or wasp sting) is an allergic reaction.
- To relieve pain and swelling, apply a cold compress, ice bag or surgical spirit.
 Calamine lotion may help to soothe the irritation. If the pain or swelling does not go after 24 hours, go and see a doctor.
- Remove the sting by gently scraping it with the dull edge of a knife blade or with a credit card - do not use tweezers.

Stitch in the side

- Breathe deeply in and out to oxygenate your blood and get the cramped muscle working.
- Dig your fingers into the muscle at the point where you feel pain - usually just at the bottom of the rib cage - then massaging the spot by digging and rubbing.
- If the stitch was caused by fatigue, rest is the best cure.
- Mineral depletion is often the problem. Prevent a recurrence by eating a banana or orange and some salt in the morning (for potassium and sodium). Pay attention to your calcium intake; it helps to regulate muscle contractions. Drink lots of water.

Games in the car

- Keep young children amused with a surprise bag of goodies like crayons and drawing paper. Bring trays to balance on knees.
- Make glove puppets out of socks (stick on felt circles for eyes), and play out stories, or 'peek-a-boo'.
- Set competitions to spot things, such as a yellow car or a motorbike.
- Encourage children to count the number of lorries going past: the first one up to 50 wins.
- Play 'I spy ', stating whether the object is in or outside the car. (If outside, it has to be continually in view, such as hedges, rather than something which flashes past.)
- Draw up a checklist of sights for children spot, such as a farm, traffic lights or level crossing, They have to tick off each sight as they spot it.
- Make up a sentence with the letters of the car's number plate in front of you, such as BAB - 'Boys are best'.
- Bring a portable tape recorder and record your own songs on it.
- Draw up a list of general knowledge questions and put the children into teams

Lost Luggage or property

- If you leave something on a train, contact your nearest station enquiry office. They will tell you where to go to contact the lost property office. If you discover your loss immediately, they may be able to get staff to collect your property off the train before it reaches its destination and return it.
- If you leave something on a bus, contact the local depot or enquiry office of the company concerned, giving details. They will advise you.
- If you lose something elsewhere, contact anyone who may have seen it and report details to your local police station.
- If you find something on a train or bus, hand it
 in to staff imediately. If, however, it looks
 suspicious, don't handle it, but inform staff
 straight away. If you find something
 elsewhere, hand it in to the nearest police
 station and get a receipt. If it is not claimed
 within three months the police will give it back
 to you.
- If you luggage is lost in transit when flying, file a Property Irregularity report at the baggage service desk immediately. You will need a signed copy for insurance purposes. Give an address where you can be contacted within a day or two.
- Baggage loss is inevitable sometimes, but following a few simple rules reduces the risk.
 Use a suitcase, trunk or box that will not break open easily and do not overfill it.
- Lock your case with a combination lock. Put your name, destination address and phone number inside and outside the case, together with flight details (do not put your address on the outside of the case - it invites burglars)
- Remove tags from other flights.
- If you are making a connecting flight, try to use the same carrier.
- Check in early last-minute arrivals often mean lost baggage.
- Check the terms of your home contents insurance. It often covers you for items lost away from home, but it may not be wolrth while to claim for small losses. If you buy your tickets

your tickets credit card, b a g g a g e insurance be included

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GAA: THE WAY FORWARD

The elimination of Dublin from the qualifiers not only poses the question what next for the blues, but what next for the GAA..

Dublin can have no complaints. They were beaten fair and square and no tinkering with the tactics or team selection would have changed the result. Dublin's problem is deeper than that. There is a lack of basic skills in the team. Gaelic football is all about high fielding, clean possession, quick distribution and the ability to kick the ball from the hand or from the ground accurately, and over a distance. Dublin missed lots of scores against Laois and Armagh because the forwards did not have the basic skills to take the scores.

A lot has changed since the seventies. The influence and dedication of the Christian Brothers in promoting and fostering Gaelic football in the Capital has waned. Many secondary schools previously 100% Gaelic are now running soccer teams. The influence of cable television means that most youngsters in the capital are wearing premier league jerseys. The Dublin jersey is brought out for the summer campaigns usually June to August (when did Dublin last win the all Ireland? It is easy to understand the attraction of the premier league. It offers an aspiration to an exciting lifestyle, glamour and financial reward. The league is continuously promoted on television and in print. The summer campaign of the Dublin GAA football team, although well supported is purely a momentary aberration to many of the team's supporters. We not only have a problem with the lack of basic skills in the team but we also have a problem in harnessing the support and the commitment to Gaelic football by their supporters. This is not surprising, as none of the competing teams in the All Ireland would have a publicity or financial backup that an Aussie Rules team would have in their championship.

Mick O'Dwyer the greatest football manager of all time has repeated time and again that the GAA needs a successful Dublin team. In former years he may have meant in competitive terms only but now it has become a financial imperative. The GAA to its credit has built a magnificent stadium, which stands as a testament to the dedication of its members. The stadium however is costing big time and with the elimination of Dublin will not see a capacity crowd until the All Ireland final in September. This must have financial consequences for the organisation. As a non-profit body with a commitment to advance the Irish nation athletically and socially, head office grants to local clubs for development is a core policy. The bank interest costs on the stadium development is going to effect their ability to continue this programme.

With the financial responsibility of paying for the completion of the stadium and the running costs in future years the GAA has now got to look at how it can

re-organise its competitions to attract maximum attendance's. The recent review body recommendation to have two teams from Dublin is not the way to go. It is a decrease in the number of teams that is required not an increase. We will return to that later.

The authorities should be looking abroad especially to the United States and Australia. Both countries have their own national football game played on an amateur and professional level. The professional code is played to the highest standard espousing all that is best in the national game. We have seen Australians in Dublin with their great catching and kicking skills and the upper body development that comes with full time training. The game at this level is fully supported by marketing, sponsorship and all the publicity that we associate with a premier sport. It also provides the incentive to the thousands of young players to reach that standard so that one day they can enjoy the adulation and financial reward that comes with success at the highest level. It is precisely that kind of motivation that is required to resurrect the game in Dublin.

Rugby union has shown that the transition to the professional game can be achieved. There have been changes of course in the organisation and support base but overall there has been a rise in standards with Munster nearly lifting the European cup

What we could be looking at in 2010 would be a sixteen team All Ireland championship. Weaker county teams would be organised on a regional basis giving players a better chance of competitive success. The teams would have a full time squad of 25-30 players on contracts of say 75000 Euro. The teams would all have a major sponsor and expensive TV rights There would be two competitions, a Cup, on a home and away basis and a league. The teams could be as follows:

North Leinster East Munster Derry
Meath Cork Donegal
Kildare Kerry Armagh
Dublin West Munster Mid Ulster
Mid Leinster Galway

South Leinster Connacht

This list is based on population and the ability of the corporate set up to provide the necessary backing. A major multinational computer firm could support Kildare. Supporters who will lose their county team to a regional one will have difficulties, but one should look at the way the Munster rugby side has drawn support away from the traditional limerick clubs and formed a new and powerful base.

At the end of the day nothing can stay the same. There is a great opportunity for the GAA to move forward. It must provide the incentives, both on the playing and financial side to give the young players a aspiration of playing the greatest field game in the world at the highest professional level.

Planning Permissions

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File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
03/1157	Eileen Neary & Martin O'Rourke	38 Rockfield Green Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	13/06/03	To erect a 1st floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion	38 Rockfield Green Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1160	Laraville Properties Ltd	C/o Manahan & Association Town Planning Consultants 38 Dawson Street Dublin 2	P	13/06/03	To relocate to a new location open space previously designated for 2 approved student apartments and to retain/ amend and complete 2 existing apartments located at present in area designated for open space for 2 approved units and etc	The Roost Public House Main Street and Leinster Street Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1192	Albany Homes Ltd.	The Gables Torquay Road Foxrock Dublin 18	Р	18/06/03	For development consisting of alterations to approved layout (Planning Ref.00/2310) to provide 240 no. 2 storey and 8 no. 2 storey plus dormer floor houses, 248 no. toal (2 no. 3 bed semi detached, 100 no. 3 bed end terraced, 8 no. 3 bed mid terraced etc.	Greenfield Maynooth
03/1204	Ballygoran Developments Ltd	Moneycooley Celbridge Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	08/06/03	For development of a neighbourhood Centre to include: a crèche (289sq.m) at ground & 1st floor & play area (93 sq.m) 3 no retail units (158sq.m) at ground floor, 2 no medical consultants rooms (175 sq.m) at first floor and associated site works	Moneycooley Celbridge Road Maynooth Co. Kildare.
03/1208	Daniel & Catherine Corcoran	11 Rockfield Close Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	19/06/03	To erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion	11 Rockfield Close Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare.
03/1233	Aldi Stores Ireland Ltd	C/o John Spain J. Spain & Associates 56 Fitzwilliam Square Dublin 2	Р	23/06/03	For the demolition of existing residential dwelling and the construction of a single storey discount food store with a gross floor area of 1144sq.metres (net retail area 763 sq.m) the erection of a free standing sign along the boundary etc	Kilcock Road Maynooth Co Kildare
03/1259	Patrick & Josephine Moore	Greenvilla Straffan Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	25/06/03	For extension to attic and retention of extension to dwelling	Greenvilla Straffan Road Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1260	Thomas Hoare	Old Carton Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	25/06/03	Sought to (a) demolish existing bungalow (b) erect 2 two storey detached dwelling houses and all associated site development works including new site entrances	Parson Street Maynooth Co. Kildare.

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03/1261	Edward Kehoe	Donoughmore House Pike Bridge Railpark Maynooth	С	25/06/03	For Ref. 99/2056 for a two storey dormer dwelling, waste water treatment plant and a new shared roadway entrance	Pike Bridge Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare.
03/1262	Sally Ann Kehoe	Donoughmore House Pikes Bridge Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	С	25/06/03	For 99/2058 for a two storey dormer dwelling, waste water treatment plant and a new shared roadway entrance	Pike Bridge Rail park Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1269	Lynda Haren	58 Greenfield Drive Maynooth Co. Kildare	p	26/06/03	Sought to erect a dormer style dwelling house and domestic garage, installation of proprietary effluent treatment system and associated percolation pipe network, formation of new recessed vehicular entrance from public road etc.	Barreen Maynooth Co Kildare
03/1275	John Noone	16 Beaufield Avenue Maynooth Co. Kildare	p	26/06/03	Sought for a two storey extension to rear	16 Beaufield Avenue Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1297	Pauline Senchyna	6 The Paddocks Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	27/06/03	For development consisting of change of use of first floor ancillary office to women's fitness facility centre area 132 sq.m. and ground floor entrance hall and toilets 24sq.m.	Block F Unit 13 Maynooth Business Park Moneycooley Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1304	William Tinley	12 Newtown Court Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	30/06/03	Sought for a two storey extension to existing dormer house consisting of 3 no. bedrooms, kitchen, utility room, shower room, dining room, linen store, study and library area	12 Newtown Court Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1313	Gerard Quinn	509 Newtown Road College Lands Maynooth Co. Kildare	0	1/07/03	Sought for erection of new four bedroom dormer bungalow with new site entrance and provision of off-street parking spaces in front garden of house	Eadestown Naas Co. Kildare.
03/1356	Vincent Howley	72 Moyglare Abbey Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	04/07/03	For development consisting of the addition of a sunroom to the rear of the existing property	72 Moyglare Abbey Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1377	Tom Dunne	185 Kingsbry Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	09/07/03	For two storey extension to side and single storey extension to rear, containing bedroom at first floor and extended kitchen/kining room and utility room at ground floor	185 Kingsbry Maynooth Co. Kildare

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File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
03/1384	Richard Murphy	Fagans Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	10/07/03	For development consisting of the partial demolition of existing main building and the existing single storey shed at rear for the construction of a two storey building and etc	Fagans Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1394	Patrick & Alison Monaghan	30 Rockfield Green Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	11/07/03	To erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion	30 Rockfield Green Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1424	Joe McFadden	Rye Lodge The Maws Kilcock Co. Kildare	р	16/07/03	Sought for 4 bedroom dormer bungalow with garage and septic tank	The Maws Kilcock Co. Kildare.

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Garden Tips For August

First Week: Border Flowers to Plant

By this time of year most of us are viewing our flower bordes with a fairly critical eye, noting spaces where improvements can be made, or rearrangement may apper necessary. Many of us, too, have spotted subjects in our friends' gardens that make us rather envious.

So I am going to suggest four flowers that you may not possess which can be ordered now for autumn planting.

The positions in the border can also be prepared now, but don't go digging in a lot of manure, it would be far better to give such material in the form of a mulch after the plants have been set in position.

Now, to give them in alphabetical order, there's an Artemisia which is grown for its splended silvery-white plumes of foliage, 2ft. high. As a backcloth to a deeply coloured flower spike, this is superb. I favour a variety called Augustifolia. You may say this is not strictly a flower but I can assure you in apearance it is just as effective as a flower in many cases where flowers are massed the contrast is even more effective than more blossom would be. Far too little use is made of foliage plants in our gardens.

Next we come to Echinacea Purpurea, the modern hybridgs are really splendid having unique wine coloured crimson flowers, 4-5in. across, that are ideal for cutting. From the shape of the blooms you can see why it is popularly called the purple cone-flower. Three feet high.

Sidalcea, here again you want the modern hybridgs which produce flowers in many shades of pink, lilac, etc., in shape very like the populr mallow, to which it is related. The plants grow about 3ft tall.

Now we come to Veronica and what beauty she is! Dainty spikes of masses of tiny flowers, pink or blue mainly. One is as tall as 3½ft (deep blue) while another is only 6in. high (evergreen, pink, good for rock gardens). Another combines silvery foliage with violet flowers in spikes only 9in. high.

Second Week: Geranium Cuttings.

It is now time to take cuttings of the ever-popular geraniums that many of us use in our bedding schemes. These, strictly speaking, should be called zonal pelargoniums, but they are still "geraniums" to most people.

Go over your plants and select those shoots that are sturdy, close-jointed and flowerless if possible. If you have to use shoots which have, formed buds, remove the butds. Cut each shoot, with a sharp razor-blade, for example, straight across immediately below a leaf joint,. Remove the lower leaves. You shoulds then have a cutting 3 or 4 in. long.

These cuttings can then be left overnight on a dry shelf (in the shade) to allow a cork-like skin to form over the cut surface. This helps to prevent the stem rotting before it has formed roots after being potted up. If you do this you do not dip the end in hormone rooting powder before insertion in th potting compost.

Other people prefer to omit the drying period and to use hormone rooting powder, potting up the cuttings immediately they have been prepared. You may like to experiment, doing half the cuttings one way and half the other to see which method gives you the best results.

For the compost, you can use John Innes No.1 or one of the soil-less potting composts. If you wish to prepare your own, use 2 parts of good, fine loam, 2 parts silver sand and 4 parts peat.

The cuttings are inserted for half their length in pots 95 or 6 toa 5in. pot, for example) round the edge, or in boxes, sufficiently far apart that their leaves do not touch. Make the cuttings quite firm, pressing the compost round them with the fingers. Moisten the compost, preferably without wetting the leaves, and stand in the shade. At this time of year, I prefer to put them out-of-doors but they can go into the greenhouse if you can give them a shaded place under the staging, for instance. Do not water again until really necessry, but remember that soil-less compost must never be allowed to get really dry.

Tips:

Compost: The volume of waste material from the garden tends to increase at this time and unless diseased is useful for composting. Dry material should be moistened to speed decay, and a dressing of sulphate of ammonia or a proprietary accelerator helps the process.

Stop weeds keep the hoe going on a frequent basis to prevent weeds becoming established and seeding .

Plant seedlings; Seedlings of wallflowers, myosottis, digitalis and the like should be ready for transplanting. Dress the nursery bed with general ferttiliser, which can be raked in. Then plant the seedlings 225mm [9in] apart in shallow drills 300mm [12in] apart. The drill will make watering easier until the plants establish.

REMOVE HEADS

Removing the seed heaads from bedding dahilias will encourage them to continue producing flowers.

The Festival Ceili Night in the Straffan Lodge







The Festival Ceili Night in the Straffan Lodge







Maynooth Tidy Towns at Work

Maynooth Tidy Towns

People have been asking us why Maynooth Tidy Towns notes have not appeared in the last two editions of the Maynooth Newsletter - the answer is simple, we have been too busy to write them for the past three months. In order to make up for the absence, we are providing a comprehensive report this month on Tidy Towns activities this summer, together with pictures to prove it. Much positive comment has been made to us about how well Maynooth is looking this year and on how visable our teams of volunteers have been throughout the town. Maynooth Tidy Towns now have a dedicated committee of fifteen people and a multitude of others who have worked with us on projects. This year we made a exceptional effort to support the work of the Maynooth Special Olympics Host Town Committee. In fact, our effort this year owes much to their endeavours as this encouraged us to push out our own boundaries in terms of the projects that we undertook in 2003.

Kavanagh Mills site

Since the closing of this business a few short years ago, this site has deteriorated and become a major eyesore in the town. We approached the site owners Dulcedo Ltd who gave us permission to erect the new façade on the mill building and they agreed to fund the materials. The work was undertaken during the weekend of the June Bank Holiday with voluntary labour. As far as we know this is the first time a hoarding has been erected and artistically decorated in the town. To mention everyone involved would be difficult as far as I can recall six people were involved in building it and up to ten people were involved in the painting and Art Work. Congratulations to all involved.

Reinstating the area outside Maynooth Castle

This area had become an unofficial parking area with some people even parking on the grass. It was totally unacceptable that this very important historic area in the town centre was let deteriorate into that condition. We looked at this area back in April and considered undertaking reinstatement work only. However, it was clear that more was needed to secure this area as a town centre amenity area. Much positive comment has been made about the work which is not yet complete. There are two people who were central to this project being undertaken this year and must take the credit for its success. Sean Cushen and Mattie Callaghan pushed the plan. Cllr. John McGinley came through with the necessary money from his discretionary funding without which the project could not have been undertaken. Thanks is also due to Moybury Construction for their help in erecting the bollards.

Maynooth's Floral tribute to our Brazilian visitors As part of their preparations for the visit of the Brazilian delegation, Maynooth's Special Olympics

Contd...



John, Tony, Mattie, Aidan, & Paul. Building the new facade at Kavanaghs Mill.



Sean Cushen, landscaping outside Maynooth Castle.



Richard and Joe watering the Hanging Baskets

Maynooth Tidy Towns

Maynooth Tidy Towns Contd...

Host Town Committee were responsible for the purchase and erection of the new hanging baskets and flower tubs that are in the Main Street and Straffan Road areas. This initiative has been well received by the people of Maynooth. Maynooth Tidy Towns took over responsibility for them after the Special Olympics and with the help of many volunteers they are being maintained. Special thanks must go to Paul Dowling and the staff of the Larine Court Garden Centre in Maynooth. The centre is responsible for growing the flowers and have helped to maintain them over the summer.

Paul Croghan Secretary Maynooth Tidy Towns



Downse of Recycling in Maynooth



Gerry Mac Cann, leading the painting team putting the final touches to the facade.



End Results of Project

Fun and Games at the Maynooth Festival Children's Day

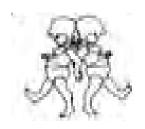












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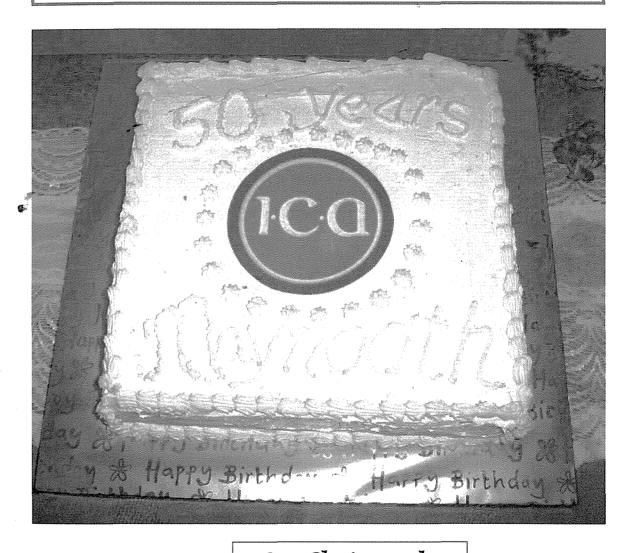
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6) ARE YOUR NUMBERS ODDS VERY COMPETATIVE?

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7) ARE YOU COMPUTERISED?

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8) ARE YOU FROM MAYNOOTH?

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9) WHERE ARE YOU LOCATED?

BESIDE TED KEOGHS RESTAURANT--HE SAYS HE'S THE BEST, & 2 DOORS DOWN FROM THE ROOST.

Editorial

As we go to print the new students will be taking up their College places all over the country and the hunt for accommodation will begin. We would like to welcome the new students to College. We hope that they will have a pleasant and enjoyable stay in our town. This is the first year of full semesterization and they will face examinations at Christmas as well as in the summer. Opinion is divided as to the efficacy of this system and only time will tell how it will affect student life. Congratulations to the Leaving Certificate students on their excellent results and congratulations to the local ICA on their 50th anniversary and the publication of their book.

Arguments are raging throughout the country regarding the new laws on drinking and the proposed ban on smoking in all work places. The cynics would maintain that the Government is using these regulations as a smoke screen for the deeper economic problems that they have created. Bertie Ahern and Charlie McCreevy are now two of the most unpopular men in the country. It would appear that the famous wedding has done the Taoiseach no favours. Are we moving towards a prohibitive dictatorship in this country, a nanny state that leaves us with no personal choice? Health is not longer the issue discussed; personal freedom is now in question. Banning smoking in restaurants and pubs is draconian enough but the fact that the ban extends to both prisons and psychiatric institutions is bordering on lunacy. It shows no understanding for either of these groups. It is one thing to expect drinkers to smoke on the street - at least they have the choice to poison themselves in the open or at home and probably get pneumonia in the Irish winter. But prisoners and psychiatric patients live in their institutions; they are their homes. It is cruel beyond belief to expect them all to go cold turkey on January 1st. Are the nurses and prison warders prepared for the mayhem that will inevitably ensue? Loss of freedom is punishment enough without forcing these individuals to involuntarily give up the demon weed, particularly when statistics produced show that the vast majority of both groups are smokers. The Government would do well to look to the other problems that face our society: violence, racism, homelessness, the price of houses etc. etc. etc. Martin Cullen also wants to restore corporate funding to political parties, apparently to clear the debts of Fianna Fáil from their US-style election campaign in June 2002. He would do better to institute Town Councils in the qualifying towns including Maynooth. But it is probably too much to hope for that the paternalistic politicians supposedly in charged would grant their citizens more local government. Obviously we cannot be trusted with such responsibility.

Not only is our lifestyle under threat from the Irish Government but the currach is under threat on the west coast. Not only is political correctness gone mad but EU bureaucracy has also gone crazy. It is against regulations to grant aid the making of the traditional craft. Without the grants the makers cannot continue to build them. Are we seeing the death of the currach?

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Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
03/1453	Eugene & Michelle Ridge	51 Parklands Crescent Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	21/07/03	Sought for two storey extension to side and rear of two storey semi- detached house	51 Parklands Crescent Maynooth
03/1459	Seamus Dunne	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	21/07/03	Sought for a single storey granny flat extension to side of existing swelling	Confert Maynooth
03/1464	Kildare VEC	Limerick Road Naas Co. Kildare	Р	22/07/03	Sought to construct 2 temporary classrooms along with site works	Maynooth Post Primary Maynooth
03/1471	Sallyanne Kehoe	Donoughmore House Pike Bridge Rail Park Maynooth	A	22/07/03	To construct a two storey dormer dwelling, waster water treatment plant and a new shared roadway entrance	Pike Bridge Rail Park Maynooth
03/1472	Edward Kehoe	Donoughmore House Pike Bridge Rail Park Maynooth	А	22/07/03	To construct a two storey dormer dwelling, waste water treatment plant and a new shared roadway entrance	Pike Bridge Rail Park Maynooth
03/1556	Emmet Savage	32 Charter House Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	1/08/03	Sought for a dormer bungalow, garage for domestic use and septech 2000 effluent treatment plant	Cormickstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1587	Carton Demesne Swindon Investments Ltd	Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	08/08/03	Development consisting of a new two storey Headquarters building and the conservation and refurbishment of the existing cottage for a National Golf Museum and accommodation for the National Development Coach and etc.	Carton Demesne Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1599	Michael Mahon	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare	R	08/08/03	Sought for the retention of an existing single storey extension to the side of the existing dwelling	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1601	Paul & Marguerite Ennis	2 Parkland Place Maynooth Co. Kildare	P .	11/08/03	Permission for first floor extension over existing ground floor study and utility room to side comprising of an extended bedroom with en suite and new bedroom, single storey diningroom extension to rear and change of use of existing study and etc.	2 Parklands Place Maynooth Co. Kildare

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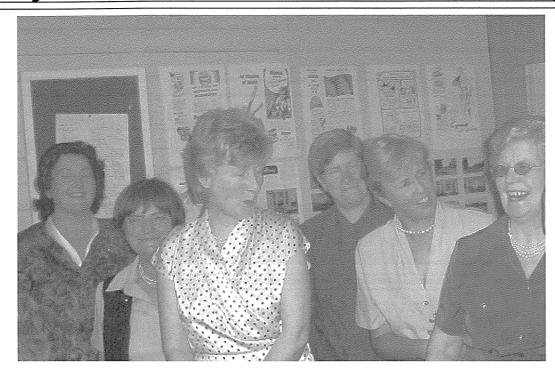


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Maynooth ICA Golden Jubilee Party



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The Golden Jubilee Party

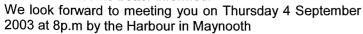
Thursday evening, 5 June 2003, the members of Maynooth ICA guild welcomed the President of the County Kildare Federation. They came together with some former members and friends for the celebration of fifty years of friendships, achievements and bonhomie. Monsignor Alex Stenson, parish priest, was present. We were delighted to meet Breda Cronin, a former member and her son Michael, a participant in the Special Olympics.

The catering was of the period with freshly baked apple tarts, currant cake and many other delightful goodies. The centrepiece was the Golden Jubilee cake, expertly iced by Jo O'Connell (secretary of the guild). Marian O'Donnell was hostess.

What would the women of fifty years ago have worn? Many of the present members of the guild were not born, or were toddlers that far back. So when word went around that it would be fun to arrive in 'period costurme', a search was made for suitably full skirts and starched petticoats, hats, jackets, costumes, even some stilettos and beehive hairdos (though they were a later creation), plaits and ribbons. Peggy McIntryre was on hand to graciously and good-humoured judge the appropriateness of the dress. Betty Farrell's smart shirt-waister was selected.

Members displayed their recent craft creations. Marian O'Donnell's slide show brought us back to a selection of fashions over the last fifty years. Women looked at each other - Did we really wear that? Yes they did - the height of fashion!

It was a fun evening. Now we look forward to the next decade. Will the ICA survive? Some younger women think that the ethos of the ICA with its emphasis on crafts and drinking tea is outdated. It is a way of preserving our ancestors' crafts, but it is much more than that. It is a women's club. New members are welcome - whether it is for the computer classes, or the bog oak classes, this autumn; or as a place where new comers to the area can meet and form groups for walks, theatre outings, exchange ideas and become better informed.





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Maynooth Community Centre Partnership

Established:

The lack of facilities for the Youth of Maynooth is a major concern to the Parents. Guardians and Community volunteer Groups. This issue has been raised at all Community forums within the Town and the central identified failing is the lack of a building / facility where activities for youth can be accommodated. Out of two of these community groups namely the Maynooth Action Strategy (MAS) and Maynooth Community Council Ltd (MCCL) our group was formed to address this problem.

Having reviewed the immediate problem it was apparent that much of Maynooth's community and voluntary activities were operating from premises that they did not own nor have any long term agreement in place. Therefore not only were Youth facilities lacking or disadvantaged but so too were all of the other groups and at best their operation depended on the good will of schools, St Patrick's college, peoples homes and the local Hotels and pubs.

On foot of these startling facts Maynooth Community Centre partnership was formed with the initial brief to deal with Youth facilities. It was evident to our group from a very early stage that the resolving of our goal would not be too far removed from the goal s of all the other community Groups. We widened our objective to achieving a Community centre that would be home to the widest possible range of activities. These others would be as diverse as Senior Citizens. Mother and Toddlers Group, Scouts, Arts and Music Groups and an eclectic mix of groups that would be too small to sustain a venue of their own but viable in the security of a Community Centre.

Vision:

Maynooth is a Town of some 12,000 residents, a high percentage of these are in the 12-20 age group. It has a vibrant and active range of Voluntary and Sports Organisations and a continually expanding demand on these from the ever-growing population. However many of these organisations operate independent and unaware of each other's activities. The lack of a Community Centre where the opportunity to meet and mix with one's neighbours is a major weakness in the social fibre of Maynooth.

Our Vision for a Community Centre is elaborate and ambitious, our expectations are high and our sense of reality rooted in the knowledge that by taking this project one step at a time, all of the above will be realised. Having sought public opinion in a variety of forums we believe we are mandated to pursue this

project to completion. We will create an atmosphere that will be positive and a belief that Maynooth can have the Centre it so long deserves.

Our vision is a vibrant, active and organic Centre that will not be just a building but an environment of Welcome, Warmth and Belonging to all that will use it. It will create a strong sense of Community and give the residents of Maynooth a true feeling of belonging to the Community of Maynooth.

In the coming months we expect to work closely with many of our local groups bringing their ideas into the plan for the Centre. We also know that we will have high expectation from Kildare County Council as outlined in the Maynooth Development Plan (sect. 2.3: 1) to back and support this project and assist in every way this community driven project. Many other statutory bodies will have a role to play as this project moves forward and from them we would have the same high expectations to help us deliver the Community Centre.

Progress / Achievements

Formed in April 2002 MCCP represents many of the Towns Voluntary & Sporting Groups. The Steering Group of 5 members meets weekly and reports to the main Group at a monthly meeting. All of the members are active in the project and this is an important element in ensure that the outcome will bring results that meet the current demands of the Town.

Over the past year apart from the regular meetings members have been completing research tasks and reporting back to the Group with their results. The following lists are the main achievements to date:

- · Visits to other Community Centres and consulted with the organisers of these projects.
- Meetings with many experts in the fields of Community Projects. We have formed good links in this area, which we can draw upon at a later stage.
- Met with and informed the Local County Council representatives of our plans.
- Met with representatives of Kildare County Council.
- Affiliated with other Community Groups in Maynooth to give strength and awareness of our intentions to develop a Centre
- Members have attended seminars on issues relating to funding for Community Initiatives
- Completed a survey of the local Clubs etc to assess their needs.

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Clubs, Organisations & Societies

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- Met with Minister Charlie McCreevy and Minister John O'Donoghue
- Identified sites in the Town suitable for the Centre.
- Canvassed with the assistance of the Local school the perceived needs of the youth of Maynooth.
- Completed a first draft of what we believe is Phase 1 of Maynooth Community Centre.

Draft of Phase 1 Needs:

- The following are the main Points identified from analysis of the surveys and discussions with Groups with an interest in using the Community Centre:
- Meeting Rooms of various sizes.
- Coffee dock area.....expected revenue generation side to this facility
- Multi-function Hall. Ability to facilitate small and large groups or several groups simultaneously by dividing partitions.
- Adequate storage space
- Accessibility for all members of the Community
- Reception area and office space
- Outdoor playground

Official launch of Maynooth Community Centre project.

Following on from the work of just over one year since the inaugural public meeting to establish a Community Centre for Maynooth there was an evening of music held in the Straffan Court Hotel on the 28th June 2003. This marked the milestone decision to choose a site for the Centre and to bring this to the attention of the wider community. Over the course of the preceding year there have been numerous meetings of the steering group both at committee level and with other agencies including politicians, local community groups, groups involved in centres in towns adjacent to Maynooth and a range of other contacts relevant to our goal. We now feel that in having chosen a site on the Dublin Road adjacent to the existing football pitches a significant advance has been made.

We believe this site presents not only a location for the Community Centre itself but also has great potential for the inclusion of a range of other outdoor activities. Given that the site will be part of the planned Public open space adjacent to the Carton Avenue we feel that the opportunity to include tennis, basketball, skateboarding and passive amenity areas and possibly the site for the swimming pool, is greatly improved and will provide much needed recreational amenities for the Town.

As we move forward in to the next phase of the plan we welcome all inputs from the community. The project can best serve all of the needs by having those needs identified and the support of the community behind it. The members of the committee are available to discuss any ideas that will contribute to the final shape of the Centre and we will endeavour at all times to communicate our progress through the pages of the local publications.

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Summer Project

So the project is over for another summer and what a great success it was! We ventured to places both familiar and strange, we ran amuck in playgrounds all over Kildare and Dublin, we witnessed the magic process of creating chocolate and even got some hands on experience, bringing home the wonders that we made. We tested our knowledge at table quizzes and took a gamble at bingo and tried our hand at bowling. Oh and let us not forget that we danced our hearts out at a disco in the Glenroyal Hotel. Both old and young got something out of the fortnight of fun! So if you feel up to the challenge our AGM will be held in the Community Council Office, unit 5 Newtown Shopping Centre, Beaufield, Maynooth on Wednesday 1st October 2003 at 8 O'clock. For more information you can contact Madeleine @ 6286443 or Paula @ 6285810. Come along and get involved.



Maynooth Summer Project 'Lunch Time'



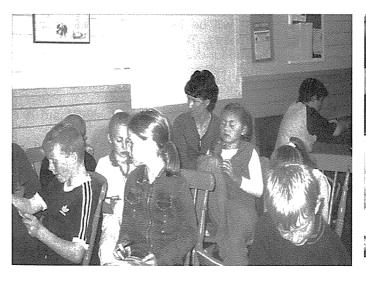
Maynooth Summer Project Committee Left to Right: Paula Tracey, Mary Farrell, Madeleine Stynes and Margaret Houlalin



Waiting for Roll Call



Picnic in Newbridge House



Bingo in the I.C.A. Hall



The Chocolate Warehouse

Know Your Rights A

Question

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Question

I am 65 years old and working as a bookkeeper for a small company. I would like to continue working but I am concerned that I will not be able to claim my Old-Age Pension. Can I continue in my job and still apply for the Old-Age Pension?

Answe

Yes. You are entitled to work and receive an old age pension at the same time once you reach 66.

Contributory Pension

A contributory pension, such as Widow's/Widower's Contributory Pension or the Old Age Contributory Pension will not be affected by other income, including your earnings from employment.

If your partner works and earns less than \in 88.88 per week this will not affect your pension. If your partner earns between \in 88.88 - \in 203.16 you will be entitled to a reduced rate payment for them. However, if your partner earns over \in 203.16 gross per week you will no longer receive an increase for them on your pension. It is important to check if they are entitled to claim a pension in their own right.

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If you are claiming a Non-Contributory Old-Age Pension your earnings* will be means tested against your pension.

For example, if you are working and your gross earnings are ∈200** per week, then the amount (less PRSI, travelling expenses to/from work and union dues) will be assessed as your means for pension purposes. This will result in approximately a euro reduction for every euro earned.

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- * Income as a home help for Health Board is not taken into account.
- ** In the case of a couple the means are halved.

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Question

We have just returned from a package holiday in Spain. Unfortunately the holiday was a disaster as we did not have the hotel facilities promised in the brochure. Is there anything I can do about it in terms of making a complaint and getting our money back?

Answer

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- Accommodation
- other services (e.g. golf/fishing)

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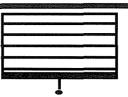
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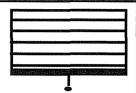
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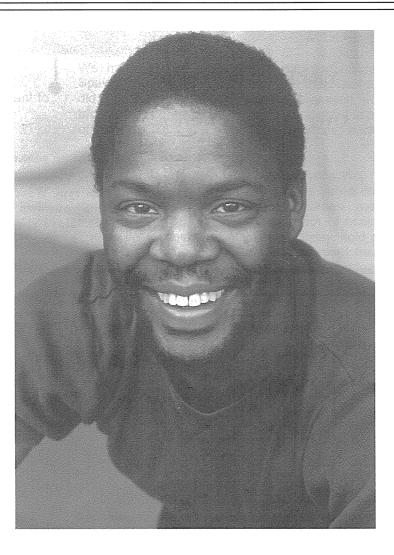
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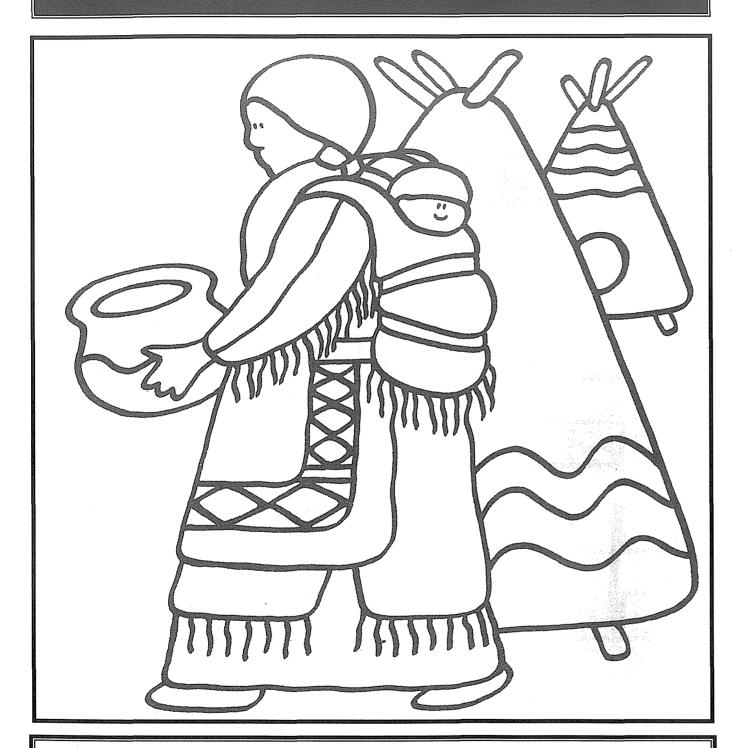
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Parent & Child Bridge Competition

Acol House Junior Bridge Club, Maynooth, held a "Parent/Grandparent & Child Bridge Competition recently.

The Winners were:

East/West

North/South Siobhan Albrecht & her Granny - Patricia Healy East/West Christina Dix and her Dad -Phil Dix 2nd North/South Kevin Timoney & his Mum Katie Timoney & her Aunt East/West Cepta Niav Watters & her Mum North/South

Mary

There were 7 tables taking part and everyone enjoyed the evening

Catherine

Ashling Plunkett & her Mum

Bridge Classes for Juniors - Boys & Girls - will take

place in September on Sunday afternoons. Enquiries Phone: -1-6285378.

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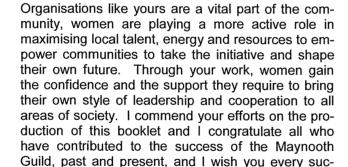


Cutting the Golden Jubilee cake

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Message from President McAleese

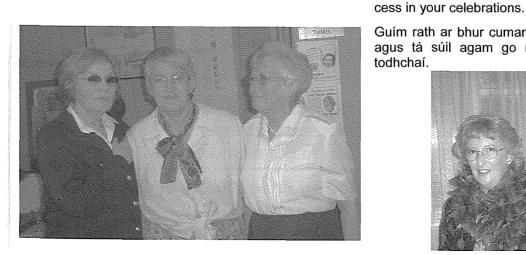
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Maynooth Local History and Civic Forum

The year 2003 marks the bicentenary of the short-lived rebellion led by United Irishman, Robert Emmet (1779-1803) and his subsequent trial and execution. After much planning, on the morning of the 23 July 1803 Emmet's agents rode from Dublin into surrounding counties to inform the insurgents that they were to assemble on Thomas Street in Dublin at 6.00 that evening, when final instructions and weapons would be handed out. The rising itself was to take place at 9.00p.m. Among the insurgents in Kildare was a well-organised group in Maynooth under the leadership of Owen Lyons, a local shoemaker.

Emmet's rebellion failed, partly through bad luck, partly by lack of co-ordination and partly by lack of leadership. When the contingent from Kildare arrived in Dublin before 6.00p.m., they quickly realised that promised weapons were not available and marched back to their own county. Too many had died in 1798. The rising collapsed after a few skirmishes and Emmet's 200 or so followers quietly slipped away through the laneways and streets of Dublin.

Emmet then went into hiding, protected by his trustworthy housekeeper Anne Devlin (1781-1851). He also stayed in contact with his fiancée Sarah Curran (1782-1808). On 25 August he was arrested in Harold's Cross in Dublin at the home of a Mrs Palmer. He was tried and executed at noon on 20 September 1803 opposite St Catherine's Church on Thomas St. He was 25 years of age. The location of his grave is unknown.

Robert Emmet became one of the most popular and important of all Irish revolutionaries. commemorations of the centenary of the rising in 1903 attracted over 70,000 delegates from all 32 counties in Ireland and abroad to a national demonstration in Dublin. The commemorations of the bicentenary have been more subdued. At 6.00 o'clock on the evening of 23 of July last, a book entitled, Remembering Emmet: Images of the Life and legacy of Robert Emmet, by Ruán O'Donnell and published in association with the National Library of ireland and Wordwell, was launched in the National Library in Kildare St in Dublin. When the speeches were over, a small group carried on to St Catherine's Church on Thomas Street where a further commemorative ceremony took place at about Philip Emmet, a sixth-generation descendant of Robert Emmet, was present.

When Sarah's father discovered her relationship with Emmet, he disowned her. She went to Cork where she met and married Captain R.H. Sturgeon of the Royal Staff Corps. Following a posting in Sicily, Sarah, then pregnant, and her husband sailed for England in 1808. The ship got caught in a storm, and within sight of land she went into premature labour. Following a difficult birth, the baby survived a few days. Sarah died soon afterwards, aged 26, and in accordance with her wishes she was buried at the family seat in Newmarket in Co. Cork, a Celtic cross marking her grave.

Anne Devlin, on the other hand, had a long but difficult life. Soon after the rising she was arrested, tortured and imprisoned. She spent over three years in various prisons, often in solitary confinement and as a result, her health suffered. When she was finally released she found work as a housekeeper and married a man named Campbell. When he died in 1845, she and her invalid daughter had to depend on her son for support. Anne Devlin died in poverty on the 18 Septemnber 1851 aged 70, at 2 Little Elbow Lane, Dublin. She is buried in Glasnevin Cemetery near the O'Connell Circle.

While the major players in Irish history are remembered and commemorated, others are often forgotten. By way of paying tribute to the part played by Anne Devlin in the events of 1803 Maynooth Local History group have organised a talk which will be given in the library on the Main Street in Maynooth during Heritage Week which this year takes place from Sunday 7th September to Sunday 14th September. The speaker is Mary Cullen, the title is 'Anne Devlin—heroine of 1803', the date is Thursday 11th September and the time is 8.00 p.m.



Taken outside St. Catherine's Church on Thomas Street in Dublin on Wednesday evening 23rd July 2003.

L - R Anton O'Toole, former Dublin All Ireland footballer, Liam Kenny, Naas Local History group, Seamus Cullen, Donadea, Dr. Patrick Geoghegan, Trinity College, Dublin, Rita Edwards, Maynooth Local History group, Kevin Kenny, Naas Local History Group



Heritage Week in Maynooth

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Come to Dinner with Andy Mac

Chilli Tomatoes on Crostini Salmon and Scallop en Papillote Vanilla Creams with Brandy Snaps

Shopping list

- 8 Medium ripe tomatoes
- 1 Tub of black olives
- 1lb of butter
- 1 Red chilli
- 1 Green chilli
- 1 Bulb of garlic
- 1/2 a French stick
- 1 Rocket leaves
- 4 × 4ozs of Salmon fillets
- 8 Scallops
- 1 Shallot
- 1 Lime
- 1 Large bunch of Coriander
- 12oz Mascarpone
- 1 Small bottle of Vanilla extract
- 12oz of Raspberries
- 1 Orange
- 1 Lemon

From the Store Cupboard

Caster sugar Olive oil

Icing Sugar

Plain flour

Golden syrup

Ground ginger

Brandy

How to get ahead

The day before make the vanilla creams in there moulds, cover with Clingfilm and chill. Bake brandy snaps and cool, keep in an airtight container. Make raspberry and orange sauce.

On the day make up Salmon en papillote, place on a baking tray and chill until required, stuff the tomatoes, put into an ovenproof dish and pour over chilled

butter. Make vegetable dishes, make the crostini bake fish parcels while serving the starter, assemble the dessert before serving.

Step by step en papillote

Cooking en papillote is the term for baking in paper. The sealed paper lets the ingredients inside gently steam and the flavours mingle together. Most fillets of fish can be cooked this way.

For 4 parcels you will need 4 sheets of grease proof paper, fold it in half and cut out into a heart shape.

- Put the salmon, scallops, shallots lime and melted butter in the centre of one side of the paper, brush the edge of the paper with melted butter.
- 3 Fold over the paper and bring the edges of the paper together, make small pleats starting at the curved end all the way around the edge to seal in the fish. Bake as for recipe, serve immediately and let your guests open the parcels and enjoy the aroma released with the steam

Minted new potatoes

You will need 1lb of new potatoes, put into a saucepan and cover with water and season, bring to the boil and simmer for 15-20 mins to tender. Drain and toss with butter and fresh chopped mint leaves.

Ratatouille

Heat 2 tbsp olive oil in a saucepan add 2 roughly chopped red onions and 2 crushed garlic cloves , Cook for 3-4 mins . Dice and de-seed 1 aubergine, 1lb of courgettes, 1 red and 1 yellow pepper and 1lb of tomatoes. Cook for 3-5 mins, stirring continuously, cover with a lid and simmer for 30 mins.

Wine choice

The rich Mediterranean flavours of the crostini will be balanced well with a fragrant rosé. Choose a delicious cabernet sauvignon from the provence region - this will also go well with the main course. You can also choose a young light wine from Spain, such as rioja from the bodegas muga or bodegas la rioja alta.

Chilli tomatoes on crostini

Prep time 15 mins Cook time 12 mins

8 medium ripe tomatoes

5oz of stoned black olives

1 tsp caster sugar

2oz of butter

1 red chilli

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1 green chilli, de-seeded and chopped

1 garlic clove crushed

1/2 thin French stick, cut into 8 slices

2 garlic cloves peeled

2 tbsp. of olive oil

3oz rocket leaves

Preheat oven to 200°c / 400°f or gas 6. Using a small sharp knife, cut a deep cross in the top of each tomato.

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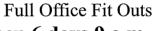


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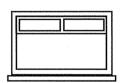
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Lightly press down on each tomato to open out and flatten the base slightly, then put into an oven proof dish. Stuff the tomato with half the chopped olives and pile the remainder on top. Sprinkle with sugar, season well and put aside in a small saucepan, melt butter and add chilli and garlic, pour over tomatoes, bake for 10-12 mins. Meanwhile for the crostini, preheat oven to high and lightly toast bread on each side. While still hot rub with the garlic clove and sprinkle with olive oil. Put 2 crostini on to each plate, to each with a tomato and spoon over any chilli butter and olives left in the dish. Serve with rocket leaves.

Salmon and Scallop en papillote

Prep time 20 mins
Cook time 15 mins
4×4oz of salmon fillets
8 Scallops cut in half horizontally
1 Shallot finely chopped
1 Lime zest and juice
1oz Butter, melted

1 Large bunch coriander

6 tbsp. Olive oil

Preheat oven to 200°c /400°f /gas 6. Cut out 4 pieces of greaseproof paper, put salmon and 4 pieces of scallop in the centre of each paper, scatter over the shallots, lime zest and juice, then drizzle with melted butter, bring the edges of the paper in and pleat to seal in the fish. Put aside. For pistou, put the coriander and olive oil into a blender for 1 minute, season and put aside. Put salmon and scallop parcels onto a baking tray and bake for 12-15 min. Put a parcel on each plate and serve the pistou separately.

Vanilla Cream hearts and Brandy Snaps Prep time 30 mins Plus chilling 2 hours Cook time 10 mins

For vanilla creams

12oz mascarpone 2-3 tsp vanilla extract

Icing sugar to taste

For raspberry and orange sauce

12oz raspberries 1 orange zest juice

lcing sugar to taste

For brandy snaps

1½ oz butter

1½oz caster sugar

1½tbsp golden syrup

1½oz plain flour

½tsp ground ginger

1 tbsp brandy

1 tsp lemon juice

Line 4x 150ml/¼ pint ramekins or heart shape moulds with clingfilm. Put mascarpone in a bowl with vanilla

extract and enough icing sugar to taste, beat until soft and smooth. Spoon into lined mouldsand chill for 2 hours. For the sauce put 8oz raspberries, orange zest jice and sugar to taste in a food processor and blend for 1 min, then chill. Preheat oven to 190°c/375°F/gas mark 5. Lightly oil a rolling pin and line a baking tray with baking parchment. Put butter, caster sugar and golden syrup and ginger together and stir into a saucepan with brandy land lemon juice. Drop tablespoons of mixture onto the line baking tray, leaving plenty of room for it to spread. Bake for 8-10 minuties until bisucits are golden brown and have a lacy texture. Remove from oven and leave to firm up slightly, loosen with a palette knife and set over the rolling pin. Leave for 3-4 minutes. They will keep in an airtight container for 3-4 days.



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Features

Welcome to Dalkey... Failte go Deilginis

It's quite an unusual to read this in the local paper, but this sounds, as it does – an invitation to an old heritage town of Dalkey. Located some 12km from Dublin City Centre this peaceful place has a lot to tell and to show - starting from the old times when it served as a main port for medieval Dublin and ending with the literary associations from world renowned Ulysses by James Joyce.

Stimulated mostly by personal curiosity my journey starts in the heart of Dublin and soon the Dart line brings me along the busy shores and port area to this formerly big town and now a famous tourist spot of Dalkey.

Everything runs at a slow pace – from far away you can hear the music from the local restaurants, the crowd of tourists are crackling their maps, the wind from the seaside brings the smell of salt. It, finally, sets me in the mood. In a second I start feeling as a determined traveller who goes mile after a mile in his exploration of the new lands and territories.

After a string of curvy side streets I am on the main street of the modern Dalkey - Castle Street with its Goat Castle, which now accommodates Dalkey Heritage Centre.

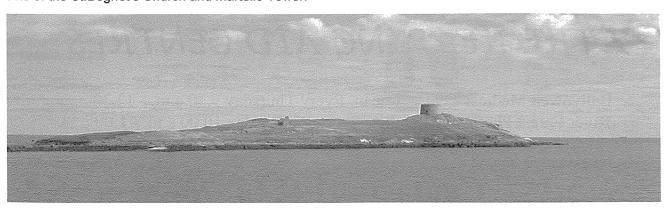
Leaving behind pubs and a busy restaurant I walk inside, driven by my goal - the old Dalkey.

Although its history dates back to 3,500 BC when Stone Age settlers first inhabited it, one can learn more about Dalkey of much later period. The ruins of the two early Christian churches (circa 10 AD) will remind you of a story of St.Begnet, the patron of Dalkey.

Begnet was an Irish princess who, according to the old legend, when, she was a child, saw an angel asking her to devote her life to the Lord. She promised so and the Angel gave her a bracelet marked with a cross as a sign of this vow. When she grew up and her parents arranged her marriage she left her home to avoid breaking the promise given to God. She sailed to Northumbria where she became a first abbess of nuns.

The Goat Castle where I'm standing now is one of the seven castles, which were built in the 15th century by merchants to store goods. These goods were later transported from Dalkey, then the main port of Ireland, to Dublin. Due to the changed commercial situation in the 16th century, the town found itself in decline. That lasted for three centuries until the construction of Dun Laoghaire harbour in 19th century, brought the town back from oblivion.

After observing the medieval fireplace and a notorious murder hole, I climbed up the old stairs of the castle to the very top – where from the battlements I saw an old cemetery, the sea and a visible part of the Coliemore Harbour. The wind is playing with a flag above my head while I'm looking at the remote Dalkey Island with its ruins of the St.Begnet's Church and Martello Tower.



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Welcome to Dalkey... Failte go Deilginis (contd...)

Centuries fly behind my back when I come downstairs to enjoy the modern part of the exhibition. Comparatively modern, one would say, looking at this collection of century-old tram tickets and models of the tram railway, the one, which, starting from 1879, was linking Dalkey and Dublin during 70 years.

The most unforgettable would be the literary hall – where one can view the works of many contemporary and very well-known writers who are associated with Dalkey – George Bernard Shaw, Samuel Beckett, Hugh Leonard, Maeve Binchy - to name a few. But this would be incomplete without mentioning the Dalkey of June 16th, 1904. Bloomsday as they call it today in Dalkey, the day, which James Joyce chose for the activities of Stephen Dedalus in Clifton School on Dalkey Avenue – the second chapter of the legendary 'Ulysses' takes place in Dalkey.

At this stage, my insatiable longing for the new and undiscovered leave me with the things I've encountered today – and I can't but invite you to this marvellous old town.

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The Summer Holidays

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The winking of an eye
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I do not know where
But if I could
Get them back again
I would mind them
Just like mother hen.



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And fountain pen
Sit down, be good
The teacher says
It's time to learn
And play again



By Patrick Mooney

Gardening Tips

BULBS IN BOWLS.

Nothing helps to brighten the long; dark days of winter more than some nice bowls of bulbs in flower over the Christmas period or early in the NEW YEAR. By starting them at different times or by using different subjects or varieties, quiet a long flowering succession can be achieved.

Most people are now familiar with the fibre-in-bowls method so why not try other ways this year? Some bulbs can be grown for early flowering in this way entirely on water, which not only saves the cost of the fibre but also provides a novelty. The bulbs to use are crocus, the narcissusvarieties BRIDAL CROWN. CRAGFORD and PAPER WHITE, or the white ROMAN HYACINTHS.

One way is to use a wide, shallow bowl in the bottom of which is placed an inch or so of sand or shingle. On this pebbles are placed out so so that the bulbs can be arranged among them.not too close together.in such a way that the pebbles hold as firmly in position as possible and at the same time keep the base of each bulb just above the level of the sand. It is important that the bulbs do not "sit" in water as they tend to rot.

It is a great advantage to use rain -water, even when adding more later. [Even in an a apartment you can put an empty bowl out on a window-sill to catch rain for this purpose.

keep the bowl of bulbs in a cool,dark place until growth has started. You can then bring it into the light. but not immediately into direct sunlight. Keep the water at the correct level at all times, Again, use rain-water and place a few lumps of charcoal in the bottom. Keep in darkness until you can see that roots have formed, then bring into the light. You can then watch its progress, which is quite fascinating. Don't try to force it too quickly with too much heat or the leaves will be much taller than the flowers.

Chores For The Week

Sow Lawns this is a good time to make lawns using seed. The days shortening, and by the time the seed has germinated and the grass begins to grow we shall be well into autumn. There will be ample time for good root development before winter sets in, and little risk from sun scorch.

MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

On September 16 five of our members will be demonstrating their skills on club night. This is always a popular evening and most enjoyable meeting will be in Loftus hall, St. Patrick's College at 8pm.

Non members most welcome to come along. Moira Baxter. PRO (6289102)

Apples and Pears

Early varieties of apple and pear can be picked when slightly underripe. Take care not to leave pears for too long, or they will get soft from the middle.

Lift Liliums

Lilium regale is early-flowering and often builds up into large clumps. These may be lifted and re-set. Plant about 15cm (16in) deep in well drained soil improved with compost. Drainage can be improved by scattering a little sand in the planting hole.

Sow Poppies

Poppies do not transplant well, so make a sowing outdoors where they can flower next year. The seedlings are hardy and will only require thinning.

Strawberries

Strawberries runners for forcing can be moved on into 15cm (16) pots using JI No3 compost or equivalent pot reasonably firmly.

Save Seeds

As the seed heads of animals and perennials ripen. collect seed, remembering to label with care.

Boost Crops

Autumn green crops will benefit from a light dressing of general fertiliser hoed into the soil around them.

Spring Cabbage

There is still just time to plant spring cabbage, but do the job without delay. Water in well even if the weather is wet.

FREE AUTUMN GARDENING SEMINAR

An exciting Autumn Gardening Seminar will take place at Intel Ireland, Leixlip at 8pm on Wednesday 17 September. All are welcome and admission is free. Everyone attending on the evening will receive a small gardening gift. Chris Byrne, Kilmeague Landscaping will talk on fruit trees suitable for small gardens. Jody Price, Leixlip Garden Centre will plant up some containers for winter colour and show a wide display of very unusual plants to add a touch of magic to any garden.

All plants and pots used for demonstration purposes will be auctioned off at the end of the night in aid of the Kildare Hospice.

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Poets, druids and early Irish poetry

We have seen that Find acquires knowledge in various ways but that after the last incident he finds himself a decrepit old man. When he is given the opportunity to become young again his hair remains grey. Find is now a young warrior in the body of an old man and chooses not to entirely lose this characteristic by having his hair remain grey. Find is commonly described or understood to be an old man in the tales. The liminal character Cuilenn, between plant and human, leaves his underground home to give the knowledge above ground. The cup leaves and then returns to the other world.

Find is the hunter living outside society in the wilderness but also acts as chief warrior of the king of Ireland: he belongs and does not belong to society. Because he lives in nature Find comes in contact with the other world; thus he mediates between this world and the other world and has access to supernatural knowledge. One of main functions of the poet is to know about the past, the future and the other world. He stands between these realities and his own, the society of the present and reveals the former to the latter. The poet knows the truth because he is a paradigmatically in-between figure, who has access to all worlds and all categories of existence. One of the great seers and wise men of Irish mythology is the ageless Fintan, who has lived in Ireland since the beginning of recorded time and survives by assuming the forms of various creatures so that he is the wisest creature of all.

The poet then is omniscient and he has a freedom that he shares with other craftsmen in Irish society at the time. They receive protection and can practice beyond the boundaries of his native area. The poet and his art transcended political and social limitations of his world; he mediated not only between the distinct units within society but also between society in general and its past or future, and between this world and the mysterious worlds beyond it.

The poets were wealthy members of society, the fee for a poem was a dúus and the amount depended on the quality of the poetical composition. Bretha Nemed déidenach (The second law of Nemed) lists the various payments that are made for the different types of aiste (metrical composition). The highest payment is a chariot worth a cumal (literally a female slave, but usually taken to be equal to 3 milch cows) for the composition entitled anamain. The last one was the dían for which he received a samaisc (a three-year-old heifer) and a cauldron. Therefore a good, successful poet could become very wealthy and Triad 255 mentions that the three people whose wealth is difficult to judge as the king, the Church and the nemed file (great poet). But the poet is supposed to give value for the payment that he receives and if this not the case

he is declared as *diupartach* (fraudulent) by overcharging or bad subject-matter. If he is seen as overcharging then he is in danger of losing his *nemed* status. It is expected that his compositions should be technically perfect but the law text *Gúbretha Caratniad* §47 (The false judgements of Caratnia) allows a poet his fee even if he is guilty of *rudrach* (monotony) in *díchetal di chennaib*.

The rules for metrical composition seem to be the same countrywide which indicates a great degree of contact between all the poets. As we have noted, the poet had the opportunity to unlimited travel from place to place unlike the rest of the community. The metres appear standardized; the hereditary aspect of the profession may be responsible for this. The poet should be the son and grandson of a poet. Triad 167 says that the son of a poet who leaves his profession is among the three in society whose status in society falls from sóer to doer (from free to unfree). This is a serious change in status.

According to a Middle Irish metrical tract, the bard is only entitled to half the honour-price of the equivalent poet. It appears that the basic difference between poet and bard is the latter's lack of professional training. Bretha Nemed déidenach gives a list of sixteen grades for the bard, 8 sóerbaird (noble bard) and 8 dóerbaird (base bard). Another text gives a simple sevenfold division from the tigernbard (lord-bard i.e. a lord who is a bard) down to the drisiuc.

The involvement of the poet in law-making of judgement-giving is difficult to establish - there may have been variation in his involvement depending on the school to which he was attached. There is the opinion that the brithemain (jurists) were an offshoot from the file Bretha Nemed déidenach it says that a poet is only entitled to his dúasa (fees) he must know three types of judgement; one relating to freemen, a iudgement relating to a noble fili, and a referred (?) judgement (breth fuigill). But other law texts make a clear distinction between the fili and the brithem. But there is the fact of the fili's involvement in the framing of the law for example one text talks of the poet. Dubthach moccu Lugair a convert to Christianity, showing the law to St. Patrick and what did not conflict with God's law was retained 'in the legal system of the judges by the Church and the poets'. The text describing the archaic method of distraint says that it originated from 'the advice of the Church, the customs of the túatha, the true laws of the poets, the opinions of lords, and the advice of judges'.

Another feature is the law text that sets out the seating-arrangement in court when a case is heard – *Cóic Conara Fugill* (Five paths of judgement) along with texts on distraint, legal entry, sick maintenance. They all give information on procedure. The *Cóic Conara Fugill* says that the court is presided over by

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Contd... the king, bishop and the *suí cach bérlai ollamam* (an expert of every form of language with the rank of *ollam*). The gloss says that this is the *ollam filed* (chief poet). The poet may also be entitled to use satire to enforce cross-border law. One text includes *tobach do thúathaib* (the enforcing of claims for members of a *túath*) among the three prerogatives of a chief poet.

We know that the king was involved in judgement-giving from the saga material in particular. He is included in *Cóic conara Fugill* as noted above. The best known incident involves the law-giver king Cormac mac Airt. One account comes from the tale *Scéla Éogain* (The story of Eogan king of Munster) where Cormac challenges the sitting king of Tara, Lugaid mac Con. The text says:

§16 That [child] was reared until the end of thirty years and he went by reason of his grandfather's advice and magic to Tara on an auspicious day. And his father's sword was given him and his golden thumb-ring and his father's attire [was put] abut him. [All] fitted him.

§17 That tall straight stripling came alone to Tara. Cormac saw something, a man before him outside Tara trying to appease a woman and moreover the woman [was] crying. He came behind the man. He drew a sword on him. The man said to him:

'You have no warrant to draw a sword on me (?) seeing that I am Mac Con's steward. Nechtan is my name'

'Grant me my demand', said Cormac.

'It shall be given', said the steward.

'Food for me, not to give information about me, safety for me'

'You will have it', said the steward.

'Why is the woman crying?' said Cormac.

'She is crying', said the steward, 'about a judgement the king pronounced on her that does not please her, that is to say, her sheep to be forfeited in requital for the stripping to the queen's field of woad'. 'One stripping for the other would be more equitable. The man who gave it never before gave a false judgement,' said Cormac. 'Let me go to him'.

§18 The steward made known these words to Mac Con in Tara.

'Go to him', said he, 'he it is who will succeed me. If there be a descendant of Art in Ireland that man is he. Let him come under my protection so that I may leave Tara in his possession, for it is not mine since I gave the judgement. [The end of] my term has come. It is thirty years today since I assumed the kingship'.

The same story appears more dramatically in *Cath Maige Muccrama* (The Battle of Moytura):

§59 After that Lugaid mac Con seized the kingship of Ireland by force and was in Tara seven full years. And he took Cormac mac Airt into fosterage ...

§63 Now on one occasion sheep ate the *glassen* of Lugaid's queen. The matter was brought to Mac Con for decision.

'I pronounce', said Mac Con, 'that the sheep [be forfeit] for it'. Cormac, a little boy, was on the couch beside him.

'No, foster-father', said he, 'the shearing of the sheep for the cropping of the *glassen* would be more just, because the *glassen* will grow [and] the wool will grow on the sheep'.

§64 'That is the true judgement', said all. 'Moreover, it is the son of the true prince who has given it'.

§65 With that one side of the house falls down the cliff, namely the side in which the false judgement was given. It will remain for ever like that, the *Clóenfherta* (crooked mound) of Tara ...

§66 After that he was a year in the kingship of Tara and no grass came through the earth, nor leaf on tree, nor grain in corn. So the men of Ireland expelled him from his kingship for he was an un-lawful ruler.

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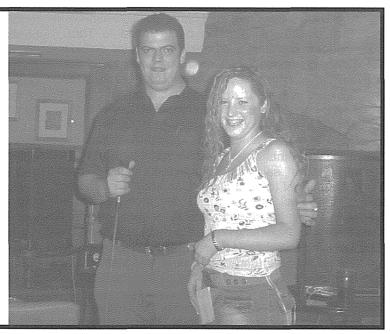


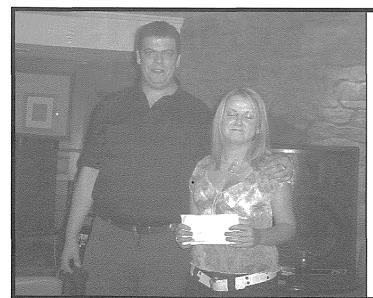
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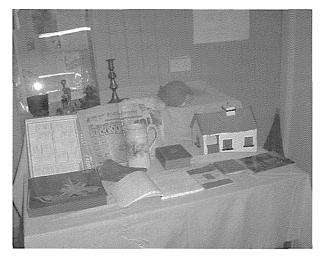
Fifty years ago a few good women started it all With a meeting in the Band Hall.

Over the years we have made many friends
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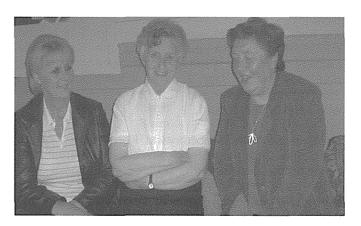
In competitions we have taken our part
Even trying our hand at some art
We arranged flowers painted pictures
Planted trees and made teas
Had some good times and some sad
But to have been part of it all I am so glad.
The guild will be together
I hope for many more years
And to one and all I say 'cheers'.
Betty Farrell



Mary McNamara introduces Breda and Michael Cronin - a participant in the Special Olympics from Woodlands.



Crafts on display



Irene Matthews, Betty Moore & Pauline McCarthy

Message from Mary Macnamara President Maynooth Guild Irish Countrywomen's Association

Congratulations to the members of the guild on the occasion of our Golden Jubilee. We are indebted to our founders for the foresight and energy with which they established and maintained

the ICA in Maynooth. Great changes for the betterment of the lives of Irish women have occurred since the ICA was founded in 1935, and in Maynooth in 1952-3.

Today, members are involved in our town community in our churches, community council, school committees, local history forum, community games, sports clubs, flower club, bridge clubs, and in this memorable year in the Special Olympics.

Thank you to the members of the guild who have brought about this publication. It will stand as a tribute to the women who have gone before us and will give inspiration to future generations, so that this Heritage Town may be a place we are all happy to call 'home'.

Tá súil agam go mbainfidh sibh taithneamh as an leabhar seo. It is my privilege to be President of Maynooth Guild at this time.



Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

It's been a while since I have put pen to paper regarding our club. However as our last report was in June, allow me to bring you up to speed on what we have been up to. Our Summer outing took place in July to the National Botanic Gardens. This was a beautiful excursion and the reception when we arrived was hospitality at it's best. After a welcome tea and scones we enjoyed a leisurely tour of their splendid gardens. It was a lovely day and the homeward drive on a balmy evening was equally enjoyable. I take this opportunity to thank Pat and Fergal Barton for their generosity year after year, while not forgetting their convivial and helpful drivers, Victor and John. We finished off the evening in the Springfield Hotel who, under the competent supervision of Kathleen Holbrook, completed our day perfectly.

The Tony Smith Memorial walk took place in June and we thank the Labour party, the walkers and sponsors for their generosity and their energy. The amount raised was around 6,000 euro, which we will receive in the near future. The walk took place too late for the presentation to take place during the Community Festival. Speaking of energy, a special thanks to Ellie and Kitty, two of our Seniors, who raised around 1,5000 euro between them. They are great walkers who set a high standard.

Next up our Annual holidays at Kerdiffstown, where our Senior Citizens take a weeks break to refresh and refuel for the active months ahead.

As most of you know we have been holding monthly parties in the Post Primary School for many years. This was a great facility and we thank all those concerned for their cooperation in this regard. Last year we launched a pilot scheme of afternoon Tea-Dances and opened them to all Senior Citizens clubs in the area. This proved very successful and in a survey conducted in July, the general consensus among club members was to continue the Tea-Dances in the GAA club. This we will gladly do and we thank the GAA club, especially Fergus and Dominic for their hospitality and courtesy to all.

Our club reopens on September 2nd and continues on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10.30 until 12.30. All are welcome. Our committee meeting will also take place on September 2nd at 8pm in the Health Centre. I take this opportunity to welcome two new members, Ann Quigley and Anna Kelly and I understand two more will be coming on board in the near future. New members to our committee or to our club are always welcome. The committee phone number is 087 2982455 or contact any committee member.

Our annual 'Sale of Work' will take place on November 16th and then Christmas is just around the corner. Now there's a sobering thought.

The long awaited Community Unit is now up and running and we welcome this facility with open arms. What a welcome relief this is to many of our over worked carers in our community and to many who otherwise would spend their 'Autumn' years as far away as Athy. While the nursing home in Athy is one of our finest, it's all about location. While this new unit is run by the S.W.A.H.B. community help is always welcome.

Many thanks to all who so generously assist our organization through the year both fiscally and physically without which we could not survive. A special thanks to Seamus Grant for his loyalty and dedication for over twenty years and more recently to Eamon Gorey who provides a good service in Major/Minor. This is also the company who provides the bus on Saturday evening to take our Senior Citizens to Mass. This service also applies to our Church of Ireland members. Anyone wishing to avail of this service may phone our Secretary at 087 2982455.

Finally, while on the subject of Mass, may we welcome Fr. Paul to our Parish as we bid farewell to Fr. Sean. In a short time he became very popular with those he visited. When I asked our older people what they like most about Fr. Sean, they said simply 'he had time for you'. In a world that is in such a rush it is nice to think that some people have their priorities right. It was then fitting that one of our Senior Citizens should make a presentation to Fr. Sean on behalf of our community on his departure. This was done, quite eloquently, by Ellie Leavy on the night. Not only does she walk well but she talks well too. Well done Ellie and good luck to Fr. Sean in his new post. We wish him well.

Josephine Moore Chairperson

Maynooth Summer Project

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Maynooth Girls U-10 Gaelic Footballers

Maynooth Girls U-10 Gaelic Footballers who are training and been coached on Saturday mornings at 10.30am. Many of the girls are playing Gaelic football for the very first time, it is hoped to eventually play a game against some local opposition. The photo below are the girls at training. The coaches are Gerry Egan, Mary Murphy and Kieran Finnegan. Any parent who would like to be involved should go to Maynooth Gaelic Football pitch on Saturday mornings at 10.30.



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Health Care

What's going on here? It seems the Health Service is in continuing crisis. The consultants are not happy, the junior doctors with nurses warn dire consequences and local politicians, whatever local you are, take to warning the Government not to interfere with "their" hospital arrangements. Get a life, most important sector in all of this is the Taxpayer. He takes a PRSI hit on every pay cheque and then under the illusion of private healthcare system gets taken for a sucker on the double. There is no reason why things should not be better. It is not a lack of resources that is plaguing the system. The government has poured billions of Euro into a system, which acts like a sponge that absorbed the additional funds and not improved the service. Why is this happening, why is it cheaper to have waiting list surgery completed in the United Kingdom and at the same time with more money the Health Boards' waiting lists are actually getting longer?

Does this make sense? Are the taxpayers mugs to be taken advantage of by every vested group in the health service? Are we to assume that improved methods and organisations are for the private sector only? Check this, most reasonable people are not seeking an underpaid and overworked service but we are looking for results for the massive amount of taxpayers money that goes into healthcare. Is that unreasonable?

Over the coming months this magazine is going to ask people, experts in their own fields, where in their opinion the roadblocks are. We may find that most sections of the community may have answers to find in relation to how they deal with and use the healthcare system. Can the drunks who clog the A&E every weekend be treated in a non-hospital facility with mats on the floor without worry of litigation by the authorities. Can the unfortunate drug abuse victims be handled in a different area without endangering the life of nurse and doctors. Can it be driven home to patients who use A&E instead of a local GP that it is now going to cost big. What is just as important is what self-interests are manifesting themselves within the system. Are they justified or are they an obstacle to more efficient and better service.

The PAYE taxpayer, the decent member of our communities, the family man, one of the rocks that this county is built on deserves better. It really is time for a "road map" to a better health service to be formulated. What are the objections to say Swedish or German health experts looking at the way we run our system. Are groups within the service operating restrictive practises? Best practise organisation should be imported and implemented without interference from any group. The beleaguered taxpayer is also entitled to benchmarking and entitled to know the answers to some of the following questions:

How do we compare to the European average in

relation to the following:
Consultant/patient ratio
Doctors/patients ratio
Nurses/patients ratio
Hospital beds per 100,000 of population

The Minister for Finance has thrown in the towel. He is not willing to sanction additional funds for a service, which he feels is out of control. That is the simple part. He is a member of a government that has a responsibility find a solution. The reorganisation of the health boards is not sufficient. This is not a situation solely confined to Ireland as the Blair government is experiencing the same type of problem but at least they have issued a policy document for the way forward. It may well be that the narrow tax base (PAYE) that is used in the main to finance the heath service is not broad enough and there may well be a requirement to move to a health contribution system independent of PAYE/PRSI. In the end we should have a system whereby nobody can hide from his or her responsibilities. This means that the providers of the healthcare system give a fair return for the funds invested and the users recognise that the system will have to be paid for by all citizens in a position to do so. It is a sobering thought and an indication of where we are, that some of us would object if the cost for a better health care system was equivalent to a couple of pints a week.

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Maynooth Festival 2003 Children's Art Competition and Exhibition

The children's art competition and exhibition, which was organised by Maynooth Castle Keep Art, was held in Tesco during the Maynooth Summer Festival. It proved to be a great success again this year. The artwork submitted was divided into three age categories 4-6, 7-10, 11-13. Thanks to Tesco, for the exhibition venue and sponsorship. Kennedy and Sons Ltd. Artists Suppliers, Harcourt Street supplied most of the prizes, and the Castle Keep Art Group sponsored other prizes. The prize giving took place on Friday 27 June in Tesco where the paintings were on display during the festival week. Certificates of appreciation were given to all who entered and there was a first, second and third prize given in each age category. We would like to thank the judging panel Brenda Kearney, Sarah Baxter and Ellie Creighton - their job was not an easy one.

A lot work and effort was put into the various art works and it was obvious that there was great enjoyment in creating them. There was a diverse range of subject matter — animal studies, buildings, street scenes, people and abstract studies. There were pencil drawings, paintings, mixed media and collages. Thanks to everyone who took part to make the event such a success. Next year we hope to run another exhibition and competition during the festival. Details will be included in the Newsletter and in the Community Library.

Prizes

4-6 Category

- 1.Madeleine Martin
- 2.Conor O'Reilly
- 3.Ben Maloco

7-10 Category

- 1.Mia Martin
- 2.Clara Murray
- 3.Katie Curran

11-13 Category

- 1.Jennifer Feehan
- 2.Eanna MacCann
- 3. Alison Brennan and Johnny Curran

Thanks to all the other entrants – Laura Doherty, Ailbhe Quinn, Noelle Brennan, Lorna Brennan, Sarah Curran, Tara O'Neill, Ronan MacCann, and Elaine Houlihan

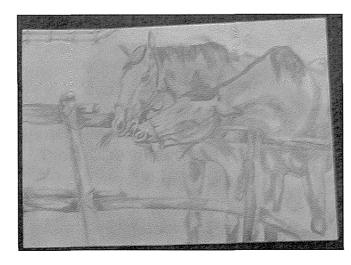
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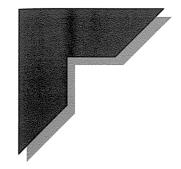
"The Big Red House" by Madeleine Martin, Aged 6



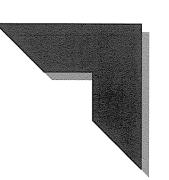
"The Holy Ground" by Mia Martin, Aged 8



"Hey! That's Mine!"
By Jennifer Feehan, Aged 13.



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A study of 1178 children published in the Scandinavian Journal of Rehabilitative Medicine showed that 68.6% of children who used hand held bags reported back pain. When backpacks were carried over one shoulder, 53.7% of children reported pain. The figure was significantly lower with children who correctly wore backpacks, positioned on the upper back with the straps over both shoulders - only 45% reported pain. So by changing from a hand held bag to a good quality backpack, correctly worn over both shoulders, the incidence of back pain can be decreased by 23%. Spinal damage is a serious problem parents need to be aware of. Especially when it is increasingly apparent that many of the spinal disorders suffered by adults are the outcomes of an accumulation of factors beginning in childhood. With an estimated 80% of adults suffering at least once in their life with low back pain for 2 weeks or more, the significance of correct posture and spinal care can't be underestimated.

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- 3) There should be waist straps to keep the bag close to the spine and distribute weight evenly on the hips.
- 4) The width of the bag should not exceed the chest width.

When wearing the pack the following points should be adhered to:

- the bag weight (including books and materials) should be no more than 10% of the child's body weight.
- 2) The bag should not be worn too low (the top of the bag should be level with the top of the shoulders and the lowest point of the bag should not sit lower than the small of the back).
- 3) Heavy items should be at the bottom of the bag and close to the spine.

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North Kildare Tennis

The final of the Kit Kat Parks Tennis Tournament for the county was held in Clane Tennis Club on Thursday 31 July.

The day long event welcomed teams from Leixlip, North Kildare, Prosperous and Clane.

Representing North Kildare:

Boys:	U.17	Karl Grogan
	U.14	David Grogan John Mulnally David Murphy
	U.12	Ross McDonald John Mulligan Stephan Sheeran
	U.10	Greg Murphy Darren O'Connor
Girls:	U.17	Emma Waldron
	U.14	Elaine Houlihan Sarah Connelly Alex Smyth
	U.12	Rachel Neary Emma Fox Anthea O'Meara
	U.10	Aisling Mooney Niamh Mooney

North Kildare Boys took the overall spot with 65 points runners up and Prosperous with 59 points.

Girls of North Kildare were runners up with 61 points and Clane winners with 65 points.

Overall club on the day were North Kildare pictured with coach Philippa Pente and Trophy.

Kit Kat Parks Tennis coaching session runs for five weeks in July for ages 7-17.

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Murder of the Month – the bride who never arrived

It was the normal wedding day scene at the house in Ridgefield, New Jersey as Gladys Ricart, 39 years old, was preparing for her marriage to James Preston. It was a sunny Saturday, September 25th 1999. Gladys was surrounded by her friends, family, neighbours with the catering company preparing the wedding feast: the chauffeurs were outside with the stretch limousines. Everything was ready for the perfect day and everyone agreed that she deserved to be happy ever after. Originally a Dominican immigrant, Gladys had been the dream American success story. When she arrived in New York and shared a one-bedroom apartment with her young son Davis, she hardly spoke a word of English. But she found a job through an agency specialising in the placement of immigrants and welfare recipients and within nine years she was a rising star within the company Consortium Tours and everyone loved her. She had brought her mother from the Dominican Republic, her son was going to College and they managed to buy a house in the suburbs. As well as her day time job she also worked in a supermarket at

Then one day she met the man of her dreams. In July 1999 while walking down Fifth Avenue she decided to have a cup of coffee and there she sat when James Preston came in. He began talking to her and was smitten straight away. He was an accountant, originally from Trinidad and a devout church-goer. Her son was delighted with this event and the couple decided very quickly to get married.

James Preston, 40 years old, was now waiting at the altar for his bride - she was late but that was normal. The white Rolls Royce stood outside Gladys's house to bring her to the Church on the Hill at Flushing meadow. Before anyone could see what was happening there were a series of loud noises. Yolanda, Gladys's sister, was heard screaming as Gladys herself raised her arms to defend herself. She could not fight off the .38-calibre Smith and Wesson revolver that fired shots into her head, arms and spine. She fell to the ground, the white dress a mess of red. Her mother tried to hold her, the bridesmaids were screaming, their dresses also splashed with blood. Her son Davis had posed for photographs 10 minutes earlier and now he knocked over the gunman - one Augustin Garcia, a 47 year old Dominican business man and single parent of 2 teenage children. He and Gladys had been going out together for a time before she met James Preston.

The neighbours were concerned when they saw him approach the house some minutes beforehand. Augustin was well-dressed and carrying a briefcase and he assured them all that all he wanted was to

wish his ex-girlfriend well. No one noticed him as he drew the gun from his bag and began shooting at Gladys.

It appeared a clear cut case of murder in front of many, many witnesses. He was arrested immediately as the bridesmaids ran out screaming and the neighbourhood realised that a terrible tragedy was unfolding within. At the church the priest received the dreadful news by telephone. He had the unenviable task of telling the congregation that the wedding was cancelled and then telling James Preston that his bride to be would never stand beside him at the altar. The following day, James was in court as Garcia entered in chains on both hands and feet. The charges were read out but Garcia was not about to give in easily. A month after the killing, surrounded by the Garcia family, his lawyer Edward Jerejean held an unprecedented press conference. The claim was that he was totally unaware of the fact that she was marrying someone else and that he believed that she was still engaged to him. The lawyer maintained that when he arrived to the house that he had no idea that she was marrying that day. He tried to express his client's shock at the fact that the woman whom he believed to be his girlfriend was to become another man's wife. But the lawyer could not say much more because the Ricart family attacked the press conference. They argued that Garcia was well aware of the fact that Gladys had broken up with him and that she was intending to marry someone else.

There were two quite different images of Garcia being presented, depending on who one talked to. He was not the usual killer type - having arrived in New York at the age of 17 he had brought up his two children alone for the previous 10 years. He had graduated in economics and political science from the University of Puerto Rico and he was also an active member of his community and the director of Asociaciones Dominicana Incorporated, a charity organisation that help other Dominican immigrants by teaching English, computer skills, how to get a job or start a business. He had been the president of the Dominican Chamber of Commerce in Washington Heights until 1997. Friends maintained that he was no killer but a peaceloving father who loved his children more than anything. Politicians and friends came to his support and said that Gladys had played him along. They said that she had been sleeping with him all along.

Gladys's friends and family told of another side to Garcia. He work colleagues had heard him threaten her on the phone. On one particular morning it was noticed that she was hiding bruises on her face but she thought that she was in control of the situation. They also maintained that he was cheating on her with other women and lying to her constantly.

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Her neighbours had also seen the nasty side of Garcia; he had even sent her 100 white roses on the day before the wedding asking her to change her mind and to cancel the wedding. Gladys's cousin said that he had threatened her with a gun and that he had promised that if she would not be with him that he would ensure that she would never gave another boyfriend. Gladys had tried to reason with him, talking to him right up to the day of the wedding.

When the case finally came to trial in October 2001 the videotape of the shooting was admitted in court. The judge watched the video evidence and Gladys's sister collapsed. Garcia was seen to wipe tears from his eyes as the evidence proceeded. The entire episode was revealed in slow motion to the crowd. The defence was trying to build up the case for manslaughter and that it a crime of passion. The video evidence seemed to bring that to an end. Garcia was convicted and jailed for 50 years. The jury were swayed by the video - one of them said that he heard three short bangs before the events. It was Garcia knocking on the door. The defence also tried to claim that the Ricart family attacked him when he came into the house but the video negated this also. It was noted that it was a miracle that no one else got killed in the process.



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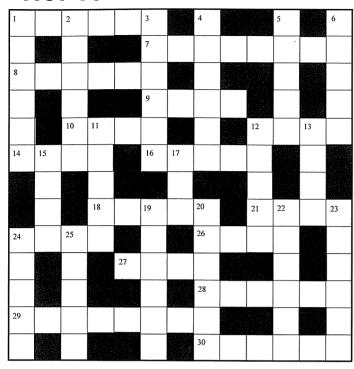
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- 7. Body part (8)
- 8. Baby's hat (6)
- 9. Prayer ending (4)
- **10.** Direction (4)
- 12. Nuisance (4)
- **14.** In two minds (4)
- **16.** No _ _ _, road sign (5) 18. Make a speech (5)
- 21. Cereal crop (4)
- **24.** Covet (4)
- **26.** Fruit skin (4)
- **27.** Commotion (4)
- 28. Attraction (6)
- 29. The _ _ _, Sir Walter Scott novel (8)
- **30.** Dashed (6)

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- 2. Feeding trough (6)
- 3. Housing complex (6)
- 4. Unassuming (6)
- **5.** Idolise (5)
- 6. Welcome (5)
- **11.** Harass (5)
- 12. Power-cable support (5)
- **13.** See (4)
- **15.** Candid (4)
- **17.** Kernel (3)
- **19.** Season (6)
- 20. Shopping trip (6)
- 22. Change (6)
- **23.** Astute (6)
- **24.** Unload (5)
- 25. Strongroom (5)

CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS NO 15

Across: 1. Clubs. 7. Comedian. 8. Laird. 10. Gamekeeper, 12. Connolly, 14. Team, 16. Shop, 17. Stallone, 20. Wordsworth, 23. Hitch, 24. Negligee, 25.

Down: 1. Celtic, 2. Borg, 3. Dove, 4. Sewer, 5. Simpleton, 6. Antrim, 9. Damon, 11. Encourage, 13. Let, 15, Cloth, 16. Sewing, 18. Either, 19. Aspic, 21. Oyez, 22. Hill.

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Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

Carton Avenue Action Area Plan

A Special Meeting of the Leixlip Area Committee was held on 23 July to discuss the Action Area Plans (AAP's). The Council Officials were very reluctant to go into much detail as they felt that this would be unwise as the Press were present. The Council's Consultant, (CAAS), on the Carton AAP gave her views on what should go there.

She will be recommending to the planners that the development should consist of 450 mixed dwelling units on the 42 acres zoned residential and she suggests that those opposite where the Mart was should be four storeys high. She sees the density varying from 20/24 per acre opposite the Mart, 10/14 per acre at the Dunboyne Road and 8/10 per acre at the Blacklion Road.

She sees the community facilities of, possible swimming pool complex, community centre, playgrounds, skateboard park being located adjacent to the four storey buildings. As agreed in the Maynooth Development Plan 2002, 53 acres will be handed over to Kildare County Council for amenity use and a management programme for the future maintenance of the park has to be agreed with the Council.

Cllr, John McGinley expressed his total dissatisfaction with the densities and the height of the buildings proposed. While he acknowledged that the densities were less than the 33 per acre sought by the developers he asked the planners to come up with more realistic proposals, which would be more in line with adjacent developments, in the Draft AAP which will be discussed at a Special Area Meeting on 29 August.

Harbour Action Area Plan

Progress on the Harbour AAP has been held up as the Council has yet to make a decision on a number of issues e.g. future of the fire station, the Council depot and car parking in the area. A major submission has already been sent to Councillors by consultants for the landowners. Here again they are proposing some 4 storey buildings in a proposed development of 270

dwellings. The controversial element of their proposal is that of a new road from Parson Street to the canal and branching off to Leinster Street in order to service their proposed development. Their proposal would mean knocking down houses in Parson Street. It is Cllr. John McGinley's view that knocking down any of the houses in Parson Street should be out of the question and the Maynooth Development Plan supports this view as the Street is designated as an Architectural Conservation Area Objective.

Pound Park and Pound Lane get €150,000 for **Improvement Works**

When the Council were advised in July that they were getting €150,000 under the Village and Urban Renewal Scheme for use in Pound Park and Pound Lane they contacted Cllr. John McGinley to get his suggestions at what the money should be used for. Having first discussed the issue with members of St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band Cllr. McGinley made the following suggestions:

- Install a bandstand in Pound Park. It is beside the Bandhall of St. Marys Brass and Reed Band and it is a natural amphitheatre which would make it ideal for public performances.
- Install more public lights in the Park in order to deter unruly elements from congregating there.
- Additional landscaping and planting in the Park.
- · Remedial work on the Pound.
- Improving the surface on Pound Lane and install traffic calming ramps.

At the Leixlip Area Meeting on 23 July there was unanimous agreement on Cllr. McGinley's proposal for the Bandstand. It is unfortunate that the Department of the Environment's system of awarding the grants gives so little time for proper public consultation i.e. they awarded the grant in July and the funding has to be spent by November.

Some people have expressed concern that the Bandstand could be used by unruly elements for drinking sessions and Cllr. McGinley shares those concerns. Contd...

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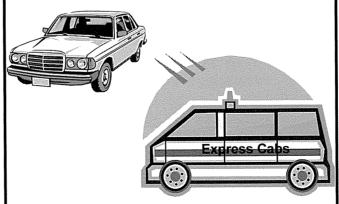
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This area and the Harbour and other areas is already used for such activity despite the fact the it is illegal to drink alcohol in public under the Bye Laws introduced some 4 years ago. Cllr. McGinley has asked the Garda Superintendent to increase enforcement of this law in Maynooth so that citizens can enjoy their amenities without fear of assault.

Furthermore, residents in the Pound Lane area regularly have their gates blocked by illegally parked cars. In order to overcome this illegal activity Cllr. McGinley has asked that Cross Lane, Double Lane, Back Lane and Pound Lane be designated "Residents Only Parking" in the upcoming review of the Maynooth Parking Bye Laws.

Improvement Works at the Castle/College Gate Area Cllr. John McGinley was very pleased to be able to assist The Tidy Towns Committee, through Discretionary Grant Funding, for their excellent work at the Castle/College Gates area. However, such an important area needs an in-depth study on what the area should look like and how it should properly align with Carton Avenue. Cllr. John McGinley has discussed the issue with the County Architect and he has agreed to address the issue. The intention is that a Draft Plan would be drawn up by the architects and following extensive public consultation that a Plan would be agreed that would attract funding under the Village and Urban Renewal Scheme.

Requests for bus shelters in Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley raised the issue of bus shelters with the Chairman of CIE and he got the following reply on 28 July 2003:

"Dublin Bus advise that all the bus stop locations in Maynooth Village were recently surveyed in order to establish where bus shelters could be potentially installed as part of the Village improvement works. The survey revealed the following:

- Some of the bus stop locations were not suitable for a bus shelter to be installed.
- Planning Permission was refused regarding certain stop locations.
- Objections to the installation of shelters at other locations were made by local businesses

Dublin bus is currently preparing planning applications for shelters to be erected at locations opposite Glenroyal Hotel and Opposite Tesco at O'Neill Park.

There are no immediate plans to erect a shelter outside Buckley's on Main Street, Maynooth at this stage in time because of objections by some businesses in the area including Buckley's who are also objecting just to the existing location of the bus

stop. Dublin Bus is having discussions with Kildare County Council about this matter. The planning and building process takes 3-5 months to complete."

Motions for September Leixlip Area Meeting Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motions for the consideration of the Leilxip Area Committee of the Council:

- 1. "That a footpath be laid and the hard shoulder resurfaced on the roadway from Hands Corner to GB Glass, Dentist on the Leixlip Road, Maynooth in order to ensure the safety of pedestrians"
- 2. "That an additional two new seats be fitted on the footpaths on ether side of Upper Main Street, Maynooth"
- 3. "That the box junction on the Straffan Road at the exit from Greenfield Estate/Shopping Centre be lengthened in order to facilitate more cars"

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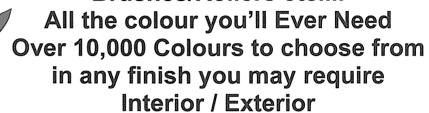
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Book Launch in Maynooth

The women and men of Maynooth and surrounding towns and villages made their way on a glorious June evening to the Maynooth Town Library. Professor Susan McKenna Lalor launched the book *By the Harbour In Maynooth* during the Geraldine Festival 2003. She was introduced by Dr Tom Kelly of NUIM. The ICA were honoured that they were guests.

The book is the brainchild of Maynooth ICA. It recalls the early beginnings of the ICA, and just as the women of Ireland have done since the foundation of the United Irish Women nearly one hundred years ago, it quickly moves from the larger scene to the local place, to the rural village life of Maynooth and the making of the town we know today.

The editor Maeve Mulryan-Moloney spoke about the foundation of the United Irishwomen as part of the Gaelic Revival in the early years of the last century. In the mid-1930s the name of the organisation was changed to the Irish Countrywomen's Association. Members of Maynooth guild of the ICA organised the launch evening with their usual kind hospitality.

The book is available through Byrne's bookshop, or through any member of the ICA.

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Alas, due to work commitments, Fiona is unable to coach this year. However, three new young vibrant coaches have been drafted in to run this years camp. One, Eimer Fallon, played in the minor All Ireland Final only last week. Her partner, Sinade Gallogley, is also coaching. Last but not least is Aidan Ryan, who seems to have a coaching badge for all the GAA sports.

This years camp runs from the 18th to the 30th of August. With the Final day being devoted to Caint, ceoil agus craic with perhaps a little handball thrown in for good measure.

Not everyone would know that there is a long tradition of our national game of handball in Maynooth. Players from Maynooth have won national titles as far back as the twenties and as recently as the nineties. They have still to strike gold in the twenty first century at national level, but have already won several County Championship medals. At one time there were nine ball alleys in the town of Maynooth. Eight of those were in the college and the other was up the bridge. There are only two now. One each in the College and the GAA. The last competitive game was played in the Gael Linn competition in the alley up the bridge in 1974. It was about that time that the old club went out of existence. The present club was formed in 1996 and has eqated itself well since then. With Paul Ruane at the helm and Eamonn Gorey as the youth officer have no doubt that the only way is up from here. It is great to see that people are still willing to put so much of their spare time into promoting our national game.



Maynooth
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handball
teams
at the 2003
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in Mullingar

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MAYNOOTH GOLF SOCIETY

John Byrne Prize at Mullingar Golf Club.

1st Overall Barry Farrell 36pts Fintan Gannon (17)37pts (N/Q) 2nd Gerry McTernan (12) 3rd 34pts Tom O'Haire (19) 4th 33pts 5th Terry Moore (11)32pts Steve Greenwood (19) 31pts (B.9) 6th 7th Norman Kavanagh (13) 31pts

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Past Captains Gerry McTernan (12) 34pts
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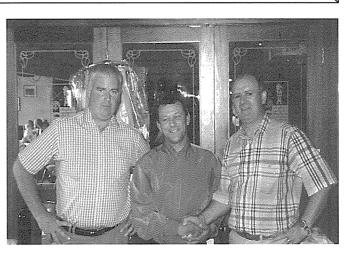
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FROM A HISTORY OF SAGGART AND RATHCOOLE PARISHES By Maeve Mulryan-Moloney

Thomas Street, 1803

The Military and yeomen raided a house in Thomas Street. They found thousands of copies of a proclamation, several car loads of pikes, machines for manufacturing gun powder and many bullets. They also found a green superbly made regimental coat, seemingly intended for a leader, green pantaloons, a couple of helmets and ostrich plumes and a very big quantity of bread. An unusual number of countrymen thronged the public houses in the afternoon.

Lord Kilwarden

The Lord Chief Justice Arthur Wolfe, Lord Kilwarden, his daughter and his nephew Rev. Mr. Wolfe left his home at Newlands, Clondalkin to travel in to Dublin. In Thomas Street his coach was stopped by a group of men. Rev. Wolfe was killed. Lord Kilwarden was wounded. The lady escaped unharmed and was allowed to go to Dublin Castle. As night fell several of the rebels and military were killed.

Bryan Rourke wounded

Many people were wounded including Bryan Rourke when a ball lodged in his shoulder. A week later he was arrested in his bed and taken to the new prison. Two doctors had attended him but both of them had kept their attendance on him a secret.

Felix arrested

On the 6 August Felix Rourke was arrested by Alderman Blonham and the Liberty Rangers. He was taken to the new prison at Kilmainham. Kilmainham Jail was built in 1787. It replaced the thirteenth century jail at Old Kilmainham. It contained fifty two cells but two hundred persons were there following the rebellion in 1803. The building that is now the Bank of Ireland in College Green was used as a prison to cope with the great number arrested. It was the Irish House of Commons for 70 years until the Act of Union in 1800. Robert Emmet was arrested nine days later at Mrs Palmer's house in Harolds Cross.

On 24 August a special commission was opened for the trial of the rebels. Felix Rourke was indicted for high treason and sent for trial. In evidence his brother John said that Felix had left to go home. His other brother Matthew said that his mother was worried about Felix when she heard about the insurrection in Dublin. Matthew told his mother that Felix was in Grimes' house near Saggart. The only witness to Felix being involved in the rebellion was a pedlar called Mahaffy. He was then in the Kildare Militia. He swore that he saw him in Dirty Lane on the night of the insurrection, armed with a

blunderbuss, commanding as a Colonel of the rebels. Another man, named Ryan, said that he couldn't positively recognise Rourke. Felix thanked the court and the jury. He said that he "relied on a verdict influenced alone by a rigid sense of justice".

The verdict of guilty was returned a few minutes later by the jury. Two days after the trial began Felix was called to the bar. He gave a short speech. He protested his innocence. "He had never contributed in any manner to have injured a neighbour in either person or property". He was sentenced to death by hanging outside his father's door.

Felix Rourke's last letter

Newgate Prison 9 September 1803

Dear and honoured father and mother

For the last time I address you in this world hoping to convey to your minds that peace and consolation I feel and which I trust will support you in that moment which tomorrow is destined to terminate my life. My innocence inspires me with a fervent hope of meeting through the merits of a crucified Jesus that mercy which He promised all who would truly repent and avail themselves of the opportunity held out by His suffering.

I remain dear Sir and madam with love to brothers and sister Your dutiful and I hope happy Son Felix Rourke

10 September 1803

He was taken by cart from Dublin out by Dolphin's Barn and up the coach road through Jobstown and on through Saggart. On 10 September 1803 he met his death at the burned out house of Father Harold. His sister petitioned the Government for his burial. The town of Rathcoole at the time of execution of Felix Rourke that Saturday seemed to be deserted of all its inhabitants. Not one in coloured clothes was to be seen.

Lord Kilwarden (1739-1803)

Arthur Wolfe was the son of John Wolfe and his wife Mary Philpot of Fournaughts. He became a King's Counsel in 1778; Solicitor General in 1787; Attorney General and member of Privy Council in Ireland in 1789; Member of Parliament for Coleraine in Irish House of Commons in 1783; Chief Justice and elected M.P. for Dublin and for Ardfert but elected to sit for Dublin; created a peer by the title Baron Kilwarden of Newlands in 1798; Vice Chancellor of Trinity College in 1802. His home was at Newlands House, Clondalkin where Newlands Golf Club now is.

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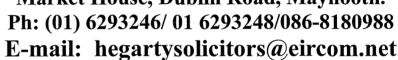
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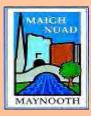
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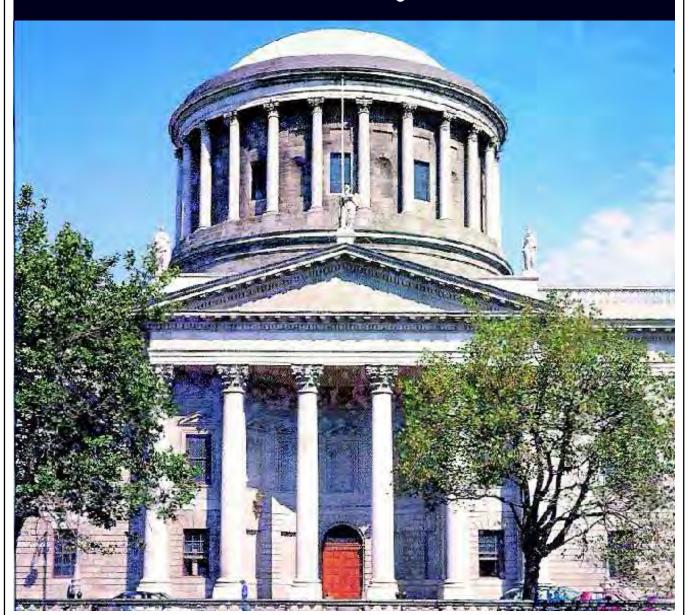


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<u>Editorial</u>

We would like to take this opportunity to remind readers that as winter approaches it is essential that we all care for our senior citizens. This year the Government has cut the time that the carers are available to people so it is particularly important that all of us watch out for the older people in our community. The situation that occurred in Paris during the summer was quite appalling and it is to be hoped that Ireland has not reached that state of affairs. Congratulations to our local Old Folks committee and all the wonderful work that they carry out during the year.

The lunatics appear to have taken over the asylum, we will have cigarette and drink police while syringes pile up in flat complexes in Dublin and youngsters are attacked as they try to get enjoy themselves after their Junior Cert. results. The Luas has been declared a disaster, the A and E units are approaching crisis point, 200 beds are closed in Dublin hospitals while the 2,000 extra police that were promised have not materialised either. The overcrowded prison of Mountjoy now houses two bin charges protesters who will take up space for a month. The extra lane of the M50 had a 5 mile tail back just one after its official opening. Are we entirely incapable of self government? Perhaps we should consider returning to the United Kingdom. At least our heritage and our language would get more support and funding than it does at present. Not content with the Carrickmines disaster the planned M3 motorway is designed to skirt the incomparable site of Tara, the centre of early Ireland and the key our pre-Christian past. Is this a plot to destroy everything Irish? Are we trying to airbrush our past? It certainly feels like it. In the effort to become more Americanised we are destroying the very tourist attractions that bring visitors to this country. After all, with the exception of this wonderful summer, we do not have the weather and we are determined to destroy our landscape. What we do have is our heritage, the remnants of our language, our manuscripts, our traditional céad mile fáilte coupled with friendliness and old fashioned pubs with music. Why would tourists want to come to a country that is trying to shed its identity as if it were some communicable disease? Who wants to see cities and towns that could be anywhere in the world with nothing to distinguish them?

Which world are we living in and does our Government exist in some air bubbled, parallel universe? When did any of them sit in a pub with smokers and have a couple of drinks and a chat? Are they all living in security-gated mansions? Have they lost all contact with reality? Do ministers listen to radio programmes? Do they realise the anger that is mounting in the electorate? I doubt it. The fear is that when the local elections do come around that people will be so disillusioned that they will not bother to vote. That would be the ultimate disaster, leaving the dictatorship of Ahern, McCreevy, Mac Dowell, Harney and Martin to continue.

Again – remember our Old Folks. They need us more than ever this winter.

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File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
03/1617	Noel Farrelly	Barberstown Upper Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	14/08/03	Sought for bungalow and septech 2000 effluent treatment plant.	Barberstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1622	Alan & Paula McCormack	24 Parklands Square Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	14/'08/03	Permission to erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion. Also permission for retention of detached domestic store and for single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling house and etc.	24 Parklands Square Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1624	Brian and Winifred Noone	Boycetown Kilcock Co. Kildare	Р	15/08/03	Sought for construction of a single storey pitched roof, discount food store and associated corporate signage, freestanding flag pole sign, car parking (151 spaces) and all associated site development works which includes demolition and etc.	Straffan Road Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1632	Playbarn Ltd	Johnstown Naas Co. Kildare	Р	15/08/03	Permission for alterations to existing single storey factory unit and change of use from industrial to recreation (indoor adventure playground) together with associated ancillary site works.	Brian Noone Ltd Straffan Road Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1645	Swindon Investments Co. Ltd	Carton Demesne Carton Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	18/08/03	Development consisting of a new two storey headquarters building in the Walled Garden for the Golfing Union of Ireland and the conservation and refurbishment of the existing cottage for a National Golf Museum and accommodation and etc.	Carton Demesne Carton Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1658	Jason Keigher	39 Laurence's Avenue Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	20/08/03	Sought for a detached four bedroom dormer bungalow with puraflo waste water treatment system.	Old Railpark Road Barrogstown West Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1662	Sandra Donovan	172 The Wall Garden Celbridge Co. Kildare	P	20/08/03	Sought for a six bedroom two storey dwelling, stable yard, sand arena and paddocks for horses and biocycle treatment unit percolation area and associated civil works.	The Paddocks Clonaugh Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1673	Patrick McEvoy	'Fuinseog' Balraheen Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	21/08/03	Development consisting of constructing a dormer bungalow, detached garage, bio-disc treatment system and ancillary site- works	Balraheen Maynooth Co. Kildare

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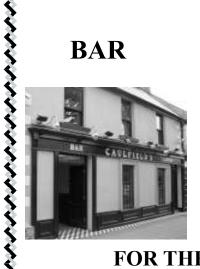
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03/1700	Paraic McAndrew	14 Beaufield Avenue Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	27/08/03	Permission sought for the development of a single storey one bedroom granny flat.	66 Newtown Court Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1702	Robert Moran	Moneycooley Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	27/08/03	Permission sought for one and a half storey house and Septech 2000 effluent treatment plant.	Moneycooley Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1752	Kevin O'Sullivan	Dun Ard Newtown College Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	02/09/03	For garage conversion to family room and detached domestic garage and shed to rear.	Dun Ard New College Road Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1777	John Noone	16 Beaufield Avenue Maynooth Co. Kildare	0	04/09/03	A 2 storey extension to side and rear and single storey extension to rear.	16 Beaufield Avenue Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1809	P. Barton Enterprises	Straffan Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	09/09/2003	Construction of an area of hard standing for use as a bus park for their own buses and the enclosing of same with a 225mm concrete block wall plastered both sides and capped 3m high on two sides of the enclosed area and for the erection of a etc.	Greenfields Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1837	Pearse & Sorcha McManus	No. 1 Parklands Place Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	12/09/03	For first floor extension over existing ground floor playroom and utility room to side comprising of two bedrooms	No. 1 Parklands Place Maynooth Co. Kildare

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Features

Heritage Week in Maynooth Castle Seachtain Oidhreachta - Caisleán Maigh Nuad

Have you ever been to Maynooth Castle? Today this unique place is a tourist attraction and a must-see in our town. And not only because it's involved into the events of almost six centuries of Irish history, there is something more to it – some sort of magic in the air, which makes you understand what was behind those great walls, you can almost smell the scent of the medieval times, hear the clinching of swords and see the lavish dresses of its inhabitants.

The story of this legendary place dates back to circa 1200, when the stone castle in Maynooth was build for the Fitzgeralds, who were granted land in Co. Kildare by Strongbow, the Lord of Leinster. By the end of the 13th century the Fitzgeralds became one of the most important families in Ireland, and were raised to Earldom of Kildare in 1316 after the army of Thomas Fitzgerald won a victory over Edward Bruce.

During the time of Garret Mór in 15th century the castle and the land around it was prospering as it was the most successful time for the Earls of Kildare marked with great luxury and exquisite lavishness. Only less than a fifty years later this place became a venue for utterly different events – the rebellion of Silken



Thomas (10th Earl of Kildare) who stepped out against the Crown, throwing down the sword of state and renouncing the policies of King Henry VIII. The rebellion, which started in early October 1534 at the walls of the Dublin Castle, ended in March 1535 in Maynooth where besieged castle fell after the betrayal from Christopher Paris, the foster brother of Silken Thomas. Kildare titles and lands were returned to the Crown and were restored only in 1552.

After rebellions of the 1640s, when the castle was a strategically important point and served as a stronghold for different forces, it was seized and dismantled by the Old Irish Catholics. So, since the beginning of the 18th century, when the 19th Earl of Kildare established a new residence in Carton, the castle fell into ruin.

Commemorating this great place and its history, we have a chance to see, celebrate and even participate in the Medieval Days in Maynooth castle – this chance was given by Dúchas Heritage Services as a part of the Heritage Week programme.

For the whole week the castle was welcoming its guests offering the guided tours and the end of the week became the true celebration of the medieval ages – these were days of fun and entertainment for the whole family.



The first day featured guided tours to the castle, face painting and bouncing castles. Truly amazing was the puppet show where Punch entertained kids as it was doing it many centuries ago – kids were laughing at its frolics and felt free to reply to his questions.

The second day was crowning up the whole week with a whole string of features: music, dancing, drama, archery, pottery exhibition – everybody was welcome to join in the fun and take a part in competitions. The week was a success and the castle was alive again – after the ages of desolation its walls and vaults are receiving its guests and are willing to tell its mighty story...

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Heritage Week in Maynooth Castle Seachtain Oidhreachta - Caisleán Maigh Nuad Contd...

It's a great pleasure for us to congratulate the winners of the Silken Thomas Colouring Competition, which was conducted by Maynooth Newsletter and Maynooth Heritage Centre. The five lucky ones who get the Heritage Card are: Mark Donellan – Kilcloon School (5th year), Patrick Murray – St. Mary's BNS (3rd year) classes, Lauren Hastings – St. Andrew's Lucan (1st), Sarah Howard – Scoil San Carlo, Confey (1st year) classes, Ellen Fagan – St. Mary's Convent, Naas (3rd).

Other events within the Heritage Week Programme in our county included the walk through St.Particks College conducted by the members of Maynooth Local History and Civic Forum and a series of public lectures "Aspects of Castletown" at the Castletown House in Celbridge.

We would like to mention the help of Elaine and Ronan from Dúchas (Maynooth) for the help in collecting the

material for the article and thank them as well as many other members of the Heritage Service nationwide who help to promote and maintain cultural legacy of Ireland.

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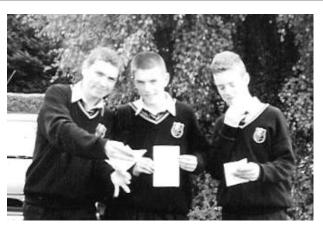
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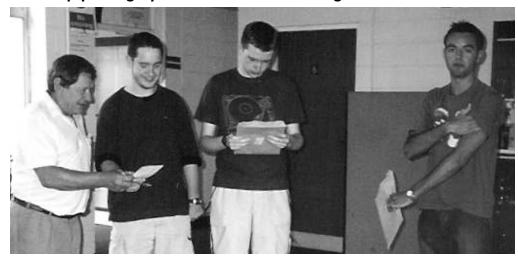


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County Kildare Footballers and The Sam Maguire Cup

Who was Sam Maguire

He was born in Clonakilty, Co. Cork and spent most of his adult life in London where he entered the Civil Service. He gave life-long service to the G.A.A. as a player and official. Peadar Kearney (author of 'The Soldiers Song') who knew Sam Maguire well said:

"To praise him to those who knew him would be quite unnecessary, and those who did not know him must abide by those who did".

The cup to commemorate this great player was presented to the Central Council by his friends and associates. The 'Sam Maguire' was first presented to the All-Ireland football winners in 1928 and the first holders were Kildare.

How Kildare got to their best all Ireland Final.

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"The biggest little band in the world", was founded in 1872 and gave its first public performance two years later. On the 14th June 1886 the band gave it's first G.A.A. performance and since then has become loved all over Ireland and beyond.

Before the school closed down in 1969 the band kept going by recruiting boys from other schools in Dublin. In February that year fire destroyed the band instruments, uniforms and music and immediately subscriptions began to pour in from all over the world to ensure that the band would not go out of existence.

The band now performs regularly at events throughout Ireland but has performed outside of Ireland on many occasions beginning with the London Exhibition in 1884. They were prevented from going to Lourdes in 1914 by order from Dublin Castle, but the band's reputation was mainly achieved through it's appearance on major G.A.A. match days, particularly the All-Ireland Semi-Finals and Final. One of the abiding memories of spectators at these games is of the Artane Boys Band parading the teams round the ground in their distinctive blue and scarlet uniforms to be greeted by the enthusiastic, colourful and partisan response of supporters.

Will they lead the Lily Whites around Croke Park before the end of this Century?

Citizens Information Service Maynooth/Comhairle Disability Information Awareness Week

An impressive 168 page Booklet "Entitlements for people with Disabilities" published by the Government Agency, Comhairle was launched from the North Kildare area in a presentation made by Mary McVeigh in the St John of God, Kildare Services centre, St Raphael's School Celbridge.

The conference, held on September 12th heard Further presentations by Nuala O'Reilly and Breda Gormly outlining the benefits of the Oasis project (which includes an Internet service to the disable) and the role of the Citizens Information Service in providing free, confidential and impartial information on all aspects of entitlement and services.



Maynooth NUI Language Centre

Enrolment takes place on Wednesday the 8th and Thursday the 9th of October from 7-8.30 pm in Room T8 of the Arts Building. Courses are offered at various levels in Irish, French, Spanish, German, Italian, Dutch, Portuguese, English as a Foreign language and Arabic. The courses will start in October. Further information is available by telephone (01) 7083737 or by email at Language.Centre@may.ie.

Chernoble Table Quiz

A Table Quiz was held in Maynooth GAA on Friday 19th September in aid of the Children of Chernobyl. A total of ∈767.64 was raised on the night which we hope will help out with the children. We would like to thank all our friends who attended. gave is spot prizes and helped out on the night without their support it could not have been such a success.

Thanks to all

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Heritage Day at the Maynooth Castle

What would the Butlers of Kilkenny Castle and the Fitzgeralds of Maynooth Castle think of 14 September 2003? Some hundreds of years ago both families could not have dreamed the changes that would take place - Kilkenny winning both the Senior and the Minor All Ireland hurling titles.

The people of Maynooth gathered in glorious sunshine in the fortress and the grounds of Maynooth Castle.

For Kilkenny and Maynooth they were great days!

The photographs in this issue can only tell part of the story - Irish dancers, music singers, drama group, budding artists - there is so much outstanding talent in the town. Playing Boules on the green, archery, woodturning - the beautiful bowls - just as Silken Thomas and his uncles did five hundred years ago.

The Irish Countrywomen's Association showed the best of Irish craft - glass etching, lumra rugs, special occasion cards by Mary O'Gorman, oatcakes by Jo O'Connell - a full scale Craft Day can be the only outcome of their preservation of our traditional crafts - tapestry, embroidery, appliqué - the accomplishments of the ladies of Maynooth for centuries.

The banquets in the Castle were recalled as people viewed the photograph of the catering by the women of Maynooth, as told in the book **By the Harbour in Maynooth** - the story of life in Maynooth 1953-2003, now available at Byrnes Bookshop or through any member of the ICA.

Parents were delighted that there was so much to do, their families were entertained, as one mother said 'I didn't have to put my hand in my pocket once'!

The Castle is well worth a visit.



Conor Murphy and Dara Boyle



Kathleen O'Reilly, Lorraine and Shane Noonan



Thomas Sinnott at Archery

Heritage Day at the Maynooth Castle



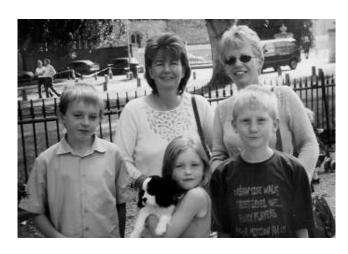
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Tidy Towns Competition 2003 Adjudication Report for Maynooth

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002	
Overall Developmental Approach	50	41	39	
The Built Environment	40	31	31	
Landscaping	40	26	24	
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	23	22	
Litter Control	40	21	22	
Tidiness	20	15	14	
Residential Areas	30	25	25	
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	22	
General Impression	10	8	7	
Total Mark	300	214	206	

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you for your very detailed submission that included an update of your long term plan, maps and details of the Groups activities and achievements during the past year. This is an excellent presentation.

The Tidy Towns Group has been extremely active and has cooperated successfully with other community bodies and the local authority.

The Built Environment:

Maynooth is an 18th century estate village laid out on a closed axis format, with Carton Gates at one end and Maynooth Castle at the other. This axial format and the recently renovated square still forms the main morphological structure of the town. The streetscape is extremely attractive with a range of 18th and 19th century houses and buildings. In addition to the main axis, the town has a splendid body of architecture from the medieval, Victorian and Modern periods. The university, in particular, makes a major contribution to the build environment of the town.

Landscaping:

Landscaping plays a major part in the form and success of Maynooth. The trees lining the Main Street and the array of baskets, flower presentation and street furniture is outstanding. In addition, the landscape management elsewhere around the town is very impressive, particularly work around Carton and the Pound Park.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

As previously pointed out the town, the canal, and the surrounding landscape contain an extensive body of flora and fauna. The groups work in encouraging and extending the wildlife areas is praiseworthy.

Litter Control:

Litter management remains one of the major difficulties in Maynooth. Heavy litter was noted in the Main Street, but to a considerable litter around the Harbour, particularly broken glass. This is such a shame.

Tidiness:

The approach roads to the town, the town centre and the residential areas all offer a neat and tidy appearance. The new street signs are very successful. The work on the secondary streets will be most successful when completed.

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Residential Areas:

There are a number of housing estates around the town. These are generally well presented and cared for. These all display grassed open spaces and excellent landscape features. The winners of the housing estates competitions are to be congratulated.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The main approach roads to the town are very attractive and inviting. These have well maintained stone walling, trimmed verges, colourful planting, and good signs - as well as a range of new and mature trees. The concentrated work of the Group on this aspect has certainly produced excellent results.

General Impression:

Maynooth is intrinsically a very attractive town, very well maintained and presented. Great credit is due to the Tidy Towns Committee and the community for attaining this high standard.

Results Achieved									
Category	Maximum Mark	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Overall Development Approach	50	30	31	31	35	37	37	39	41
The Built Environ- ment	40	22	22	24	30	31	31	31	31
Landscaping	40	20	20	20	21	21	22	24	26
Wildlife & Natural Amenities	30	20	21	21	21	21	21	22	23
Litter control	40	15	15	16	17	18	24	22	21
Tidiness	20	8	8	8	8	9	14	14	15
Residential Areas	30	22	23	23	23	24	24	25	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	18	18	17	17	16	21	22	24
General Impression	10	4	4	4	6	6	6	7	8
Total Mark	300	159	162	164	178	184	200	206	214

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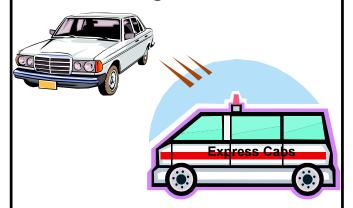
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Kimeng Hilton Ndukong is a HPI and Bóthar extension worker from bamenda, Cameroon. Here he writes about Florence Ndichia a housewife who received a Bóthar dairy heifer and has become one of our greatest success stories in Cameroon.

Prior to the coming of H.P.I Cameroon and Bóthar, Florence Ndichia considered herself a less active partner in her marriage and was totally dependant on her husband for support. But since she received her gift of a dairy cow from Bóthar, her status in the home has suddenly changed, as she now happily contributes financially towards its upkeep. While others argued that zero grazed dairy cattle farming along with caring for her family would entail a lot of work that they felt she could not cope with, Florence, 47, mother of seven For, she knew and clearly thought otherwise. understood where she was coming from, and intended Having led a life of near complete dependence on her husband; with no means of livelihood Florence wanted things to change.

After receiving training from Heifer Project Internationsl, Cameroon and developing enough pasture and building her Zero grazing unit, Florence and six other members of her dairy cattle farming froup were in 1997 each given a living gift of a dairy heifer.

Six years on, Ndichia Florence has no cause to regret:

"I can't regret having gone into dairy cattle farming because my cow has never failed me. It has always calved at the time I expected. Mine is the only cow in the group that has so far calved five times". Florence has so far sold two bulls and has already passed on the gift of the first female offspring born to her heifer to a neighbouring struggling family.

"The coming of the cow," admits Florence, "has now made me financially independent of my husband. I no longer have to depend completely on him for every little thing I need in the home.

Today, the Ndichias jointly sponsor four of their children in secondary and high school, while earnings from Florence's milk sales have enabled her to save regularly and buy a handcart for transporting forage from the farm to the stable. On the whole, the coming of the Bóthar cow has significantly improved the family's standards of living and the regular application of manure from the animals on farms has considerably upped crop yields.

Florence's resolve to get into dairy cows farming and succeed, has today economically empowered her, to the level of an 'more active financial partner' in her marriage.

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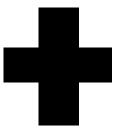
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Make a cape from black crepe and tuck under rubber band. Paint ice block sticks black and paint on hands at ends. When dry, drill holes at other ends of sticks and attach to body with brass paper fasteners.

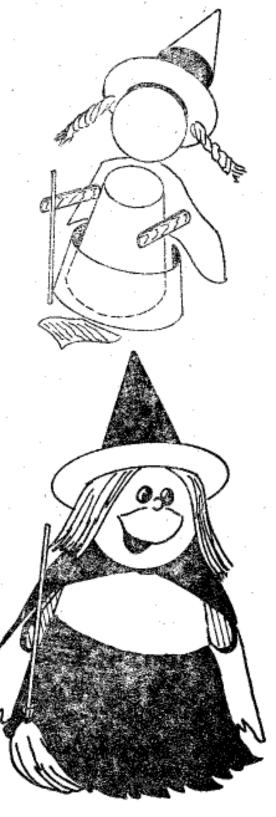
Paint face on old light globe and glue on stranded wool for hair.

Insert head in top of cone.

Make pointed hat from light cardboard and place in position.

Build a witch's broom from small pieces of straw bound to a suitable sized stick

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Answer

Yes there is. You may be eligible for the FAS Workplace/Equipment Adaptation Grant (WEAG).

This scheme is intended for people with disabilities who are offered employment, or are in employment, and require a more accessible workplace or adapted equipment in order to do their job. Under the WEAG scheme either you or your employer may be able to get a grant from FAS towards the cost of adapting the premises or equipment. Examples of such adaptation are:

- Minor building modifications such as ramps or modified toilets.
- Alarm systems with flashing lights
- Voice synthesisers for computers or amplifiers or telephones.

The grant is also available to upgrade an adaptation that had been funded previously under the scheme.

The employment must in the private sector and a selfemployed person may also be eligible. The maximum grant available is €6,348.70.

To apply for the grant either you or your employer should contact your local FAS office for an application form. Having identified the adaptation or equipment need, you should submit your application, justifying your requirements, along with quotations to FAS for approval. Generally, three quotations are required and the quotations should show the VAT component separately.

Question

I have an elderly aunt who lives alone. Am I entitled to any tax relief if I employ a carer?

Answer

You may be entitled to claim a tax allowance if you employ a carer to care for a family member who is totally incapacitated throughout the tax year. You will not be eligible for the tax relief if the carer is employed as a housekeeper only.

The Tax Allowance for Employing a Carer is claimed at your highest rate of tax (i.e. 42% or 20%). The amount of the relief is the cost of employing the carer less any amount recovered from a Health Board, etc. Where two or more persons employ the carer the

allowance may be shared between them. For the tax year 2003, the maximum amount that can be claimed is €30,000.

The carer may be employed on an individual basis or through an agency. While the family member must be incapacitated throughout the year the carer need not be employed for the full 12 months. Any member of the wider family who engages the carer may claim the tax allowance against their own income. The wider family includes a blood relative, a relative by marriage or a legal guardian.

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

As it is necessary for you to employ a person to qualify for the allowance you will have to register as an employer, and deduct PAYE/PRSI. In certain circumstance, where the carer is provided by an agency and the agency pays the carer directly, the agency will normally be responsible for deducting PAYE and PRSI. You will still be eligible for the allowance and should submit your claim and Form HK1 as usual.

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My child who is aged 3 has a disability. As the parent of a child with a disability what social welfare payments might I be entitled to?

Answer

The social welfare payments for which you may be eligible will depend on a number of factors including the severity of your child's disability and your own circumstances. However, you may be entitled to one or more of the following.

Domiciliary Care Allowance is a means tested monthly allowance (€188.90 maximum) paid by the Health Board to the carer of a child with a severe disability who lives at home. It is paid up to the age of 16. Only the child's means are taken into account for the means test. A reduced payment may be available for those normally resident in special schools, etc. and who go home at weekends or holidays.

Carer's Allowance is a weekly means tested allowance paid by the Department of Social and Family Affairs to a carer aged 18 or over who is providing full-time care and attention to someone who requires such full-time care and will continue to require it for at least 12 months. If the person being cared for is under 16 years of age the Health Board must be paying a full-rate Domiciliary Care Allowance in respect of him/her.

Know Your Rights Contd....

Carer's Benefit is a PRSI based payment from the Department of Social and Family Affairs for people who leave employment (of 17 hours per week minimum) temporarily to look after someone in need of full time care and attention. Certain contribution conditions must be met wand the benefit will be paid for up to 15 months. The carer may also qualify for Carer's Leave from work.

An annual Respite Care Grant of €735 (€1,470 if caring for two or more) is paid in June each year to carers in receipt of a Carer's Allowance/Benefit and to carers of children for whom Domiciliary Care Allowance is being paid.

If you are in receipt of Carer's Allowance you are eligible for a Free Travel pass. You may also be eligible for benefits under the Household Benefits Package such as Electricity/Gas Allowance, Free Television Licence and Telephone Allowance.

Question

I recently applied for a job but I feel I was not treated fairly at the interview due to my disability. What can I do if I feel I have been discriminated against?

Answer

You may be able to make a complaint under antidiscrimination legislation.

The Employment Equality Act, 1998 prohibits direct and indirect discrimination in relation to employment on nine grounds, one of which is disability. The Act covers employees in both the public and private sectors including people employed through employment and training. It outlaws discrimination in all areas relevant to employment such as discrimination by employers, in collective agreements, in advertising, by employment agencies and in vocational training.

If you wish to make a complaint you must first raise the complaint with the employer or organisation that discriminated against you. If you are not happy with the rely you receive contact the:

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Our Copy Date for the next issue is Monday 13th October







Maynooth Flower and Garden Club

A.G.M. of the club will be held on Tuesday 21st October in Loftus Hall, St. Patrick's College. We look forward to a large attendance and new people willing to put their names forward to go on our committee for 2004. Guest speaker for the evening will be, May O'Connor. Her topic is "The History and Delights of Pot Pourri and Crafts". This should be of interest to members and non-members who will be very welcome to come along on the 21st the evening will conclude with tea and birthday cake.

Advance notice for diary "Christmas Gala Demonstration" on November 25th in Glenroyal Hotel. This year we will welcome the wonderful Galway man 'Richard Haslam' for the gala. So, excellent night for Christmas ideas for homes and gift ideas.

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Maynooth Ladies Football Club

Maynooth Newsletter would like to wish Antoinette Mooney, Simone Gilabert and Rachel Watson all the best in the Kildare Women's Gaelic Football Finals in Croke Park on Sunday 5th October.

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Halloween

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Gardening Tips

Seed Saving

As a general rule, in normal times, the saving of one's own seed is not to be recommended. Of course, there are exceptions to this rule even when seed can be easily obtained, but at the present time it is much more important to save certain seeds as we are warned of supplies being short and, of course, seed is much more costly. (But it should be borne in mind that the outlay represents a very good investment in relation to the value of the produce obtained).

Because the seed is usually more expensive, people are being tempted to save seed from F1 hybrid varieties of flowers and vegetables. This is not wise. The resultant plants are unlikely to be true to type, due to cross-pollination. It is this problem of cross-pollination that makes the saving of many other seeds not worthwhile. This applies particularly to the brassica 9cabbage) family.

Seeds can be usefully saved from vegetables such as beans, peas, onions, leeks, ridge cucumbers, marrows, lettuces and tomatoes. Good specimens should always be chosen and allowed to ripen naturally as far as possible.

Where you need to separate seeds from chaff, etc., place it in a bowl of water. The good seed will sink to the bottom and the rest can be discarded. Dry the seed thoroughly before storing. Press each one with the thumb nail. The skin should dent but not crack.

Seed heads such as those of onions and leeks should be cut with about a foot of stem and the head placed in a paper bag, tied round the stem, and kept so that the seed falls into the bag as it dries and is not lost.

For tomatoes, choose good specimens fully ripe. Cut in half and squeeze pulp and seeds into a bowl. Leave for a couple of days and then wash the pulp off the seeds. Put through a sieve, so as to separate seeds from pulp, and then spread seeds out to dry. When they are thoroughly dry keep in a paper bag. The sooner they are sown the better really although tomato seed retains its vitality for a long time, several years, in fact, although I would not recommend relying on old seed.

Storing Tubers

The price of tubers and corns of such worth-while flowers as dahlias, gladioli and begonias being what it is today it is very important to take special care to store them successfully through the winter so that we do not have to buy fresh ones next year.

Dahlias can be safely left in the ground until the early frosts have blackened the foliage. At this stage the tubers will not have been harmed.

Lift the plants carefully, inserting the fork well away

from the plant so that you don't spear any of the tubers. Cut the foliage down to about 6 inch of soil. Clean the soil off the tubers and place them upsidedown on the greenhouse staging. Leave them for a week or two for the tubers to dry and the stalks to drain. They should then be stored in boxes, right way up, and covered with fine, dry soil or sand, leaving the tops of the stems exposed.

Gladioli should be similarly lifted (when the foliage has turned brown) with care, tied in bundles and hung up in a dry shed. Leave them there for about a month to let the foliage wither. This is then removed, together with all loose skin, etc., on the corms. These can then be placed in paper bags and stored in a dry, frost free place. They do not need warmth.

Special care is necessary when lifting Begonias to avoid the main stems breaking off the corms. The stems are very brittle and usually rather top heavy. The corms benefit if the foliage remains attached until it has dried off. For this reason the complete plants should be carefully placed in boxes until the foliage has withered. This is then removed and the corms cleaned. Place the corms in boxes of leaf-mould or dry sand, growth side upwards. Scoop out a slight hollow for each corm and leave the top surface uncovered. Store in a cool (945 to 50 F°) place that is not too dry as they need a little moisture to prevent them shrivelling.

On the other hand, they must not be sufficiently wet that they rot. To safeguard against this, sprinkle some powdered charcoal over the top to absorb surplus moisture if your store tends to be damp during the winter.

Spring Flower: When planting crocus, grape hyacinths, scillas and the like out in the garden, keep a few back for potting for an early indoor display.

Lift Gladioli: Loosen the ground with a fork and then lift gladioli. Cut off the stem just above the corm and ensure that they are dry before placing in store.

Cut-back Chrysanths: As outdoor chrysanthemums finish flowering, cut them back and then lift the stools and store them in shallow boxes of compost kept in a frame.

Protect Alpines: As the likelihoold of cool, humid conditions increases, apline plants with hairy or downy foliage will benefit from protection. This is normally achieved by covering with a sheet of glass or plastic supported on wire legs.

Early Peas: If you have the space and the time, why not try an early sowing of peas for an early crop next year? Take out a broad drill (15cm 96in) deep, rake in a little bonemeal and bradcast round-seeded varieties such as Feltham First.

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Cllr. John McGinley

CIIr. McGINLEY WELCOMES APPROVAL OF DEVELOPMENT AT KAVANAGHS MILL SITE

Cllr. John Mc Ginley has welcomed the decision by An Bord Pleanala of August 1st, to grant planning permission for the redevelopment of the former Kavanagh's Mill site in Maynooth.

The development now approved incorporates the following elements:

- Convenience Food Store
- Department Store
- 22 Retail Units
- Office Space 10 units
- 190 Apartments in 9 Blocks
- 2 Restaurants and a Public House
- Leisure Centre
- Crèche

In welcoming the grant of permission Cllr. Mc Ginley stated that it would regenerate the former Mill site which had been an eyesore in the Town Centre for many years and which had been derelict since the closure of Kavanagh's Mills in 1998. Concerns had been expressed in the Community in relation to the impact this development would have in terms of Maynooth Castle, St. Mary's Church and St. Patricks College but amendments were made to three of the proposed apartment blocks which will reduce the impact the development will have on these historical landmarks. The development will also provide a landscaped linear park along the Lyreen River which will provide a pleasant walking area for the Public.

In addition to the rejuvenation of this area physically there will be a considerable jobs boost to Maynooth with up to 400 jobs during construction and up to 300 jobs in the different components of the project.

Whilst no specific sum is mentioned in An Bord Pleanala's conditions in relation to contributions towards the Maynooth Town Improvement Scheme it is anticipated that just under 300,000 EURO will be made available towards the scheme from this development.

In conclusion Cllr. Mc Ginley stated that he was pleased that this area of Maynooth would at last be developed into a place the people of Maynooth could be proud of.

Cllr. John McGinley Welcomes Kildare County Council's Decision to Refuse Planning Permission for 238 dwellings at Newtown, Maynooth.

Cllr. John McGinley has welcomed the decision of Kildare County Council to refuse Planning Permission to Sherwood Homes Ltd. for 238 dwellings at Newtown, Maynooth. The proposed site is directly behind Castledawson and Parsons Hall housing estates. The Council gave 4 reasons for their rejection:

- Premature pending the adoption of an Action Area Plan
- Poor standard of design
- Premature pending the completion of Bond Bridge and the Meadowbrook Link Road
- The water supply in the area is inadequate.

Commenting on the reasons for the refusal , Cllr. McGinley expressed his amazement that the Council had made no mention of the fact that the Maynooth Development Plan specifically prohibits the granting of Planning Permission at this location until flood relief works are carried out on the Meadowbrook and Lyreen rivers. Zoning Objective C (3.2.5) of the Maynooth Development Plan states:

"No permission will be granted on lands so zoned (i.e. the subject site) within the catchment area of the Meadowbrook River until adequate flood relief measures are carried out in accordance with policy stated in Par. 2.4.3."

It is Cllr. McGinley's view that this should have been the Number 1 reason for refusal and he is disappointed and very surprised at it's omission by the Council.

Cllr. McGinley welcomes and agrees fully with the Councils 4 reasons for refusal as any further development here would be premature pending the completion of the road realignment works, Bond Bridge and the Meadowbrook Link Road. Also, the proposed density at 13 units to the acre is more than double the density of existing housing estates in the area and there is absolutely no reason or logic for the

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provision of 3 storey structures in this residential area.

Cllr. McGinley Objects to 4 Storey Apartment Blocks at Mill Street

Cllr. McGinley, along with his colleagues Cllr. Colm Purcell and Deputy Emmet Stagg, has objected to the proposal to build four 4 storey blocks of apartments at Mill Street, on Kennedy's former lands opposite Pound Park. One of the blocks will face on to Mill Street and the remaining three will be directly opposite Pound Park. It is Cllr. McGinley's view that this is an entirely unsuitable location for buildings of such height. Also the density proposed is in conflict with the Maynooth Development Plan and the proposed design is not innovative or well thought out. Cllr. McGinley welcomes the intention to demolish the existing unsightly industrial warehouse/workshop and would support a more suitable proposal in keeping with building heights in the area.

Cllr. McGinley welcomes An Bord Pleanala's decision to Refuse 18 Apartments east of Parklands Grove Cllr. McGinley has welcomed An Bord Pleanala's decision to refuse Planning Permission for 18 apartments on the site to the east of Parklands Grove. Their reasons for refusal were, overdevelopment of the site, out of character with adjacent houses and it would seriously injure the amenities of adjoining residents.

Bond Bridge/Meadowbrook Link Road Decision before the end of September

The Leixlip Area Committee was advised at it's meeting on 5 September that a recommendation on the awarding of the contract for Bond Bridge and the Meadowbrook Link Road had been given to the County Manager and that a decision was expected within two weeks. The cost of Bond Bridge is €6m and the Meadowbrook Link Road will cost €1.6m.

North Kildare Swimming Pool Complex Location to be decided in Early October

The Leixlip Area Committee was advised at it's September Meeting that a report outlining the reasons behind the site selection for the swimming pool complex will be presented at the meeting on 3 October. The site will be in either of three locations i.e. lands adjoining Carton Avenue, Leixlip Amenities or opposite the Salesians School in Celbridge. Cllr. McGinley stressed that funding for the project should be through Development Levies for social infrastructure on all new buildings. Interestingly the Draft Action Plan for the lands at Carton Avenue supports such an approach.

Draft Action Area Plan for Lands at Carton

The Leixlip Area Committee were presented with a Draft Action Area Plan for the Lands at Carton Avenue a special meeting on 29 August. The document is not being made public yet as it is still a discussion draft and in Cllr. McGinley's view it will have to be amended significantly before going on public display. The

intention is to have it approved for public display at the Area Meeting on 3 October.

Bus Bays at the Girl's School

At the Area Meeting on 5 September Cllr. McGinley demanded to know why the bus bays were not in place at the Girls School before the beginning of the school year as was promised. The bays are costing an astonishing €83,500 and 50% funding has been given by the Dublin Transportation Office. The engineer concerned advised Cllr. McGinley that he would investigate the reasons for the delay.

Extending Box Junction on Straffan Road at Greenfield Shopping Centre Agreed

As a result of Cllr John McGinley's motion the box junction on the Straffan Road at Greenfield Shopping Centre will be lengthened in order to facilitate more cars

Skateboard Park

At the Leixlip Area Meeting on 5 September Councilors were given a report on the experience to date with the skateboard park in Waterford. As this is the only such facility operated by a local authority in the country it is being judged as the model for others. It was therefore very disappointing that the report was so negative.

The running costs are very high at €64,000 for wages and €25,000 for insurance per year. Worse still is the reported low usage from a high of 70 per day initially to 20 per day now. If such statistics are factual it certainly would not encourage any other local authorities to get involved.

Cllr. John McGinley expressed his disappointment as he had already got approval at a previous meeting for the Council to construct and operate a skateboard facility at the public park at Carton Avenue. He asked the officials to investigate further why there is such a low usage of the Waterford Park and why it is costing so much to run. In addition Cllr. McGinley is getting and independent report on it's operation.

Geraldine Hall

Following representations from Cllr. McGinley Kildare County Council has agreed to secure the Geraldine Hall from further trespass. He has also asked that development contributions be levied under the Action Area Plan for the Harbour Area to enable this protected building to be renovated so that it can be used by Maynooth Community Council, as anchor tenants, in partnership with the Maynooth Drama Group and the Maynooth Arts Group.

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Murder of the Month – young woman murdered in her bed

Greer Laurance, a 20-year-old student, had been going out with 24-year-old Daniel Edmunds for nine months but it was not going well. She wanted him to accept that the romance was over but he was not happy with this. She met him in December 1999 after he had been released from prison where he had served a three-month sentence for stealing and behaving in a threatening manner. He fell head over heels in love with Greer, the stunningly beautiful daughter of the millionaire Laurance and his wife. Her father was a pop music, property and computing businessman who had played backing guitarist with the Rolling Stones, the Kinks and Paul Simon. They lived in a mansion at Edgerton on the outskirts of Huddersfield. Her mother had never approved of her relationship with Edmunds and she was delighted when she told her that it was over.

In September 2000 Greer told Edmunds that she did not want to see him anymore but he continued to telephone her constantly and eventually she agreed to meet him in a pub on October 10th but the meeting did not last long. Just like other encounters between them it turned to violence very quickly. He left after one drink threatening that he would leave her alone but that she would not be alone for long.

On other similar occasions Daniel Edmunds had threatened her and he had become obsessed with the idea of murdering her. He told friends that if he could not have her as a girlfriend that no one else would either. He also believed that since he was receiving psychiatric care that he would only get a 10-year sentence if he killed her.

On October 11th, the police came knocking at the door of the Edgerton mansion at 7 a.m. Greer's father answered the door where he was told that they had received a phone call from Edmunds saying that he had killed his former girlfriend. Her father found this hard to believe and said that his daughter was upstairs asleep. They climbed the stairs to the second-storey attic bedroom where he expected to find his daughter safe and sound. But the police information was correct. Greer lay strangled wearing only a blood-stained T-shirt. Her parents and sister were shattered that she could have been murdered while they slept.

Edmunds had taken a taxi to her home at 2 a.m. and he told the taxi-driver that he intended to kill his girlfriend. The scaffolding outside the house helped him gain access to her bedroom. There he raped and strangled her. Afterwards he took her car, drove to his mother's house, slashed his wrists and then phoned the police to confess.

The case came to court in May 2001 where it was stated that Edmunds had not even taken a weapon with him, he strangled her with his bare hands. His defence said that he was suffering from a depressive reaction and an abnormality of the mind after the break up of their relationship and that the murder was not premeditated or cold-blooded. He pleaded guilty and the judge said that he would take this into consideration. He was sentenced to life imprisonment but with a recommended minimum number of years before he would come before the parole board.

The police said that this was every parent's nightmare. They believed that she was safe in bed but the security of their home had been violated. Her father was so traumatised by the events of that night that he could not appear in court and he returned to the United States. Despite counselling, he still could not cope with the murder.

Greer had thought that she could deal with the problem of Edmunds herself despite the advice of friends who had told her to go to the police. She paid the price with her life.

Her family described her as loving a cigarette, a drink and a laugh and they intend to establish a foundation in her memory to help young people with their problems. They leave a cigarette at her grave and they hope to buy the church near the grave and turn this into the advice centre.

The belief that mental illness, or the claim of mental illness, will mitigate the sentence imposed is used quite often by convicted murderers. It failed for Edmunds but others were more successful. A further case of jealousy fuelling a murder is that of April Dell'Olio who began going out with her boyfriend when she was only 12 years old. They were both attending New Berlin Central School in New York. David Eccleston was 15 when they were going steady but he had no intention of staying with his young admirer. He broke it off with April and on October 20th 1992 she stabbed him 22 times.

In her defence, the attorney said that she was suffering from attention deficit disorder and had a mental age of 8 at the time of the murder although she was getting very high grades at school at the time. A psychiatrist said that she suffered from a temporary psychosis and was out of touch with reality when she stabbed David. The jury believed them and April walked free from the courtroom with the proviso that she attend counselling.

A much earlier case ended slightly differently. In 1953 a 17-year-old Margaret Chase broke off her relationship with her boyfriend William Moore who was an aircraftman with the RAF. He was not

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prepared to accept this and like Edmunds he decided that he would not allow her to go out with anyone else. He stabbed her to death as she walked home from church. Again a consultant psychiatrist said that he was suffering from temporary insanity when he committed the murder, despite the fact that he ran to her parent's house immediately afterwards to confess his crime. The prosecutor asked if this meant that all jealous people were paranoid. This is a question that the parents of both Margaret and David must have pondered.

William Moore was found guilty of murder by the jury but they recommended mercy. He was sentenced to death but this was commuted to life imprisonment just three days before his planned execution. He was released after serving 7 and a half years. (Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin)

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Poets, druids and early Irish poetry (Continued from last month)

Last month we saw the involvement of Cormac Mac Airt in judgement-giving. Another example occurs in the saga *Cath Maige Tuired* (Battle of Moytura) and this also demonstrates the differences between the justified satire by the Tuatha De Danann poet Cairpre and the unjustified satire by the satirist Cridenbél. In this tale the Tuatha Dé Danann are ruled by the Fomorian king Bres who proves to be an unjust sovereign. In the first incident, Cridenbél satirizes the Dagda with the intention of illegally stealing his food. The text says:

'Now the Dagda was unhappy at the work, and in the house he used to meet the idle blind man named Cridenbél, whose mouth grew out of his chest. Cridenbél considered his own meal small and the Dagda's large, so he said:

'Dagda, for the sake of your honour let the three best bits of your serving be given to me!'

The Dagda used to give them to him every night. But the satirist's bits were large: each bit was the size of a good pig. Furthermore those three bits were a third of the Dagda's serving. The Dagda's appearance was the worse for that'.

The Dagda is known for his great girth and he is rapidly loosing weight and status. Finally, he seeks the advice of his son, In Mac Óc (The young man), also known as Óengus. The advice not only puts an end to the threat of satire but also demonstrates the negative judgement of the king Bres.

'Put', he said, 'these three gold coins into the three bits for Cridenbél in the evening. Then these will be the best on your dish, and the gold will stick in his belly so that he will die of it; and Bres's judgement afterwards will not be right. Men will say to the king the Dagda has killed Cridenbél with a deadly herb which he gave him - . Then the king will order you to be killed, and you will say to him, what you say, king of the warriors of the Féni, is not a prince's truth. For he kept importuning me since I began my work, saying to me, 'give me the three best bits of your serving, Dagda. My housekeeping is bad tonight'. Indeed I would have died from that, had not the three gold coins which I found today helped me. I put them into my serving. Then I gave it to Cridenbél, because the gold was the best thing that was before me. So the gold is now in Cridenbél, and he died of it.'

'It is clear,' said the king. 'Let the satirist's stomach be cut out to see whether the gold will be found in it. If it is not found, you will die. If it found, however, you will live'. Then they cut out the satirist's stomach to find the three gold coins in his belly, and the Dagda was saved'.

In contrast, in the same text, we see the encounter of Bres and Cairpre File, the principal poet of the Tuatha Dé Danann and the rightful satire made upon Bres.

'On one occasion the poet came to the house of Bres seeking hospitality (that is, Coirpre son of Étain, the poet of the Tuatha Dé). He entered a narrow, black, dark little house; and there was neither fire nor furniture nor bedding in it. Three small cakes were brought to him on a little dish – and they were dry. The next day he arose and he was not thankful. As he went across the yard he said:

'Without food quickly on a dish, Without cow's milk on which a calf grows, Without a man's habitation after darkness remains, Without paying a company of storytellers – let that be Bres's condition.'

'Bres's prosperity no longer exists', he said and that was true. There was only blight on him from that hour; and that is the first satire that was made in Ireland'.

The crime of unjustified satire does not stop at death - full honour-price must be paid to the family when a deceased person is satirized. Unjustified satire usually means payment of honour-price. But sometimes a public retraction was necessary. Gúbretha Caratniad (The false judgements of Caratnia) says that the honour of a king may be restored if the satire is cancelled by the publication of a praise poem. Legitimate satire is important to the early Irish justice system because it is one of the pressures that can be used against people of high rank to obey the law. Often the satire is directed against the head of the offender's kin rather than against the offender himself. It is illegal to ignore satire; according to Heptads 13 and 14 if a king or lord 'tolerates satire' he loses his honour-price. If the satire is unjustified he must extract compensation from the satirist for the insult to his honour. If it is justified satire then he pays whatever éraic (fine) that he owes or gives a gell día inchaib (a pledge to save his honour). The pledge shows that he is prepared to pay his debts or go to court and settle.

llegal satirists are called *cáinte* or *rindile* and they are frequently condemned by the authors of law-texts or sagas. He can loose his status by unjust satire according to the law-texts, one text says that an injured *cáinte* is only entitled to the same care as a *bóaire* (ordinary freeman): 'because it is more proper in the sight of God to repudiate [him] than to protect [him]'.

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Heptad 22 says 'the *rindile* who does not concede right or justice to a person' is grouped with other irresponsible people like the man expelled by his kin, the alien or the loose woman.

The law is even more severe on the female satirist. She is called *birach bríathar* ('one who is sharp with words') by one law-text and classed along with the female werewolf and the vagrant woman. They cannot be brought away on sick maintenance because 'no one dares to assume responsibility for a crime of their audacity'. It is understood that they would cause trouble in the house if they were nursed. The woman who satirizes all around her (*ben rindas cach recht*) loses her honour-price according to Heptad 15.

The church had a special dislike for the satirist. In *Fis Adomnáin* (The vision of Adomnán) it is said that the satirist will spend eternity up to his waist in the black mires of Hell with such other sinners as sorceresses, brigands, preachers of heresy and others. *Tecosca Cormaic* §27 (The teachings of Cormac) says that the *cáinte* is the epitome of shamelessness. But like the druid, the satirist had enough influence to find partial recognition in some law texts where he is included with the *fili*, druid, cleric, doctor, harpist etc. (Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin)

Maynooth Community Centre Partnership

Draft Development Plan for Carton Avenue

The MCCP is delighted with the positive views taken in the draft Action Area Plan for Carton Avenue. The inclusion of the site for the Community Centre and related amenity facilities is a great and welcome move towards bringing these much needed facilities to fruition. We are delighted that this Action Area Plan gives recognition to the lack of such facilities and that there is a positive support by Kildare County Council for the work of MCCP. Having the site for a Community Centre identified as it is in this document will we believe give impetus to our work and focus the minds of all parties towards a successful conclusion.

While we acknowledge that this document is at draft stage, we hope that a final document can be signed off very soon so we can proceed to the next stage of bringing the Community Centre to the people of Maynooth.

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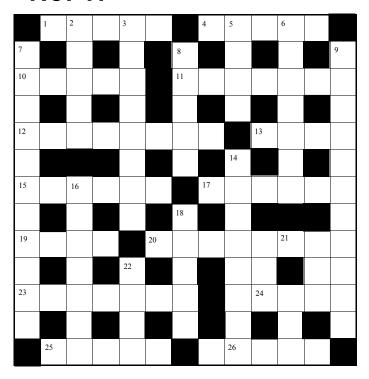
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- 15. Seat of power (6)
- 17. Henry Miller novel—— of Capricorn (6)
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- 20. Japanese suicide pilot (8)
- 23. Florida resort (7)
- 24. Submarine-detecting device (5)
- 25. Liberated (5)
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- 3. Greedy (8)
- **5.** Crushing defeat (4)
- 6. Jockeys footrest (7)
- 7. Contest (11)
- **8.** Portion (5)
- 9. Skill (11)
- **14.** Water (8)
- **16.** Usual (7)
- 18. Man-made silk (5)
- 21. South American mountains (5)
- 22 Betting stake (4)

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Across: 1. Gamble; 7. Shoulder; 8. Bonnet; 9. Amen; 10. East; 12. Pest; 14. Torn; 16. Entry. 18. Orate; 21. Oats. 24. Envy; 26. Rind; 27. Stir; 28. Allure; 29 Talisman; 30. Darted.

Down: 1. Goblet; 2. Manger; 3. Estate; 4. Modest; 5. Adore; 6. Greet; 11. Annoy; 12. Pylon: 13. Spot; 15. Open; 17. Nut; 19. Autumn; 20. Errand; 22. Adjust; 23 Shrewd; 24. Empty; 25. Vault.

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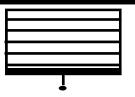
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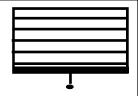
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Cut melon flesh into balls or cubes. Mix all ingredients together reserving a few prawns for decoration, turn filling into melon shells, with remaining prawn and chill before serving.

Duck with Apricot Ginger

2 4lb ducks

1/2 level tsp of salt

1/2 level tsp of ground ginger

8 tbsps of clear honey

4 tbsps of apricot juice from can

1lb/12oz can apricot halves

3-4 pieces of stem ginger sliced

2 tbsps of red currant jelly

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3 large eggs 8oz caster sugar 2½ lemons ½ pint of double cream ½oz gelatine 4 tbsps water 2oz nibbed almonds

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Shopping List

3 Melons of your choice

1 bay of prawns

Small packet of ham

2 4lb ducks

1 jar of honey

1 bottle of dry white wine`

1 jar of paprika

1 tin of apricot halves

Pack of stem ginger

1 jar of redcurrant jelly

1 jar of ground ginger

1 pint of double cream

1 packet of geletine

1 bay of nibbed almonds

1 carton of eggs

3 lemons

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Editorial

Maynooth is set to become the main retail centre for North Kildare with the expansion at Tesco and the large-scale development, including Dunnes Stores, by Dulcedo on the site of Kavanagh's Mill. The Park at Carton Avenue as part of the Area Action Plan will be a great amenity for the expanding town. These are welcome but it is imperative that the infrastructure should be built beforehand. The town is already at a standstill all day; huge HGVs still use the town unnecessarily and if there is no improvement in the road structure before these developments take place there will be permanent gridlock. Trying to drive onto the Main Street from the Rathcoffey Road is now life threatening with angry, frustrated motorists trying to negotiate this ridiculous outmoded situation. The debate for and against traffic lights has gone on long enough. Since the lights were placed on Bond Bridge the problems at this junction have increased dramatically. The lights need to be put in place immediately.

We welcome the fact that the Meadowbrook Link is to proceed but without the realignment of Bond Bridge and related works the Link Road will not be sufficient. Bond Bridge must go ahead in the interest of safety. Kildare County Council have the option of funding this project in the same way as the planned Enfield-Edenderry road. In that case 75% will be funded by central Government and the remaining €8 million required will be raised by county-wide development levies. The Council is allocating €2 a year for the next 40 years to provide a new Council headquarters there will inevitably be cutbacks, it appears that the County Manager wants Bond Bridge to be the first casualty. The other Ring Roads must also be built before these two large developments take place never mind the large housing estates for which planning permissions are being sought.

The intimidating advertising campaign about the race against waste launched by the Minister might be welcome if the Government had a policy on recycling. They don't. Locally, the number of bottle banks has not increased despite the fact that people are trying to recycle with the result that they are frequently overflowing. There is no incentive to cut down on waste; charges should be levied by volume of waste produced not per bin. Large businesses, supermarkets and retail stores should be forced to cut down on the packaging that they produce instead of paying into Repak. The present Government's policy is to incinerate and landfill instead of taking recycling seriously. Most of the materials that we are collecting to recycle are being sent to the Far East, the UK and Scotland. Even the glass goes to Northern Ireland.

Finally, it is astounding the amount of fireworks that have been going off over the past number of weeks with impunity. They are illegal and parents should be aware that they and their children are breaking the law. They are frightening for older people and also for cats and dogs. Please stop making Samain a nightmare for everyone. Pet owners — please keep your animals indoors and protect them from the noise. Remember that their hearing is more sensitive than that of a human being.

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Community Council Notes

The October meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on 13th October in the Glenroyal Hotel.

There were two new co-opted to the Council, Frank O'Shea and Cyril McAree both of Carton Court.

Geraldine Hall

It was noted that the Geraldine Hall has still not been made secure.

Removal of wall opposite the Church

It was felt that the wall was dangerous in that there was not enough room for kids to walk or cycle said Cllr. Griffin. Paul Croghan suggested that it could be rebuilt further in as it was a heritage feature.

It was also noted that the wall was of no great architectural value.

Bond Bridge

It is unlikely that the Bond Bridge Project will go ahead. Both Cllr. John McGinley and Cllr. Senan Griffin stated that land was given free of charge to accommodate the building of the Meadowbrook link road. He felt that both projects are in jeopardy. Senan said he hoped the Meadowbrook link would go ahead first, also that they don't know what is happening at the moment. He said they will have to go to Kildare County Council to get answers.

Des Mattews felt that the Meadowbrook link could now effect Beaufield also that there should be lights at the Roost, he said it is dreadfulthat there are no lights and they should be put in place with a view to safety.

Muireain Ni Bhrolchain said that traffic in Maynooth is now a living nightmare. She said infrastructure will have to come first, she said people have to use the country roads around Maynooth to get in and out of the town, and these roads have become rats runs. She also said the Ring road should be followed up urgently.

"One the question of levies", it was noted that levies have being allocated over the past 28 years for Bond Bridge and improvements on the Rathcoffey road, it was also noted that €600,000 has to be given back to the development of Castledawson if not used.

Paul Croghan said there should be no more levies enough is enough, it has to stop. Nobody can afford to pay more.

Cllr. Griffin said people living in different quality homes are paying the same levies as people living in stated homes should have relief from huge levies.

Chairperson Hugh Gallagher said Maynooth

Community Council will write to Kildare County Council objecting to levies and also all Residents Groups in North Kildare should look for money back where no work was done.

Muireann said she will write and demand to know where all the levies money has gone. People are frustrated and we will also to demand that Bond Bridge goes ahead.

It was also noted that individuals and Resident Groups should write to Kildare County Council, and look for levies money back if Bond Bridge does not go ahead.

Paul Croghan said that there are now 29 new service Rail cars, he said this will mean nothing for Maynooth. People are being left in Drumcondra, also along the line other towns are being developed and thus there are more people using the trains. He also said we will have to ask for point to point transport between stations.

Development on Rathcoffey Road

It was noted that K.C.C. has objected to further development, there was also fears raised about the development of the Ring Road as this looks very uncertain. It was also noted that the Dunboyne Road has also become a Rat Run with dreadful driving. And also reported that the guards are unable to man the roads.

Kavanagh Development

Robert Wilson, Kingsbury asked was there anything done about rats in the Mill. K.C.C. told him that the situation is under control.

Halloween

A note of warning went out to people at this time of year, to be vigilant of elderly people and animals as this can be a terrifying time for them.

Sub-Committee

Tidy Town

Paul Croghan said they will be holding there are annual awards on the 30th October also this year they will be having a new award this year for a person who does work in this area.

Festival

Chairperson Andrew McMullon said all interested in getting involved should ring the office. He said he hoped to see a big interest in the Festival next year.

Next Meeting of Maynooth Community Council is 10th November 2003.

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Letters to the Editor

Bond Bridge

Another year another lot down for 27 years we have been promised a new Bond Bridge 20 odd years ago after several years of writing to K.C.C. Re danger of Bridge a series if demonstrations took place. I have a photo of my son as a very young boy holding a placard walking in a march on the 23rd Feb 1991 to get Bond Bridge sorted out. We have listened to promise after promise and each new resident on the Maynooth Rathcoffey Road have been forced to pay higher prices for their homes towards the cost of Replacement of Bond Bridge; This has been going on for years and year after year the cost of the Bridge goes up and now again there is talk of of postponment. I call on all those involved in past demos and all of residents in Newtown to write to the Manager to express our feelings that enough is enough and as Micheael o' Leary said about Bertie Ahern its time to get up off their arse and do what they are paid to do. Complete Bond Bridge Meadowbrook link and all other work involved as the council has been given full permission by the Representivies to borrow the money along with what has been collected. So get on and finish the Job.

Tom McMullon

How Do We Know The Students Are Back

It is with great regret that once again this subject has to appear in print. Yes the students are back. How do we know as can be seen from another horror Cluain Aoibinn had a major job done in removing trees that could be dangerous those were replaced by young mature ones just before the Summer Holidays. The youngsters ensured there welfare during this period and were very protective of them. Within 4 days of student life returning 1 Tree was snapped in half, since then another 3 or 4 have followed suffering similar fates. We have also had wing mirrors broken and flowers damaged. We have also has the usual excuse parties. "It's someones birthday " It's someones Engagement" all the usual excuses we have heard over the years. But it is no consolation for the residents who have small children or persons who have to be at work early. The students can sleep all day after there is no sackings for them if they don't appear unlike the normal working person. Another sure indication is the worrying litter collection this usually consists of crisp packets lolly pop papers coke or orange bottles. Now it is cider cans, larger, cool, occasional ½ bottles of vodka and assorted other cans ect. Also the window laundry display and smoke butts on windowsills. It is time that those 'bright young people' realised that the resident esates and town is not a student campus and out of the University environment they should behave in a mannor befitting where they are living. I often wonder if they would behave in the same fashion where they live normally and they shold remember that replacing trees wing mirrors pulling up flowers all for a laugh Ha Ha, Costs people money and also that all the residents of Maynooth through their efforts at work are the ones who are helping to pay for their space in the collage towards the hope that they will become an asset to the country as a whole.

Tom McMullon

Kildare County Council Do it Again What has Kildare County Council got against trees? What has Kildare County Council got against Cluain Aoibhinn estate?

As most readers will remember some time ago we published the fact that K.C.C. removed trees from the front of our estate for what appears no excuse. This was highlighted by the local Kildare papers and newsletter, we are still waiting for clarification on this issue.

Recently due to the growth of many trees on our estate we contacted John Joe Costin a Landscape Consultant from Kilcock and was has an intimate knowledge of every tree on our estate to do a report and recommendation for submission to K.C.C. At the request of John McGinley, this was done and K.C.C. agreed to proceed according to the list.

The residents were pleased with the result and with the replanting. However in the last 2-3 weeks 'Shaws' who are used by K.C.C. returned to the estate and removed 3 beautiful poplar trees and would not listen to any protests made to them.

I contacted John McGinley who got back an answer from the local engineer saying they did not know of any plan to remove trees. I have asked John Joe if he could find any reasons for removal and to enclose his report when clearly it shows no reason. We have also received an estimate as to the value of trees and we will be submitting a claim for as much and if necessary we will implement legal proceedings against K.C.C. and Shaws for compensation of loss of trees.

As stated at a recent Community Council meeting K.C.C. manages without consolation of councillors appear to be riding rough shod over the people who are paying their wages and instead of serving the people by using their brains are bandying to control government. It is time the people of Cluain Aoibhinn and all other residents stood up to this form of dictatorship.

Tom McMullon

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Planning Permissions

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03/1877	Sinead Dunne	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	18/09/03	For proposed extension to the side of main dwelling consisting of utility room, breakfast room, study and porch on the ground floor and two bedrooms and shower room on the first floor dormer window on rear of dormer bungalow	261 Castletown Leixlip
03/1890	Paul and Karen Harnett	47 Rockfield Court Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	19/09/03	New first floor extension with pitched roof at side of house and single storey extension with lean-to roof at rear	47 Rockfield Court Maynooth
03/1971	Joe McFadden	Rye Lodge The Maws Kilcock Co. Kildare	Р	30/09/03	To construct a dormer bungalow and septic tank	The Maws
03/1989	Sharon & Colin Fitzpatrick	9 Vesey Park Lucan Co. Dublin	Р	2/10/03	To erect a bungalow and biocycle tank	Clover Farm Newtownmacabe Maynooth
03/2007	Noel Kenny	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	06/10/03	A dormer bungalow garage and Puraflo treatment system	Clonfert Maynooth
03/2015	John Gannon	Ballycaman Kilcock Co. Kildare	Р	07/10/03	Two semi-detached dormer bungalows with new entrance to side of same	356 Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2029	Larry McNutt	43 Newtown Court Maynooth Co Kildare	Р	09/10/03	For two storey extension to side of existing house, consisting of 1 bedroom, ensuite, study, utility, downstairs, toilet etc. and extended tiling to rear all at	43 Newtown Court Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2040	John and Mary Gallen	12 Rockfield Close Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	10/10/03	To erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion	12 Rockfield Close Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2080	Edward F. Duvivier & Emer McDermott	121 Rail Park Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	16/10/03	Development consists of the demolition of an existing garage and boiler house and the construction of a new two storey living room, bathroom and utility area and also the construction of a garden shed (for domestic purposes) only etc	121 Rail Park Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2084	Glenmoy Developments Ltd	Grafton Buildings 34 Grafton St. Dublin 24	Р	17/10/03	For a residential infill development on a 5.9 acre site at Dillons Row, Maynooth. Proposals include a total of 91 dwellings and a single storey crèche comprising: 6 no. single storey sheltered houses, 1 no. single storey two house, 28 two etc.	Dillons Row Maynooth Co. Kildare.



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Tony Blair- A Political Crisis

Tony Blair is in trouble. The fallout from the invasion of Iraq is damaging the unity of his Government. The continuing revelations from the Hutton Inquiry do nothing for his credibility or his future plitical career. Tony Blair continues to be on the receinving end of bad press over the death of Doctor Kelly, a gentlrma hounded to his death by the House of Commons committee acting under instructions from their political masters, there are a good number of distruntled Labour backbenches with a score to settle and no lack of potential candidates who fancy their chances of become the leader of the Party. There is a feeling among many people that the blaires are getting whats coming to them and thatfew tears will be shed over their demise. The recent by-election will only add to the Prime Ministers woes and make it more difficult for him to survive.

There are implications for this country if Blair fails to survive. He is the first Brittish Prime Minister fully committed to improvements between two countries. Some might disagree with this but there is an analysis of the career of Gladstone(supposedly onr of the good guys) who introduced the first Home Rule Bill in 1866 showed that domestic considerations guided his polict in Ireland. If herequired the backing of of Irish MP's to form a liberal Government, eh put Home Rule on the table. If he had a liberal majority Home Rule was taken off the table. Successive British Prime Ministers who showed no interest in Anglo-Irish affairs carried on this policy for over fifty years. Excuses were many but the cor problem ws the unwillingness of the British to improve the conditions in which the irish people lived and were govened. By 1916 home rule was still an aspiration, fifty years after the introduction of the first Home Rule bill. Its beggars beleif that collumnists like Kevin Myres (Irish Times) have such a disrespectful attitude to the first Dail. The Provisional Government was forced to take to arms to advance the cause of Irish people. The history of Home Rule in Ireland was a history of deception, bad faith and pure trickery. The physical force movement, which Myres despises, arosed from an exhaustion that had been stretched to the limit by British policy in Ireland.

A russian General once said that for people to ignjore history was to look to the future with bot eyes closed. It is therefore important to reveiw the path of Anglo-Irish affairs. since the inception since the state in 1922 and glean what lessons should be learned if Blaire falls. We often dwell on the quarrels of Civil War without recognisung the policy gifted men and women, who formed the first Provisional Governmant. All had to learn the art of government and diplomicy quickly in order to secure the gains that were made possible by the Anglo-Irish treaty of 1922. W.T Cosgrave, Michael Collins, Auther Griffith and later Eamon de Valera all

lacked the political guile and training that was a feature of the men from St. James pakace (The Foreign Office)in London. Yet inspired by the love if their country and its people they deliverde independence from the British Empire and the Irish people were free for the first time in 800 hundred years.

The partition of Ireland was a cause of much pain and heartbreak to many. What is important to remember is the decision of the majorty of the Irish people to vote themselves out of the United caused as much bittrrness and anger to many in the Brittish establishment. Bitterness fuelled by arrogance is still a feature in hte political thinking if some members of the Conservative Party and surprisingly some elements in the British Labour party. It has manifested itself from the times of Lloyd George right up to the premiership of John Major and the Labour Governments of Wilson and Callaghan. Will we ever forget the pathetic Northen Ireland Secretaries of State, Merlyn Rees and Roy Mason. They were both members of a labour Government who managrd to damage Anglo-Irish relations.

Margret Thatcher was most hostile to the idea of an Ireland totally removed from British influence. She was fully committed to the Unionist in maintaining the their dominant status in Storment Assembly. We remembr her body language at the Dublin Summit with Charles Haughy, deeply uncomfortable in the mist of "Republicans". Thatcher gave the the impression at photo call that she could not get away quickly enough. She had a basic distrust and dislike of the Republic of Ireland. In her autobiography "The Downing Street Years" she expresses her disappointment in the Anglo-Irish agreement and regrets signing it. It must be said that the agreenent reflects great credit on the Fine Gael-Labour coalition ably led by doctor Gareth Fitzgerald.It also reflected great credit on Sean Donlon and his young bloods in the Department of Foreign Affairs. To have Margert Thatcher sign an Agreement and later admit she was out manouvered, was some play and reflects the progress that this Nation has made it in the last fifty years. The pact that her successer John Major made with Unionist Party in order to hold a Commons majoritty effected him badly. To make this deal in a critical period for Anglo-Irish relations with implications for implications for the IRA cease-fire shows him as a Prime-Minister without moral principals. The labour leaders Wilson and Callaghan were no different. Wilson presided over the collapse of the Sunningdale agreement when he failed to enforce the law and Callaghan increased the number of Unionist Seats in the House of Commons to win their backing for his money minority Government. In all of this the incrests of the irish people, north an south took a back seat.

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Tony Blair - A Political Crisis contd...

Most political analysts would agree that we were approaching the appproaching the political end game in Northen Ireland. A crude head count shows both communities are heading towards a fifty/fifty split. This does not mean that there will be a majority seeking a United Ireland in the foreseeable future but it does raise the possibility of a Nationalist First Minister. This situation is fraught with danger and the implications of civil order will place a responsibility on the next Brittish Prime Minister whoever he might be.

Blair, I believe, fully under stands the potential problems that might arise. There is no doubt that he is working hard to consolidate the structures that were set up on Good Friday Agreement. These structures will be vital in dealing with a period of change, which will affect everybody living on both islands. What is required is a fully focused Brittish Prime Minister who will disregard party considerations and work for a peaceful resolution.to a very difficult political problem.

The greatest fear is that Gordan Browne should replace Blair. A Scot from the reformed church he has little or no knowledge of the Republic of Ireland. He may have spent some holiday time here, but has never shown any great interest in Anglo-Irish affairs. He has made little or no contribution to the resolution of the Northen Conflict. There is a danger that under his leadership any progress made in the Good Friday Agreement could slip and we could find ourselves going backwards because of his lack of political commitmant. We have to take heed of what happened to previous Labour Administers and realaise that it is in our best interest that Blair remains as leader of that party and Prime Minister.

Jim Healy

"Swan"

Mother hen with head stern Signet flow merrily along Tinv creatures much to learn Guided constantly with chirpy song Sunshine days water ripple free Guide loved ones on their way Strong male stern eyes see Giving family as safe a day Constantly nurturing all their own Playing free in such glee One day soon be fully grown Such a grace fly away free Swans of white silken feathers glow On a dismal pond a family Soon take flight so far away Gone forever to be free

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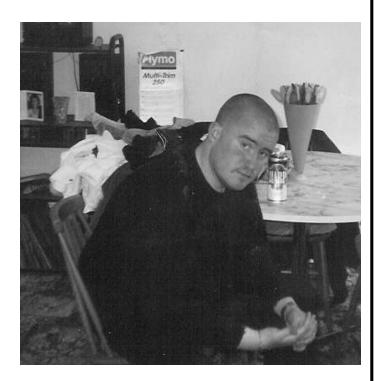
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A True Lilywhite

The 23rd of August saw the sudden passing away of Ross Tobin aged twenty three. His loss is deeply felt by his twin John, Brothers, patrick, Gerry and Shane, sister Bernadette, Grandmother Dinah, niece leanne, nephew Aaron, sister in laws, relatives and close friends.

Even though he only graced us with his presence for a short time, he left a powerful impact on those around him. It's very hard to put into words what he gave to people who really knew him. He had a great sense of passion especially when it came to the subject of Kildare football. He was totally devoted to the Lilywhites, which stemmed way back before the "Mick O'Dwyer" era. He also took great pride in the town he grew up in and never liked straying from Maynooth and definitely not Kildare, unless it was to Croke Park to cheer them on.

It would be so easy for me to write a book on what Ross gave to me his "Twin" and others, but on a personal note, not many people got to know the real Ross. He was a thoughtful, caring and loving person to me as a twin and as a best friend, and was mentioned at his funeral "he was just too good for this world". He has left behind me and the rest of my family and is gone to a better place, and when Kildare eventually win Sam he will look down on us all with that big broad grin of his and say "I told ye so".

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Clubs, Organisations & Societies

Maynooth Local History and Civic Forum

Maynooth Local History Group organised two events as part of Heritage week 2003. More than 30 people attended a guided tour of St Patrick's College Maynooth on Sunday 7 September. Our tour guide was Mary Cullen whose expert knowledge and love for the college made it a most interesting afternoon.

The second event, A talk on Anne Devlin: heroine of Robert Emmet's rising of 1803, was held in the town library on Thursday 11 September at 8pm. Mary Cullen who once again shared with us her vast scholarship gave the talk. In the space of one hour she brought vividly to life Anne Devlin's involvement, as Emmet's friend and confidante and her subsequent imprisonment and mal-treatment in Kilmainham jail.

Following on from this talk, our secretary Rita Edwards organised a special tour of Glasnevin Cemetery on Saturday 4 October. Our tour guide on this occasion was Glasnevin's resident historian Shane Mac Thomais. With exactly the right mix of hard facts and Dublin wit, Shane guided us through the cultural and political divisions within the walls of the cemetery (the final resting place of some one and a half million people) which mirrors so well our development as a nation over the past 170 years.



The last grave visited was Anne Devlins, where Mary Cullen laid a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the group. The Maynooth Local History & Civic Forum meet on the last Thursday of the month in the town library. New members welcome.

Contact Rita Edwards (01-6016332).

MAYNOOTH ICA NOTES

The October meeting of the Maynooth ICA was the annual auction, the proceeds of which go to sponsor two members for a week in An Grianan Adult Education College. The auction itself is a popular event, as part of the fun is guessing what is in each of the parcels, which everybody brings, already wrapped, and then figuring out what to bid on. Margaret Holohon, whose lighthearted approach encouraged the bidding, ably conducted the auction.

Ten members of the group visited An Grianian, which is an oasis of quiet in Termanfecin, County Louth, last weekend. On setting out, all of the women felt they could not afford the time to go and only followed through on the idea as they were already committed but all that was forgotten when they got there. From the wide variety of courses available members of the group chose copper repousse, cushion making, flower arranging, and oil painting. They enjoyed making the crafts and had the added pleasure of bringing home the finished pieces. The women who took the aromatherapy and massage course, returned both relaxed mentally and physically and with a plan to include regularly some of what they had learned, in their busy lives. Before the group left on Sunday afternoon, following a superb lunch, the only talk was of when they could arrange another visit.

To mark its fiftieth anniversary, the ICA is taking stock: every long-lived organisation must redefine and reinvent itself. It must retain what is good and at the same time not become irrelevant. This also means attracting new members with new perspectives. That's why we are circulating a questionnaire among our members. If you think the ICA could play a positive part in your life, why not join us? Craft sessions are held every Monday evening at eight in the ICA Hall in Leinster Street, by the canal at Maynooth.

Anyone interested is welcome to come along and see what is going on. The general monthly meeting is held on the first Thursday of every month at nine. There are always activities: November's is a memorial service and December's is—you've guessed it!—A Christmas party!

Even if you are interested but cannot attend at the moment, we would welcome your ideas. We can be contacted through the *Maynooth Newsletter*.

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The European meeting hosted by the Irish partners from St. John of God Kildare Services, commenced on Sunday 5th October 2003 and finished Wednesday 8th October at the Glen Royal Hotel Maynooth. Twenty-three participants travelled from Austria, Germany and Slovenia. Brother Gregory welcomed them, at a reception held in the Glen Royal on the Sunday night. They were joined by Adult Learners and staff from the Genil training and Employment services and Re Nua Service for older persons. The theme of the conference was for the Inclusion of People with learning Disabilities in Adult Education and Life long learning. This European Union driven Programme encourages involvement in arts and crafts and exchange visits between the participants. It encourages the participants from each country to work with each other and develop new friendships. The Presentation given by the TOPS drama group on the opening night, on the theme of inclusion, was greeted by a standing and sustained ovation by the audience. The Programme Manager, Theresa Doyle, was ably assisted by a dedicated group of volunteers in making the conference an outstanding success.

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Know Your Rights

Question

I am applying for Fuel Allowance under the National Fuel Scheme. If I am eligible for it how much will I receive?

Answer

The National Fuel Scheme operated by the Department of Social and Family Affairs is intended to help people who are dependent on long term social welfare or health board payments as their sole income and who are unable to meet their heating needs.

Under the scheme people who qualify for the Fuel Allowance receive an extra €9.00 per week. If you qualify for the basic Fuel Allowance you may also qualify for an extra €3.90 per week for smokeless fuel, but only if you live in an area where there is a ban on smoky coal. The €3.90 may also be payable to those receiving Disability Benefit or Unemployment Benefit/ Assistance for at least 13 weeks and t those receiving Family Income Supplement, who do not qualify for the basic allowance.

In order to qualify for the Fuel Allowance you must satisfy a means test. You and the members of you or household cannot have more than €50.79 per week in combined income or savings/capital of €41,.901.36 or more above the appropriate maximum Irish contributory pension rate in order to qualify. For example, someone without any savings receiving a Widow's or Widower's Contributory Pension of €130.30 per week should qualify if his/her weekly income does not exceed €130.30 plus €50.79 i.e. €181.09.

However, if you are already on a means tested payment you will not be subject to another means test for the Fuel Allowance. Where two or more people living in the same household would qualify for the allowance, only one allowance will be paid.

The allowance is paid for 29 weeks from the first week in October to late April.

If you think you are eligible you should apply immediately as the allowance will not be backdated if you apply after the start of the heating season. Application forms (NFS1) are available from any Post Office or your local Social Welfare Office.

Question

I believe it is possible to claim tax relief for third level fees. Can you please give the details?

Answer

Tax relief for third level tuition fees for approved courses is available to those who pay their own fees or pay on behalf of their spouse, their child or a person for

whom they are the legal guardian. Relief is not available for administration or examination fees or for any part of the tuition fee that is paid for through a grant, scholarship, by an employer, etc.

Tax relief for third level tuition fees is available for the following courses:

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Information technology and foreign language courses resulting in a certificate of competence (not just a certificate of attendance).

Tax relief, which is at the standard rate of income tax i.e.. 20%, is only available where the net tuition fee is €315 or more. The maximum relief available for 2003 is €3,175. Application form (IT 31) are available for the Revenue Commissioners Tel: LoCall 1890 306706.

Further information is available from your own tax office, the Revenue Commissioners Central Telephone Information Office Tel: LoCall 1890 605090 and the Citizens Information Centre below.

Question

If my employer sells his business, does the new employer have to employ me?

Answer

Yes, if the business continues to operate as before. Under Statutory Instrument 131/2003 - European Communities (Protection of Employees on Transfer of Undertaking) Regulations 2003 - where a business is sold as a going concern the interests of existing employees are protected at the time of the changeover. This means that the new employer must honour your contract of employment, with the exception of pensions, but including rates of pay, hours of work, annual leave entitlements continuous service and so on. Where only part of the business I sold the employees working in that part are protect in the same way as if he entire business was sold.

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Dismissal on such grounds is redundancy and you might be entitled to a redundancy lump sum.

You could challenge, in an unfair dismissal claim, that the changes in the workforce are justified on any of these grounds. You can take a claim for unfair dismissal to either of the following.

Rights Commissioner, Labour Relations Commission, Tom Johnson House, Beggars Bush, Dublin 4. Tel: (01) 6136700 or LoCall 1890 220 227.

Employment Appeals Tribunal, Davitt House, 65a Adelaide road, Dublin 2. Tel: 901) 631 2121.

Further information on your employment rights and entitlements is available in the new edition of 'Employment Rights Explained' published by Comhairle and available from the Citizens Information Centre.

Question

I am dissatisfied with the quality of work I had done in my garden by landscapers and will have to pay for someone else to finish the job properly. I have asked the company to compensate me for the additional expense I will be incurring but I have been refused. Could you give me some information about the Small Claims Procedure as I intended pursuing the issue?

Answer

The Small Claims Procedure is for dealing with claims under €1,269.74 within the District Court structure. The aim is to provide an inexpensive, fast and easy way for consumers to resolve disputes without the need to employ a solicitor.

Anyone who has purchased goods or services for private use from someone selling them in the course of business may take a Small Claims Court action. Claims can be made for faulty goods or bad workmanship. Claims can also be made for minor damage to property and for the non-return of rent deposits. Claims cannot be made for debts, personal injuries or breach of leasing agreements.

To make a claim you need to complete a special application form which can be obtained from the Small Claims Registrar at your local District Court office where you can get assistance in completing the form. The completed form with the fee (€9) should be lodged with the Small Claims Registrar. A copy of the form is sent to the person against whom you are making the claim by the Registrar, who also keeps a copy.

If within 15 days of receiving your application, the other party does not reply to it, your claim will be

automatically treated as undisputed and the District Court will an Order in your favour for the amount claimed to be paid within a short specific period of time. But if your claim is disputed the Registrar will contact you and let you have a copy of the reasons why the other party is disputing your claim.

If you win your case, the other party will be allowed about four weeks to pay the amount the Court. But both parties to the case have the right to appeal an Order of the District Court to the Circuit Court where the Judge in question may decide on the subject of costs.

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Shopping List

Goat Cheese x 2
Smoked back bacon (packet)
Rocket salad x 1
Garlic x 1 bulb
Wholegrain mustard x 1 jar
White wine vinegar x 1 bottle
Caster sugar x 1
Star anise x 1 jar
Cinnamon sticks x 1 jar
Fresh root ginger x 1
Red chilli x 1
Mascarpone cheese x 1
Lemon x 1
Large pork chops x 4
Pate x 1 tub

From the Store Cupboard

Olive oil Cocktail sticks Salt and pepper

Goats Cheese and Rocket Salad Cook time 20 minutes preparation time 15 minutes

9oz of smoked back bacon

1 tablespoon vegetable oil

2 small round, soft goats cheese about 3½oz each

3oz of rocket or watercress

For the dressing

1 clove of garlic

1 teaspoon of wholegrain mustard

2 teaspoons of white wine vinegar

2 tablespoons of extra virgin olive oil

Salt and pepper

Preheat oven to 240°c/475°F Gas 9. Derind and dice the bacon, heat the oil and fry the bacon until crisp. To make the dressing, peel the garlic and crush in a small bowl add the rest of ingredients season with salt and pepper.

Line a baking sheet with baking paper, cut the goats cheese horizontally and lay the rounds on the baking sheet, bake for 5 minutes or until they begin to melt or turn a toasting brown colour on top. Meanwhile, trim, rinse and dry rocket and put it into a mixing bowl with the bacon pour the dressing over and toss lightly. Then arrange in circles on individual plates remove the cheese from the oven, place on round in the center of each salad, serve immediately.

Andy's Tip

For a vegetarain version, use toasted pine kernels or almonds instead of the bacon.

Pork Pockets

Preparation time 10 minutes Cook time 15 minutes

- 4 large pork chop
- 4 teaspoons of your favourite pate, garlic and mushroom work well
- 4 cocktail sticks

Oil for frying

Cut away the fat from the chops using a sharp knife, slice a pocket in each chop length ways. Fill each chop with pate and close with a cocktail stick. Heat oil in a pan and add chops, fry until golden brown on each side reduce heat cooking gently for 10 minutes. Serve with mash potatoes and vegtables of your choice.

Wine

French red wine goes very well with the whole dinner something like a Côtes de Rhone with its rich fruity flavours.

Hot spiced peaches with Mascarpone Cheese Cook time 25 minutes, Preparation time 15 minutes

4oz of caster sugar

2 star of anise

 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch stick of cinnamon or $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons of ground 2 thin slices of fresh ginger or $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of ground

1 fresh red chilli not cut

6oz of Mascapone cheese

1 lemon

Boil the kettle and add 150mls of water to a sauce pan, add sugar and dissolve, then add your spices and simmer gently for 15 minutes, then cut the peaches in half, remove stones and put into a bowl of boiling water leave for 1-2 minutes drain and remove skin. Cut each half into 4-6 slices and add to the sugar syrup, bring to the boil reduce heat and simmer for 5 minutes. Meanwhile add the rest of the sugar to the Mascarpone, squeeze the juice from the lemon, remove the spiced peaches, then add the lemon juice. Transfer into individual dishes and serve warm or cold with a little syrup and Mascarpone.

Andy's Tip

When serving warm this dessert makes an excellent accompaniment to pancakes waffles or ice cream



Murder of the month – the body in the van

By the mid-1950s in England there was a large immigrant population and there were many from India and the West Indies in Wolverhampton. Among these were the Duggals. Jitendra Duggal and his wife Pushr Lata Duggal had moved to Wolverhampton to provide a better life for themselves and their two children and this was coming to fruition when disaster struck. Mr Duggal worked as an electronics engineer in a small firm and he also worked at the weekends as a credit draper. His wife was a qualified doctor and worked at a hospital in Coventry. Within a year of setting up as a credit draper he had 500 customers, mostly fellow immigrants living in Wolverhampton. This hard work allowed them to move to Shirley near Solihull where they bought their own home. Duggal left home to do his rounds in his van as usual on Sunday November 15th 1964 just three months after their move to their new home. He told his wife that he would be back at about 9 p.m.

When he did not fulfil this promise his wife phoned the police and reported him missing. It was a number of days before there was a development in the case. His van was found in Avenue Road, Wolverhampton where the residents reported that it been left in a culde-sac since late on the Sunday night. When they realised that the van was abandoned they reported its presence.

A digger-driver had already investigated the van and found that it was unlocked. But he did not look any further. He was looking for some identification and failing to find any he left the van as it was. It did not occur to him to look in the back. The police quickly opened the boot and found Mr Duggal's body with his feet tied with a pyjama jacket as well as a piece of string around his neck. His black notebook containing the names of his customers fell from his body as it was moved – 500 suspects! All 500 had a motive – robbery. He was in the habit of doing his business in cash and Sunday was collection day. He would have carried large amounts of money.

The men investigating his death were Detective Superintendent Frank Davies of Scotland Yard and Detective Superintendent Harold Williams of the Wolverhampton police. With the friends and relatives of Duggal's customers, who knew about his business the list of possible suspects rose to 5,000 people. This would a difficult and painstaking investigation. The police appealed to witnesses who may have seen the van after the last sighting at 3.00 p.m. that Sunday.

The pathologist said that Duggal had not been strangled by the string; rather he had been manually strangled before the string had been wound about him. His face had 86 scratches and the police assumed that this was as a result of his struggle with his murderer.

A further clue was the fact that his widow had received two strange phone calls on the day of his murder but the caller had not spoken. When the van was searched for finger prints, apart from those of Duggal, his wife and the digger-driver there were other unknown prints. They were probably those of the murderer.

The police set about the momentous job of finger printing all his customers and checking all the addresses in his book. The immigrant population was partly transient and they decided to finger print anyone living at these addresses whether they were a customer or not.

After two weeks they were getting closer. On visiting an address at Williamson Street they found two Jamaicans whose names were not in Duggal's book but one of them was wearing his watch. He was Joseph Lawrence who said that he lived at this address. The other man was his friend Philbert Walker who had an address elsewhere. When Lawrence was questioned about the watch he said that he bought it from his friend Walker. He denied any knowledge of either Duggal or his van. But their fingerprints matched those found in the van and the story began to change. Each began to finger the other. Friendship quickly disintegrated in the face of murder charges.

Walker said that he was involved in the robbery but denied knowing that Lawrence would kill the man. He added that Lawrence said that he had to kill him in case he went to the police.

Lawrence told a different tale. Refusing to speak until he had a solicitor, he then blamed the entire episode on Walker. He maintained that he was not strong enough to kill anyone.

The police were having none of it – both men were charged with murder and the case went to trial on February 2nd 1965. They were accused of the capital murder of Mr Duggal in the course of a robbery, robbery with aggravation, robbery with violence and being an accessory after the fact of murder. The jury were told by the QC for the Crown that this was a brutal and cruel murder of a man who was a decent and hard-working individual.

Throughout the trial the defendants continued to blame the murder on one another and the Justice said during his summing up that each of them was as guilty as the other, directly or indirectly. He added that if the jury were satisfied that Walker had helped Lawrence in the robbery that he should be considered guilty of murder whether or not he had intended to kill the victim or not. It took the jury only 5 hours to find Lawrence guilty of capital murder and Philbert Walker guilt of just plain murder. The judge said that he agreed with the verdict and he sentenced Lawrence to death.

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Murder of the month – the body in the van Contd...

The Jamaican wept as he left the court for the condemned cell in Birmingham's Winson Green prison. Coincidentally, the last man hanged there in 1962 was also a Jamaican. Walker was sentenced to life imprisonment but that was not the end. The case went to appeal. Lawrence's sentence was retained but the lawyers contended that the judge had misdirected the jury in Walker's sentence. He had said that if Walker was prepared to take part in the robbery then he was complicit and guilty of the murder. But it was pointed out that this had ceased to be law since 1957 and that the judge should have told them that Walker was only guilty of murder if he knew that Lawrence was going to kill Duggal.

Three judges upheld Walker's appeal but he did not walk free. He was sentenced to 7 years for accessory to murder after the fact.

Lawrence was never hanged. There was a new Labour Government and they decided that no one would be hanged during their term. When he left prison after serving 15 years he was promptly deported.

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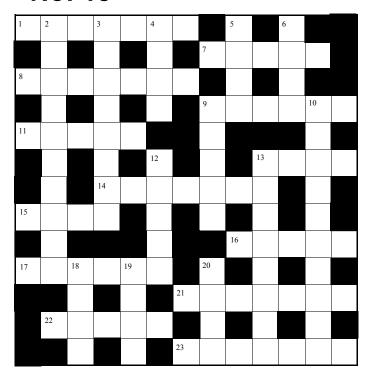
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- 7. Prankster (5)
- **8.** Crevice (7)
- 9. Truman..... US author (6)
- 11. Bowling surface (5)
- **13.** Birds bill (4)
- 14. Lake between Israel and Jordan (4,3)
- **15.** Cunning (4)
- **16.** Thrall (5) **17.** Ensnare (6)
- 21. Intolerance (7)
- 22. Group of a species (5)
- 23. Room (7)

Down:

- Departure to a new country (10)
- Wobbly (8)
- Kind of bulb (4) 4.
- 5. Spanish artist (4)
- 6. Mexican currency (4)
- 9. Thicket (5)
- **10.** Lying crosswise (10)
- **12.** Former county name of Shropshire (5)
- 13. Dace hall (8)
- 18. Long journey (4)
- 19. Shivery fever (4)
- 20. Lillian..... Silent screen star (4)

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Across: 1. Adage; 4. Cross;

10. Omega; 11. Haulier; 12. Passport;

13. Graf; 15. Throne; 17. Tropic.

19. Toga; 20. Kamikaze; 23. Orlando;

24. Asdic; 25. Freed; 26. Welsh; .

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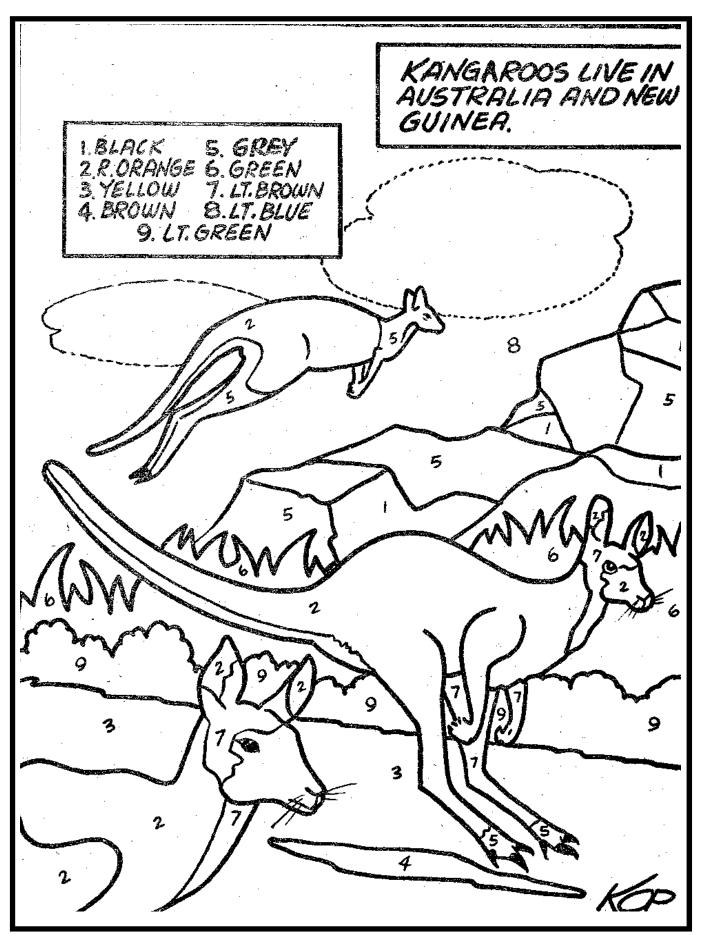
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The Dawning of The Day

Tim rested his arms on the wooden fence. The field fell away to a small river that meanders its way through a landscape of rolling hills that is a feature of the West Wicklow countryside. At peace with himself and just a little annoyed that even after all these years he was unable to grasp and fully appreciate the beauty of the area and the tranquillity that it brought him. In the field the grass rustled guietly in the breeze as it swayed gently to the everchanging direction of the winds. The sun shone down on a cloudless sky giving warmth and a golden sheen to the acres and acres of corn and wheat that covered his field of vision. Nothing much had changed in this landscape in his lifetime except his memory suggested that the summers were warmer and longer in his younger days. Tim moved slighty and emptied the burnt tobacco from his pipe going through a time-measured ritual of refilling and re-lighting. Nothing fazed Tim; a lifetime of looking after animals taught him a humility and acceptance to the forces of nature.

His eyes focused on the five year old gelding trotting round the field. The chestnut colour lightned by the rays of the sun and the four white feet parting the swaying grass as he galoped from one end of the field to to the other. Tim was inatially moved by the honesty of his horse, the gentle eyes and the intellegiance that shone from his face as he enjoyed his romp before being returned to his box. The horse trotted to the fence and nudged Tims arms. He was not dissappointed as an apple was produced and eaten in an enviornment o fcontemp that only nature can provide. Tim studied his horse. The chestnut measured sixteen hands high, a product of mating by a Strong Gale and a mare from the Mah Mahal line. The birth had been difficult and omly the good hands and expieerience of the local vet saved the foal. He had mused over a name for the foal for some time always believing that somehow he might turn out something special. He had chosen the name "Marshey Ney" the bravest of the brave and one of Napoleans great generels. h smiled wryly at his choice and reflected on his uncharacteristic brashness of choosing the name. Marshal Ney was extremely game and built like a little tank. He had not rushed the preperation of the horses racing career. He finished second in his only race as afour year old, a two mile flat national hunt race at Punchestown. Tim now i his sixty-seventh year had seen many false dawns and although hopefull for the horses did not raise his hopes on gaining that exclusive first win. Almost unnoticed and without a word Toby, Tims trusted farmland led the gelding from the paddock and walked him backed to the stable.

Tim returned to the house. Built nearly one hundred years ago it stood at the end of a short tree lined

driveway. The georgian architecture and the magnificent colours of the surroundung gardens never ceased to excite him ever since he seen the house for the first time nearly forty years ago. He smiled as he saw his wife nancy in the garden. Busy as usual she was tending to rose plants that would in time grow and enhance further the beautiful enviornmant that surrounded the house. Nancy saw him and walked towards him. She kissed him on the cheek and they joined hands and walked slowly towards the house. "Ted called" She said "and he thinks you have lost it".

Ted sloan, champion jockey and good friend of Tim had callled in the previous week to discuss the racing future of Marshal Ney. Ted had seen the horse at Punchestown and liked him. He assumed that Tim would pick an easy maiden hurdle for his first run over the jumps. Tim said nothing until they both sat down in kitchen. He poured Ted a generous whiskey and patted his collie as the warmth from the open fire spred accross the stone floor. "I am going to run him in the Champion Novice Hurdle at the Punchestown Festival". Ted nearly dropped his drink. "I know it is a bit ambitious" Tim said "but I believe he is good enough". He lacks experience but I have seen Toby school him over hurdles and he is a natural. "Listen Ted time is something I may not have a lot left and this is as a good chance I may ever get of winning a big race". Ted was silent for a while swirling the remainder of the whiskey the glass and looking at the fire. Five foot three in height and weighing 9 stone seven he was smaller and lighter than the average national hunt jockey. He had however a great ability in making horses run for him, he sat quietly in the saddle and his use of long rein instilled a confidecne in his mounts. He as a great judge of pace and always left somthing for the finish. Tim gave him his first leg up on a horse when he worked his summer holidays on the farm. Ted had never forgotten the kindnesss shown to him by Tim and Nancy was a frequent visitor to the house. Ted a champion jockey on five occasions had already been contacted to ride three other horses in the race and each had a better chance in the race on the book than Marshal Ney. He sipped his whiskey and tried to balance his friendship with Tim against his potential loss of the prize money which would amount to 10,000 euro. Tim read his thoughts and gently leaned over to pat him on the shoulder. "You owe me nothing Ted it was a pleasure for me and nancy to be involved in your career and whatever decision you make it will change nothing, you will always be our friand and welcome in our house. I believe Marshal Ney with luck in running has a good chance of winning. Please think about it and let me know.

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The Dawning of The Day contd...

Tim listened as nancy continued "Ted does not agree with you running the horse in the champion novice, however he will ride Marshal Ney and will drop over Thursday to pop the horse over a few hurdles" Tim was happy with the news as he thought Ted was the perfect jockey for this horse.

The rain continued to fall steadily as the mount up bell was sounded in the parade ring. Tim a man of few words had even less to say to Ted. It had been agreed Marshal Ney would be taken to the front and try to make all the running. As the horses trotted out onto the track, Ted was pleasantly surprised by the feel that the horse was giving him. Striding down to the two mile start the horse appeared eager and enthusiastic about battle ahead. As the field circled at the start Ted identified the two horses that he would have preferred to ride, Palestine with John Palmer up, a big brute of a horse who was going to pefer the rain softened ground and Durzetta a classy mare whos current form made her race favouirte. There was no love lost between Sloan and Palmer. John Palmer with a powerful upper body build and an aggressive whip action was oppisite to Ted who relied on his hands to get a response rom his mounts. A massive cheer from the crowded grandstands signalled the off and Ted took the marshal into an immediate lead. He cleared the first hurdle well and headed for the turn at the bottom of the first ten lengths in front. Marshal Nry was travelling easily and jumped the second and third hurdle in a manner that bellied his lack of expierence. Ted Sloan began to belueve un his mount and the exchange of the mutual confidence between horse and jockey soon became appparent to Tim who was watching from the grandstands. Marshal Ney was pounding out a demanding pace and with one mile to run it was apparent that most o fthe field was struggling to keep in touch. Durzetta with young Ross Brady up was the first to rect and brought his mount to lead the chasing pack. Palmer lay behind in the knowledge that the inexperienced Bradt was going to give him a lead to marshal Ney. Tim watched and experienced an strange serenity. He had never built up his hopes and in a way was intensly proud of his horse's performance. Honest and courageous Tim Soan and Marshal Ney headed for the second last hurdle. Durzetta a length behind was now in trouble as Brady had done the donkey work in bringing Marshal Ney back to the chasing pair. Palestine passed Durzetta and Palmer showing a nasty triumphphant grin, mounted a challenge on the outside to Marshal Ney. They crossed the second last together and raced to the final hurdle. Crack, crack, crack like three pistol shots in rapid succesion Palmer tested the outer parameters of the whip rules as he laid into Palestine. HIs powerful strength brought Palestine to a half length lead at the last. Ted responded urging and

encouraging his mount. He need not have bothered. Marshal Nry as if mindful of his famous name would not give in. Inch by inch he clawed his way back and with his great heart busting drew level. But it was too late, the winning post had arrived in time for Palestine. he crowed was in uproar, they had seen a titanic battle and cheered the participants to the high heavens. Ted offeed his hands to Palmer who ignored the gesture and responded with a sneer "put on some learn ho

weight and learn how to use a whip". Ted knew this was going to be a long and lonely walk back to the unsaddling enclosure.

Nancy from an early stage in their married life never watched a race with Tim. After a succession of bad luck with fancied horses trained by her husband she was unable to bear the tension of watching his horses run. She had always loved him dearly and each reverse nearly broke her heart. She had often questioned her ability to lift and encourage himto try again. She had watched the race unfold on the television in a tented catering area beside the grandstand. Nancy was numb her glass gripped tightly in her hand. She heard nothing hr world had suddenly gone guiet as the tears started to trickle from her eyes. Looking towards the teeming skies she silently rebuked the almighty. "Dear God just once could you have given Tim his day in the sun". She started to walk towards the parade ring. Devastated as Nancy was, she was determined to retain her composure for Tim's sake and try lift him on this awful day.

"STEWARDS INQUIRY", "STEWARDS INQUIRY" She did not comprehend the announcement until a gentle hand was placed on her shoulder. Her sensibilities were shattered by the voice of Robert Springer, the stewards secretary."Nancy I am in a hurry, a stewards inquiry has been called an Marshal Ney is Certain to be given the race. Palestine into your horse twice before the final hurdle and leaned into hin on the last 100 yards. Palmer took no corrective action and failed to change his whip hand. Congradulae Tim for me and have a congradulatory drink on ice I will drop over next week". Nancy started running towards the parade ring,this time with tears of joy. She saw Tim beaming from a distance and at that point could not remember being as happy in her life.

By Jim Healy

Maynooth Newsletter

Riverbank Arts Centre and Kildare Library & Arts Service

Guide to events: Frances Black In Concert Saturday 15 November €20

There are those who sing and then there are those who in singing manage to weave a web of magic, creating a conspiracy with their audience, a common bond of enjoyment, revelling in the joy of the music. Frances Black is one such artist, a singer for whom the link with her audience is paramount, from her early days singing with her siblings in the Black Family, through her time with Kieran Goss, to her current success as a solo performer. Her heartfelt and moving renditions continue to draw audiences to her.

Twenty 4 Seven Magpie Theatre Company Tuesday 4 November 1.30 & 8.00pm. €6

Directed by Louise Lowe, and starring the members of Magpie Theatre Company, this drama is set in the Dublin of today. The play is a raw and unflinching exploration of crime, domestic violence, addiction and imprisonment in one 24 hour period.

Thanks for the Mammaries Quick Change Theatre Thursday 6 & Friday 7 November €14

Andi and Rachel meet up ten years after leaving school together and discover the different paths their lives have taken. Rachel has just left her husband of ten years and Andi has spent the years flitting between a number of men. Join them as they chart the ever changing territory of love, sex, friendship, relationships, and...er...sex!

Bouncers Everyman Theatre Thursday 20 to Saturday 22 November Thursday €10/8 Friday & Saturday €14/10

After is acclaimed fun at the Everyman Palace Theatre in Cork, the Smash Hit Irish Comedy, BOUNCERS, by John Godber, embarks on a nationwide tour. It's Friday night, it's club night time time for bouncers to come alive! In this hilarious parody of the contemporary nightclub scene, four bouncers portraying over 30 different characters invite us for a night out on the town. We meet giggly girls, lads on the make, D4 Poseurs, lager louts, and smooth talking DJ's all set against the glitzy glamour, flashing lights and the pulsating beat of the dance floor.

Translations by Brian Friel Newbridge Drama Group Wednesday 26 - Saturday 29 November €10/7.50

Fresh from a long romance with the Seer of the South (Newbridge Drama Groups last two plays were Sive and Many Young Men of Twenty) the Group now looks North for adventure. In translations, Brian Friel welcomes us to the town of Baile Beag, an Irish-speaking community c. 1833. Into this setting comes a detachment of the Royal Engineers engaged on behalf of the British army and government to make the first Ordinance Survey. There follows a story of love, hatred, and endurance. A modern classic, this play engages the intellect as well as the heart through the detailed examination of individual lives.

An Evening with Niall Tobin Comedy Saturday 8 November €25

One of Ireland's best-loved actors and comedians, Niall Tobin has spent over forty years performing. From his theatre roles as Brendan Behan in The Borsttal Boy to his TV role in the popular series, BallyKissangel, Tobin is a household name. But it's his role as a comedian that enchants most of all. Enjoy an evening of hilarity with one of the all time greats, the legendary Niall Tobin.

Bob Dylan and the Poetry of the Blues Michael Gray Friday 14 November €12/10

This is more a one-man show than a talk. The author of "Song & Dance Man III: The Art Of Bob Dylan has been inspired by the blues and how mush of its poetry has been smuggled inside Dylan's own work. Michael Gray's events are always lively, witty and acute, and mix surprising slices of music and video/DVD with a thoroughly entertaining fresh account of music history and Dylan's part in it.

An Introduction of Drawing Thursday 8.00pm-10.00pm From 13 November

A five week introductory series of drawing classes will be held at the Riverbank Arts Centre beginning on November 13th and continuing until December 11, from 8.00 to 10.00. The fee for the course is €60 and will be payable on registration which will take place on Thursday 13th November at 7.30pm.

If you wish to have a copy of our guide posted to you, please can the Riverbank Box Office on (045) 448333. The guide is also available on www.kildare.ie/arts.

For further information, please contact Catriona Fallon on (045) 448314/5, or on artscentre@riverbank.ie

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Maynooth GAA Football Blitz

Maynooth GAA Club held a very successful blitz for boys and girls in the GAA field recently. Up to 80 children took part all playing in at least five games each. There were no overall winners except the children, the parents, and the Maynooth Club, who provided light refreshments for the children. The trainers would like to thank all who helped and especially Kildare and Maynooth goalie Paul Flood. Despite moving into his new house Paul made time for the children. Training continues on Saturday Mornings at 11.30 to 12.30.



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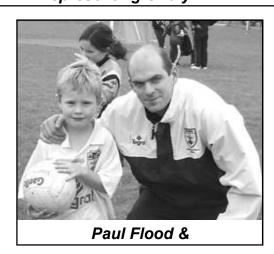


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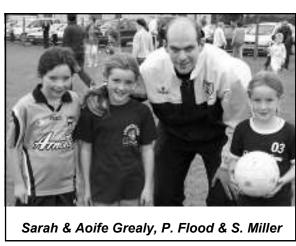


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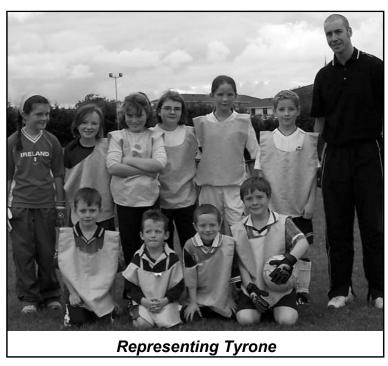


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Maynooth Local History Group published a very important book about the resting places of our people in our parish of Maynooth Laraghbryan. It is a wonderful book - full of lore, and with an account of each cemetery in the area - all marked on a large-scale map. Did you know that there are twelve - try counting them, and then read the twelve chapters! The book *Myth and Memory* is in Byrnes bookshop. I think that the Family Tree of graves on pages 98 and 99 is very important.

This month, when we are visiting family graves let us remember that we owe it to those gone before, to keep this Family Tree for descendants. This is even more important in Maynooth, where people are on the move away from places of origin, away 'from some quiet hill where mountainy men (and women) hath sown and soon would reap near to the gate of Heaven', or 'playing on the streets of the little towns of Connacht'.

This poem, on the back cover of the book, by poet Patrick Pearse brought all to mind.

The Wayfarer.

The beauty of the world hath made me sad,
This beauty that will pass,
Sometimes my heart hath shaken with great joy
To see a leaping squirrel in a tree,
Or a red ladybird upon a stalk,
Or little rabbits in a field at evening
Lit by a slanting sun.
Or some green hill where shadows drifted by.
Some quiet hill where mountainy men hath sown,
And soon would reap, near to the gate of Heaven.
Or children with bare feet upon the sands

Or children with bare feet upon the sands
Of some ebbed sea, or playing on the streets
Of some little town in Connacht.
Things young and happy,
And then my heart hath told me
These things will pass.

Will pass and change, will die and be no more.
Things bright and green, things young and happy:
And I have gone upon my way
Sorrowful.

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Team Managers Bill Gannon (L) & Pat Moynan (R) with Team Captain Sean Durcan, Top Scorer Stephen Byrne (with over 40 goals) & Player







Having raised €1100 for Maynooth Town F.C. development Fund in a summer tandem jump Morgan Lettice took to the skies a second time recently to complete a solo parachute jump again raising in excess of €1000. The club would like to thank all thoses who sponsored Morgan on his second daring deed and a special thank you to Morgan's wife Mary who was by his side (at least when he was on the ground) throughout the ordeal.

Maynooth Town F.C. Weekly Lotto Results

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Date	Numbers	Jackpot	3 x €35 Winners							
27-Jul-03	1,9,12,22	€975	BERNIE DOYLE	CAROL CONWAY	H. Mc LENNON					
03-Aug-03	3,4,16,28	€1,050	JOHN COOKE	WILLIAM GANNON	AARON DONOVAN					
10-Aug-03	5,6,16,26	€1,125	IMELDA DOWLING	WILLIE DONEGAN	EMMA JANE CASSIDY					
17-Aug-03	10,16,18,20	€1,200	MAURICE BYRNE	COLLETTE KAVANAGH	JOHN DALY					
24-Aug-03	10,12,22,24	€1,275	NOEL CROSS	DES FINNAN	J. DALY					
31-Aug-03	1,2,10,28	€1,350	E. BRADLEY	R. COSTIGAN	MAURICE CARTY					
07-Sep-03	8,14,20,22	€1,425	CATHAL FENTON	TOM BUCKLEY	PAUL FLOOD					
14-Sep-03	16,18,23,25	€1,500	EMMET DAWSON	M. O' DONNELL	EAMON CARTY					
21-Sep-03	10,13,17,27	€1,575	DAMIEN CODFREY	TOM KIRBY	PATRICK WILLIAMS					
28-Sep-03	6,10,20,28	€1,650	MARY JENNINGS	LAURA DOOGAN	JOHN GANNON					
05-Oct-03	8,10,15,16	€1,725	PADRAIG TRACEY	PAUL CURTIS	PHIL DOYLE					
12-Oct-03	4,9,11,15	€1,800	JOHN GERAGHTY	PATRICIA MORAN	SARAH MORRISSEY					



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Being an avid reader of the Newsletter myself, it struck me that so much of what is going on in the college remains inaccessible to people of the town. The Philosophy Department, for example, of which I am a member, has a seminar series, which is open to the public, free and generally accessible to anyone interested. We would in particular welcome members of the local public. The series of lectures runs every Thursday in term from 12 to 13.

Faculty of Philosophy Staff/Postgraduate Seminar 2003 - 2004 Thursday - 12.00 noon - 1.00 - Theatre 2

6 November 2003 Dr. Brendan Purcell,

Department of Philosophy, University College, Dublin.

Evolution and Human Origins.

Chair: Dr. Michael Dunne

13 November 2003 Dr. Gordon Campbell,

Department of Ancient Classics, NUIM

Man-Faced Ox-Creatures in the 21st Century: Recent

Interpretations of Empedocles' Zoogony
Chair: Dr. M. Dunne

20 November 2003 Dr Michael Clarke,

Department of Ancient

Classics, NUIM

Doubts and Worries about the Human Language

Faculty.

Chair: Dr. Thomas Kelly

27 November 2003 Professor Candice Taylor

Quinn, History

Department,

Wheaton College.

The Metaphysics of Light.

Chair: Mr. Eamonn Gaines

4 December 2003 Mr. Tony Fahey,

Department of Philosophy,

NUIM.

Vico on the Heroic or Dignified Mind.

Chair: Professor James McEvoy.

11 December 2003 Dr. Miguel DeArce,

Genetics, Trinity College,

Dublin.

Selfish Genes; Fifty Years of Self-Replication

Chair: Ms. Mette Lebech.

18 December 2003 Mr. Eamonn Gaines,

Department of Philosophy.

NUIM.

Chair: Mr. Tony Fahey

Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

Our annual sale of work takes place on Sunday 16th November in the Parish Hall at 3pm. Tickets for the Monster Raffle will be on sale at Tesco Supermarket for the 2 weekends before the 16th November. Members of our committee will distribute flyers to the households in Maynooth during the weeks prior to the sale of work. As in previous years your generosity is much appreciated. All our committee carry personal identification. At this time of the year we would like to remind our Senior Citizens regarding **Spark Guards and to check batteries in smoke alarms and torches**.

Our next Tea Dance will be held on Sunday 23rd November at 3pm in the GAA Club on the Moyglare Road.

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Gardening Tips

Rotate on the vegetable plot, dont forget to rotate your cropping plan both to reduce any build-up of pests or disease, and to create the right levels of food in the ground for various crops. In general, lime for brassicas, incorporate manure for Legumes, and apply general fertiliser for root crops.

Paeonies can be planted now.they need deep, rich soil and prefer a little shade to full sun. Spare bulbs, any unused bulbs can still be potted for a display in late winter. Sow Carrots Forcing carrots can be sown now, though they will have to be grown under glass.

APPLE STORING

The way apples are picked and stored makes all the difference to your chances of keeping the fruit in sound condition right trough the winter. Choose a dry day if you can pick the fruit and not too early in the day so that the dew has had a chance to dry off. The fruit must be fully mature. To test this left up one apple. It should come off the tree very easily. Then cut it in half. If the pips are brown the fruit is ready for harvesting. Pick carefully and place each one in the containerdon't drop it in as a bruised apple will not keep. Every fruit should be examined individually and any malformed or damaged fruit kept apart for immediate use. In other words, store only perfect, full Each eating apple should be wrapped. Cooking apples need not be wrapped. In both cases they should be placed side by side in a single layer in a box, making sure that the cookers do not touch each other. The best boxes to use are those with little wooden posts, higher than the sides, at each corner. These are usually called Dutch trays and can often be obtained from a greengrocer. The advantage of the high corners is that the boxes can be stored one on top of another without the one above touching the fruit in the one below. The ideal place to store apples is one with a moist atmosphere and a temperature of about 37-40°F.

The cellars of old houses were ideal but not many of us have cellars nowadays. The spare room would probably be all right but not in centrally -heated house. The attic might do if it isn't too cold but the best place would probably be a garage or well-built shed garden shed, provided it is rat and mouse free. For the first month leave the boxes of fruit uncovered as they give off a lot of moisture to begin with, particularly in damp weather. After that cover them with black polythene or sacking to exclude light, but don't tuck it round them snugly as they need plenty of air. Inspect the regularly and immediately remove any showing signs of decay before it can infect the others.

Complete the pruning of bush fruits as soon as practicable, remembering to leave late fruiting raspberries until late February.

When staking trees remember to place the stake on the side which receives the prevailing wind. This way the stem is blown away from the stake and bark is less likely to be chafed.

With a severe winter ahead the care of plants in a greenhouse or cold frame assumes greater importance to avoid losses. Watering plays a very important part in this care.

Do not leave cans or buckets of water in the green house during severe weather, The presence of such water increases the moisture content in the air in the house at a time want to keep the atmosphere as dry as possible.

Give the pot plants only a little water at a time, as the drier the soil, the less likely it is to freeze. In very serveweather you can probaly withold water altogether.

Always mop up any water spilt on the staging or floor as a damp atmosphere is an encouragement to problems such as mildew and mould...It is always wise to use tepid water rather than cold.

To keep the atmosphere buoyant, give the greenhouse or or cold frame some ventilation during a suitable period of the day, even if it is only for half an hour. It is just a piece of wood of a suitable size cut into a stepped shape, so that the frame light can be raised to different heights, in accordance with the weather.

In the greenhouse, of couse, you can similarly reguylate the ventilation by the amount you open the window. Use a top window, on the side away from the wind.

If you do get a pot plant's soil frozen don't plunge it into hot water to thaw it out, as I have known people do, as that will almost certainly kill the plant. Plunge it into a bucket of cold water. Also sprintle the foliage with cold water and then stand the pot in a cool palce that is properly frostproof. And don't stand it in sunshine, if we have any, as that would be just as bad as the hot water treatment. When the plant has thawed out, move it into a warmer atmosphere. It will probably be several hours before it has completely thawed out naturally so done't be in too much of a hurry to transfer it to a warmer place.

Poets, druids and early Irish poetry

Crossán, buffoon and composer of satirical verse

Among the entertainers mentioned in laws texts there is the *crossán* (buffoon) and composer of satirical verse. The only one with an independent legal status (soíre) is the *cruit* (harpist) who has an honour-price of 5 séts. He is expected to be able to play music that will make one cry (goltraige), the music of joy (gentraige) and music for sleep (súantraige). These survive as the main categories of Irish music until the present day. The other entertainers are called fodána (subordinate profession) and they have no independent honour-price. Offences against them are paid for as a proportion of the honour-price of his employer or master and the amount is not specified.

Other entertainers mentioned by texts are the musicians; cuislennach (piper), cornaire (horn-blower) along with those who perform at feast and assemblies clesamnach (juggler), fuirsire (jester), monach (acrobat), creccaire (ranconteur?) and the braigetóir (professional farter). The crossán seems to come from the cross-bearer in Church ceremonies but there is no sign of a religious function in the description of his activities from one law text: 'three things that confer status on a crossán: distending his cheek, distending his bag, distending his belly'. The crossán could also amuse with a form of crude satirical (crosántacht) but this later attained some measure of respectability. The Annals of Clonmacnoise mention the death of Moyle Issa called Crossan ffyn a king (? Ó Cuinn) in the year 1137. He is called 'arch-poet of Ireland in that kind of meeter which is called Crossanaght'.

The word *drúth* can refer to a congenital fool but it can also refer to the professional entertainer who earned his living by imitating him. The sagas mention that he told stories and composed satirical verse.

At certain times it appears that the numbers of poets was excessive. According to Geoffrey Keating the meeting called Mórdáil Droma Cet was held in 573 to limit their powers. The king of Tara at the time, Aed mac Ainmirech, brought the kings of Ireland together with the intention of limiting the number of poets or sending them into exile. The kings had to keep them for 6 months of the year. The famous poet Eochaid Dallán Forgaill stood for the poets in the dispute and Colm Cille intervened as mediator. He saved the poets from exile and the number of poets was reduced. This episode shows the power of a Christian monk at a very early stage. Despite the power of the fili it was possible to limit them and both sides accepted Colm Cille's intervention and mediation. The relationship between the secular poet Dallán Forgaill and the saint Colm Cille is further indicated by Dallán's composition of a eulogy for Colm Cille.

Another important incident in the growing relationship between the native and ecclesiastical tradition is that of Cend Faelad supposedly from the 7th century. During a battle he suffers a blow to the head and he loses his ability to forget. He goes to the school of Tuaim Drecain in Bréifne, Co. Fermanagh. There were said to be three different schools on that site; a school of Latin learning, a school of native legal learning and a school of native lore (*senchas*). Cend Faelad learned to write in the Latin school and then he was able to write down the native learning that he acquired. The historicity of the incident is unimportant – it is the symbolism and their explanation of how the two traditions became entwined that is important.

The *fili* are also mentioned as storytellers, or at least that they should have a large store of stories at their disposal. But the *scélaige* is also mentioned as a separate profession. There is a proverb *ní* ba dúnad cen rígi, ní ba fili cen scéla ('there is no dún without a king; or a file without a story'). The poet Forgall is said to have been able to tell a story every night from *Samain* to *Beltaine* (November to May).

The eleventh century tale lists say that the *ollam* had to learn up to 250 *primscéla* (main tales) and 100 *foscéla* (secondary tales). A comment on the lists says that: *ní fili nad chomgne comatharnad scela uile* (he is no *fili* who does not preserve *coimgne* or all the stories).

It has been suggested that one of the *fili*'s duties is preserving *scéla* (stories) and *coimgne* (knowledge that is essential for court cases with an historical bearing). It is assumed that the stories in his repertoire were learned solely for the purpose of enabling him to provide entertainment for his patron and his guests. But it is also possible that the reason for learning such tales was their exposition, for example from the genealogical point of view, to the noble classes just as he might have been required to do at an earlier date in a lawsuit. Secondly he was expected to use them for the purpose of illustration. This is better demonstrated by the later bardic poets in their use of incidents from heroic tales.

The scholar Osborne Bergin commented on poets in general saying:

'A great deal of it is not really what a modern critic would call poetry in the higher sense. But though it may lack inspiration, it is never wanting in artistic finish. For we must remember that the Irish file or bard was not necessarily an inspired poet. That he could not help. He was, in fact, a professor of literature and a man of letters, highly trained in the use of a polished literary medium, belonging to a hereditary caste in an aristocratic society, holding his knowledge of the history and traditions of his country and his clan. He discharged ... the functions of the modern journalist.

Contd...

Poets, druids and early Irish poetry Contd...

He was not a song writer. He was often a public official, a chronicler, a political essayist, a keen and satirical observer of his fellow-countrymen. At an earlier period he had been regarded as a dealer in magic, a weaver of spells and incantations, who could blast his enemies by the venom of his verse ... but whether he was a poet in this higher sense or not, he always composed in verse.' (Bergin, O., *Irish bardic poetry*, p 4)

In the Memoirs of the Marquis of Clanricarde we find the following 18th century account of the poets and their methods of composition. This is very late and cannot be assumed to be relevant to our period. He says:

'It was likewise necessary the Place should be in the solitary recess of a Garden or within a sept or enclosure far out of the reach of any noise, which an intercourse of people might otherwise occasion. The structure was a snug, low hut, and beds in it at convenient distances, each within a small apartment without much furniture of any kind, save only a table, some seats, and a conveniency for cloaths to hang upon. No windows to let in the day, nor any light at all us'd but that of candles, and these brought in at a proper season only ... the Professors ... gave a subject suitable to the capacity of each class, determining the number of Rhimes, and clearing what was to be chiefly observed therein as to syllables, quartans, concord, correspondence, termination and union, each of which were restrain'd by peculiar rules. The said subject ... having been given over night, they word'd it apart each by himself upon his own bed, the whole next day in the dark, till at a certain hour in the night, lights being brought in, they committed it to writing.'

(Continued in the next issue)

Major Honours go to Maynooth Man

We have heard about the recent success of Kevin Tracey. Kevin was recently conferred with the Fellowship of Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers. It has also come to our attention that this is the second Fellowship to be conferred on Kevin this year. Last February at an Engineering Function attended by over 650 Engineers at the Burlington Hotel, Dublin, Kevin was conferred with the Fellowship of the Society of Light and Lighting, an international organisation.

Kevin is a Chartered Engineer and a Consulting Engineer by profession and was a major player in the design of such projects as the Intel Fabrication facility at Leixlip. Kevin is the son of Doreen and Sean Tracey of Old Greenfield.

We wish Kevin continued success in his Engineering career and commend him on his outstanding achievements.

Local Bands Rock for Child Cancer Care

A most entertaining rock concert was held in the Aula Maxima, Maynooth College at the end of August. The event was held to raise funds for Crumlin Hospital Child Cancer Care Unit. The concert was the idea of Karl Mahon, Paul Nelson, Cian Byrne and Stephen Connelly all members of local bands. A total of €1,368 was raised for this worthy cause. A special word of thanks to Willie Kiernan Sound Services and Sean Donovan, Londis Maynooth for their kind help in organising this event. Thanks also to all bands who performed on the day.

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Useful Hints

Job Hunting

- A good careers adviser can be a great help. Choose one who has excellent references and charges by the appointment or, better still, find one that is free.
- Invest in an answering service or machine so that you can receive messages from prospective employers.
- Inform friends, business associates, acquaintances and former employers that you're job hunting.

Research a prospect

- If you come across an interesting job through your network or the press, research the firm thoroughly. Read newspaper and magazine articles about it.
- If possible, talk to people who work for the firm. Find out its position in the industry, what its main problems are, and what it's like to work for. Does it promote from within? Does it educate employees, or help them to advance?
- Visit the company if it is practical to do so. Do the employees look enthusiastic? Do they talk positively about their work?
- Write a letter to whomever is in a position to hire you and use headed notepaper, if possible; it looks impressive. Indicate your knowledge of the company, state how you could contribute to it, and requuest an interview. Say that you'll follow up by phone in about a week. Then do so.

If you have a job

- Ask agents or prospective employers to call you at home or leave only their first name if they call you at work.
- Arrange interviews for before or after work or during your lunch hour.

Job Interviews

- Perpare a customised CV for each interview, tailoring your stated objectives to suit the job.
- Choose four or five highlights from current and past jobs that show your accomplishments and work style. Create a success story for each one to help answer such questions as 'What are your major accomplishments?' or 'What is your relevant experience?'
- Rehearse the interview with a friend or family member. Anticipate likely questions and practise telling your success stories without rambling. Ask for feedback.
- Give yourself an extra hour or so to dress and get to the interview. If your hands tend to be clammy, use antiperspirant on your palms.
- Look the interviewer directly in the eye and follow her lead in shaking hands.
- Remember that you are making a choice as much as she/he is. Ask any questions necessary to decide if this is a job you really want.

Leaving a Job

Be very careful not to alienate your boss when you leave. You may need his reference later on.

Give at least 2 weeks' notice, although 3 or 4 may be required if you have been with the company for some years. Your contract will specify the minimum time that you must give. If you're in the middle of an improtant project, ask your new boss if you can stay until it's finsihed. Whether the answer is yes or no, your commitment to your old employer will be respected.

Your letter of resignation is part of your permanent personnel file. Keep it simple and factual. If you're leaving because you are unhappy, don't put this or your reasons in the letter.

Offer to train your replacement. If no one has started before you go, leave a list of things the new person should know. Make copies for your boss, your successor and any relevant colleagues.

Tell your most important contacts you're leaving and give them the name of your replacement.

Letters

The art of letter writing, as practised by previous generaltions, is rare in today's electronic world. But there are some occasions when only a letter, note or card will do. When you must write, keep these tips in mind:

Personal

Don't write only about yourself and your family. Ask questions, even rhetorical ones. Even if you don't expect a reply, at leat express interest in the recipient's welfare and activites.

Avoid dwelling on dreary topics such as a minor personal illness.

Choose plain white cards for letters or sympathy. Don't be mawkish, but do say that your thoughts are with the bereaved and then recall a fond personal memory of the deceased. Offer specific help, if possible - babysitting or shopping, for example.

Wait 24 hours before positing an emotion-packed letter - whether writien in love or anger. Read it over and then decide if you still want to send it.

Business

If you're writing to a company, address your letter to a specific person. Call the headquarters and ask who's in charge of the department you want to reach.

Letters of complaint should be straighforward, factual and polite. Expressing too much indignation will merely antagonise the reader. If possible, work a touch of humour into the letter; it can be effective in getting results.

Report on Tress recently felled at the entrance to the estate Observations

The trees in question are Poplar trees, Populus alba Canescens, one of our few native species.

The trees were in fine healthy condition. Growing in open space.

The instruction was to prune 10 metres off the crown of the trees in order to reduce its bulk.

In our opinion there was no justification in cutting down the trees in their totality.

Valuation

A neutral system of values was developed to value trees, particularly in urban areas.

The trees are valued on their sq.cm cross sectional area. This value is indexed linked.

A total value is assigned for:

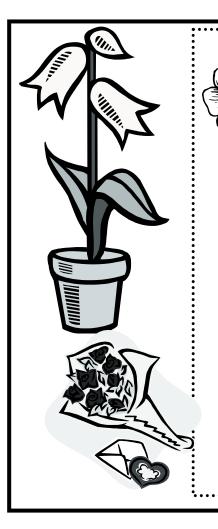
- 1. The value of the species. It is a native species.
- 2. Its location value. Urban areas are assigned higher values.
- 3. Condition. They were healthy.
- 4. Landscape Value. They enhance the ambience of the estate, as is evident by their loss.

Tree **Evalution**

Valuation for three Poplar trees cut down on the right hand side of the approach road into the estate.

Code	Plant Name	Common Name	Girth	Replacement	Area	Maturity	Species	Location	Condition	Land- scape	Value
T1	Populus alba	White Poplar	182	5.35	2641	14128	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.6	3255.08
T2	Populus alba	White Poplar	170	5.35	2289	12246	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.6	2821.59
Т3	Populus alba	White Poplar	170	5.35	2289	12246	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.6	281.59

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MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY ANTI-BULLYING PROGRAMME

To highlight the seriousness of bullying issues Maynooth Post Primary School held an Anti-Bullying Week from September 29th to October 3rd last. On the advice of the department of education's Cool School's Anti-Bullying Programme, students were taught about the problems associated with bullying, ways to prevent problems, how to help victims and how to tell if you are effected. As part of the week we also ran a competition for students. They were asked to design a poster or write a poem or prose piece based around the theme "A busy school can be a lonely school". The week was big success with most students commenting on it's importance. Unfortunately in the same week national newspapers brought to light a case in Westmeath where a 13 year old had committed suicide due to bullying. We hope through campaigns such as this to keep Maynooth Post Primary a safe and unthreatening place for all students attending.

Presentation of prizes will take place at the Parents Association Meeting Tuesday October 14th in the school at 7.30pm. Mr Pat Courtney of the Cool's School's Programme will speak on the night.



Free Public Talk and Mediation by Sureshwari Devi in Maynooth Library on Thursday 20th November at 8pm

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Workshops: Two one-day workshops will be held in Marley Park House, Rathfarnham on Sunday 16th November and Saturday 22nd November. Please contact (01) 4905495 for brochure and details.

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Spiritual Discourses and Meditation by Sureshwari Devi at Maynooth Library

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Originally from New Zealand, Sureshwari Devi is a teacher of Transpersonal Relaxation and Divine love meditation. She has helped thousands of people in her workshops and programmes in New Zealand, India, Hong Kong, Singapore, England, Canada and the United States. Her extensive studies over the last twenty-five years include years of advanced studies in India, where she investigated the deeper aspects of

both the philosophy and practice of Meditation.

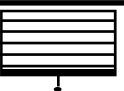
The form of mediation as taught by Sureshwari Devi is a very simple and natural process and is extremely effective in developing a person's positive potential. Its benefits are profound: sincere practice deepens awareness, bringing inner peace and contentment in life.

Everyone is invited to attend this free, public lecture. While in Ireland Sureshwari Devi will also conduct two one-day workshops in Divine love Mediation. These will be held in the beautiful surroundings of Marley Park House, Rathfarnham on Sunday 16th November and Saturday 22nd November.

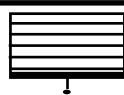
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Foreigners

- Are you going home for Christmas? asked a new girl at work.
- No, we don't celebrate Christmas, we don't have it at all, but we party at the New Year's night.
- How strange...

That's how many people learn that you are from another country, with totally different culture and traditions. Is it strange? I don't think so. Our story will start with the events of 1996-98 when Ireland was enjoying the most successful economic period and the country needed a lot of people for the development of the IT, agricultural and services industries.

I remember the number of companies, who were promoting Ireland abroad, telling about the benefits foreign workers, how friendly the Irish people are, how cosmopolitan are big cities and how "it will be place for everybody". And this call was answered - by people coming from all over the world to work in Ireland.

But the reality turned out to be somewhat different – many people had to overcome language and culture barriers, many had troubles with landlords and neighbours, some were really welcome and some were met with hostility. It was different for everybody. I try and tell you the general story.

I would never forget the excitement of the airport and thoughts "Oh, gosh, I'm working in Ireland now!" Then the first days when I was waiting for the beginning of my work (the induction included several days-off to adapt to the country), the idea of working with English-speaking people was so stimulating. On my first day it turned out that people at work are very friendly, we even had staff parties. There were also several foreigners working with me. However, my name was so difficult to pronounce so that I had to shorten it in order to make everybody's life easier. I remember the same story about the Lithuanian girl Jurgita, who eventually said, "Call me J – it's better". Not a very painful procedure, but rather explicit.

As the days passed by I learned more and more about the country and pubs (we were invited to go there every single Friday), I travelled around the country – Galway, Sligo, Waterford, Mullingar – even been to the north in Belfast. On the one hand I had lots of opportunities – on the other hand I didn't feel free at all - if I wanted to change a job, or start a college it turned out I couldn't do it. My visa and the documents enabled me to work for one employer only and when I learnt about the tuition fees for foreign students I could understand why so many people who come here to work even at the small positions don't bother to broaden their education.

There was also one more point – Irish people although they were sincerely welcoming and friendly never became your friends. But there were Indians, French, Australians, Lithuanians, who would invite you to the parties, birthdays and welcome you as a member of their community. I would never forget the day when I visited my friends from Cuba who used to be asylum seekers - Antonio and his Russian wife Helena. They met in Russia where Antonio was doing his Engineering Degree, and then both came back to Cuba only to discover that the country is suffering the worst and poorest state ever. I will never judge their decision to ask for a refugee status - they want a happy life and education for their kids, they think about their future. By the way, Antonio wasn't sitting and doing nothing - he was studying English in the Language Centre and composing music.

Today more than 5 years later, many things changed. Life introduced new rules for the game and with increasing unemployment the things aren't as good for foreign workers as they used to be. Collapse of the IT sector caused many people to leave for good, my friends from Galway got transfer to another country, a couple of people who I knew decided to go to their native countries just because "it's getting more tough every day".

But many people decided to stay. And today these people are still doing their jobs, seeking for new opportunities and are optimistic about the future. The interest in their opinion caused me to look around and to ask these people what they think about life in their countries, and how they feel about Ireland. Among more than 80 foreign people, several answers were selected and are represented here.

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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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Foreigners contd...



I honestly like it here. I'm in Ireland for 3 years and I'm planning to stay here. I have a relationship here and hopefully if everything will be right, I wouldn't mind to stay here.

Many things changed since the time I came here – I'm very confident with my English, I'm financially secure (I'm supporting my son who is at college and my retired mother)

Sometimes I'm really frustrated about my work, you know, relations between staff and managers are far from perfect.

People around me are really nice, I enjoy the pub atmosphere, the Irish know how enjoy life, it's amazing!



It's almost two years that I'm in Ireland – I came here through the recruitment agency to work as a lorry driver for a big logistics company.

I think people around here are very helpful – I will never forget when during the first winter here oil ran out and our Irish neighbour was helping us out by giving his own electric heater.

It is not easy to live here, no. Ireland is really expensive, but today I work here because I hope to build a house in my country and start my own business there.

Vergilio Lanutan Philippines



Natalia Aravena

I came here 2 years ago because my husband (he is a citizen) lived and worked here. In Nicaragua the situation was far from good – it's very hard for my children to get proper education – the salary is very low and you can't afford to pay the fees. To compare, you can buy 10 loaves of bread for 1 euro, but to study in college, you need as much as here.

More people turn poor and you can't do anything about it. But people of my country are very warm and nice. As for the Irish, I know only my neighbours. My children here do miss this atmosphere where everybody is your friend and can socialize freely. Most of all I miss my coffee at my mother's – but here I have my own place, where I gladly welcome the friends who share my beliefs and feelings.



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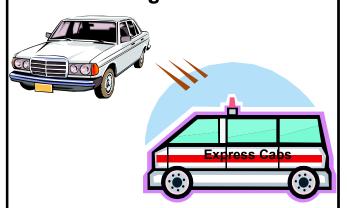
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Party Political



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Carton Avenue Action Area Plan

At a meeting of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council on 3 October, at which the public and the press were excluded, densities of 24 dwellings to the acre and buildings 4 stories high were agreed to by the Area Committee. Cllr. John McGinley argued very strongly that such densities and height of buildings would be an eyesore and would stick out like a sore thumb as the area is the Gateway entrance to the Town from Leixlip. However, he was outvoted by the other three Councillors and the Draft Plan will now go before the Full Council before going on public display for one month. There are 3 separately zoned areas:

Area A This 14.5 acres is the 2 fields east of Lyreen Park on the Dunboyne Road.

Cllr. McGinley proposed that the density be a maximum of 8 houses to the acre, that the max height be 2 storey and that there be no apartments. He got agreement on the height of buildings and the exclusion of apartments. However he was outvoted on the density and the other 3 Councillors agreed on 10/14 to the acre. This means of course that the developer will go for 14 to the acre in an area where the adjoining site at Lyreen Park has a density of 6 houses to the acre

Area B This land is 10.5 acres approx. and is located opposite the Old Mart on the Leixlip Road.

Cllr. John McGinley proposed that the density be set at a maximum of 10 houses to the acre, that the maximum height be 2 storey and that apartments be excluded. He was outvoted by the other 3 Councillors on all 3 issues and the density will be 20/24 per acre, the heights will be 3/4 storey and there will be apartments. The Developers in their submission stated that they would be satisfied with these densities and height of buildings which speaks volumes. They will of course go for 24 to the acre in a location adjacent to O'Neill Park where the density is about 4 to the acre and across the road from TESCO where the building heights are 2 storey.

Area C This site is some 15 acres and is on the Leixlip Road next to Carton.

Cllr. McGinley proposed that the density be a maximum of 8 houses to the acre, that the building heights be a max of 2 storey and that there be no duplex buildings. He got agreement on the height and on the exclusion of duplex buildings. However he was outvoted by the 3 other councillors and the density was set at 8/10 acre.

It will now be up to the general public to convince the other councillors to have a re-think so as to ensure that Maynooth does not have buildings more suitable to inner Dublin.

Development of the Park

Maynooth Labour News

Cllr. McGinley proposed, and it was agreed, that a clause be inserted in the Draft Plan stating that the development of the building land is conditional on the landscaping of the public park i.e. no building to take place prior to the landscaping and this includes the development of the two new soccer pitches.

Community Centre

Cllr. McGinley proposed, and it was agreed, that the site for the Community Centre/Swimming pool Complex be moved from the first field east of O'Neill Park to the next field east. As the first field is zoned for housing it would lead to difficulties with the owner if a community centre went there instead.

Bond Bridge/Meadowbrook Link Road

At the monthly of the Council on 29 September councillors were given a written Progress Report on Bond Bridge/Meadowbrook Link Road. It stated:

"The tender process is complete and the estimated costs of these projects are as follows:

- □ Bond Bridge---€6m
- ☐ Meadowbrook Link---€1.6m/€1.8m

Given the scale of funds involved, it is very unlikely that both projects can progress in the short term. A report has been compiled for the County Manager on a possible option, which may be to the satisfaction of the members, who will be appraised when a decision is to hand."

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Party Political contd...

Cllr. John McGinley expressed his outrage at this extraordinary decision of the Council Management. As Councillors were advised at the Leixlip Area Meeting on 5 September that a decision on the awarding of the contract was expected within two weeks Cllr. McGinley demanded to know what had happened in the meantime to change things so dramatically. The Director of Services in his reply stated that the Council had only €480,000 in funding for the bridge. Cllr. McGinley stated that this could not be so as special levies of €1,200,000 had been collected on houses in the area and that the Council had also set aside €128,000 per year for the past 5 years in its Annual Budget, so the Council should have €1,840,000 already in funding for the bridge. Also, the €6m in the tendered price includes a cost of €1.9m for the culverting underneath the bridge which is one of the measures that has to be taken in order to prevent a recurrence of the flooding in November 2001. Funding for flood relief should of course come from central Government as is the case with the Dodder River in

Cllr. McGinley demanded a full report at the Area Meeting on 3 October. However he was told that the County Manager has not yet approved the report. It is obvious that this U turn by the Council Officials arises as a result of cutbacks due to a deterioration in the Council's finances. At the Council meeting last March, when Fianna Fail and Fine Gael Councillors voted to spend two million euro per year for the next 40 years on a new Council Head Quarters, Cllr. McGinley and his fellow Labour Party Councillors warned that such expenditure would inevitably lead to cutbacks in major projects. It now would appear as if the Manager wants Bond Bridge to be the first casualty.

However, Cllr. McGinley and his colleagues will not give up the fight for the new bridge and for the associated culvert to remove the threat of flooding of the houses in Meadowbrook. The people of the area have fought too long and hard to surrender now and give up their battle for their safety both on the bridge and in their homes.

Unfortunately, the Department of Local Government has refused to fund the project which leaves only one avenue of funding open to us i.e Development Levies on new buildings. In the past the Council collected development levies and allowed houses to be built prior to the provision of the necessary infrastructure. Cllr. John McGinley wants to reverse that policy and in order to bring matters to a head he has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

"That the contract for the construction of Bond Bridge be awarded to the winning bidder and that a special levy contribution of $\[mathebox{0.6}\]$ 5,000 per housing unit be set on all future housing in Maynooth in order to fund the contract."

Meadowbrook Link Road

It is absolutely ridiculous that the Council has still not decided to go ahead with this essential ring road, which will relieve traffic on Main Street, Maynooth It should cost the Council nothing as the link road will facilitate the development of the 30 acres opposite the ESSO station and it is normal in such cases for the developer to pay for the construction of the road or to build it himself. As it is a green field site construction should only take 6 months and it could be completed well before site work would begin on Bond Bridge (i.e. the bridge would be constructed off site and dropped into place by crane) if it started now.

Traffic Lights Exiting From the Train Station on the Straffan Road, Maynooth

Train users and residents of Parklands, Castlebridge, Silken Vale and Old Greenfields will be well aware of the crying need for traffic lights and a pedestrian crossing at the train station exit on the Straffan Road. Following a motion from Cllr. John McGinley a number of years back the Council carried out a traffic and pedestrian count to see if there was a need for such signals. Needless to say the count proved that there was a warrant for the signals, however, Council Officials used every excuse possible for not installing them. For the past 2 years they have refused to carry any improvements in traffic management anywhere in Maynooth (including the traffic lights at The Roost) until the Integrated Framework Plan for Land Use and Transportation (IFPLUT) is completed. This Plan is being carried out by consultants and was due for completion last August. Cllr. McGinley has now been told that it will not be ready until January 2004. John has decided that enough is enough and he has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

"That traffic signals be erected at the exit from the train station on the Straffan Road, Maynooth, without any further delay, in order to facilitate cars and pedestrians exiting the station."

Bus Bays at the Girls' School, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following update on the provision of the bus bays at the Girls School at the Area Meeting of the Council on 3 October:

"Total cost of the scheme is €83,500 of which the D.T.O are providing a grant of €41,750. Preliminary design has been completed and the Council's Consultants, Moylan & Partners, are currently finalising the detail design. This will have to be approved by the D.T.O. in due course before works can commence. There are also issue relating to local agreements. (L.Dunne, S.E.O. to clarify). In brief the works involve the provision of bus bays (to be constructed as part of the initial phase) and hard standing areas, bollards etc to prevent car parking at the gate. I will keep members appraised of progress."

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Cllr. McGinley again expressed his total dissatisfaction at not having the bays in place for the start of the school year and he asked that officials do everything possible to speed up matters as safety was the issue. He got a follow up E Mail reply on 6 October which stated:

"A meeting has been arranged with the DTO and Consultant to reach agreement on the design. The issue of Doctors Lane, possibly of one way system, footpaths, cycleways in the area, etc., will also be discussed."

Mycete Planning Application 02/2491 for 538 Dwellings Units at Moyglare Road

People who objected to this Planning Application got a letter from Kildare County Council, dated 25 September. advising that significant Further Information (FI) was received in relation to this huge development and giving them only 10 days from the date of the letter to make submissions. Following representations from Cllr. John McGinley the Council acknowledged their mistake and agreed that the last date for receipt of submissions would be extended to 25 October. At John's request they also agreed to put a copy of the FI request and the reply from the developer on public display in Maynooth Library.

Having examined the FI it is Cllr. McGinley's belief that the new proposals are still highly unsatisfactory for the following reasons

- There are no plans in their proposals to tie in the new ring road with the Meath road at Moygaddy contrary to Clause 3.8.1.T1.3 of the Maynooth Development Plan.
- There are no proposals for the upgrading of the Meath road from Moygaddy to Kildare Bridge. in line with Map No.1 of the Maynooth Development Plan
- If Points 1 and 2 above are not completed prior to the development of the lands all of the cars from the 538 houses will drive down the Moyglare Road to get access to the shops in Main Street and TESCO's and to the M4.
- 4. There is a vehicular exit onto the Moyglare Road contrary to Clause 3.8.1.T1.3 of the Maynooth Development Plan
- 5. The density proposed is greater than that used when the Council decided on the Population Targets for Maynooth in the County Development Plan. The proposed density is 11 houses per acre, whereas the Council envisaged 7 houses to the acre when setting a population target of 12,600 by 2006. If this application is approved it will make the population targets meaningless.
- The proposal is in conflict with Clause 2.1.3 of the Maynooth Development Plan for the following reasons:
- a) It does not have the full range of social facilities needed for such a large development.

b) Proposals for such large developments should be made in the context of Action Area Plans in order to ensure that new residential estates develop as integrated neighbourhoods.

Cllr. John McGinley is objecting to the Further Information along these lines.

Footpath and Hard Shoulder from Hands Corner to GB Glass, Dentist, Maynooth

This section of roadway on the way to TESCO's is in a very bad condition. It is now used by more pedestrians than ever since the Post Office moved to it's new location. As it is particularly dangerous for senior citizens and people with buggies, because of all the potholes, Cllr. John McGinley submitted a motion asking that a new footpath be laid and the hard shoulder resurfaced. He got the following initial reply on 3 Oct:

"There was a design prepared for a scheme some time ago and this is currently being revisited. There are also issues in relation to funding and probable land acquisition. Accordingly, the feasibility (or otherwise) of progressing this scheme is being assessed and a more detailed report will be available for the next meeting."

Band Stand and Pound Land/Pound Park

Cllr. John McGinley got the following update, at the Area Meeting on 3 Oct., on his proposal for a bandstand and other environmental improvements at Pound Park and Pound Lane:

"Brian Swan, Senior Architect, is preparing a sketch drawing for submission to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government for approval, to include the proposals recommended by the members of the Area Committee. The members will be notified on receipt of approval from the Department."

Cllr. McGinley asked that members could be given a copy of the proposals immediately so that the local residents and members of St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band could be consulted.

Location of New Swimming Pool Complex:

Councillors were presented with a report on the submissions made and on the points in favour for the three locations i.e. Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge. The submissions supporting Doyles Land, Maynooth as the preferred location were from:

Maynooth Community Council, Maynooth Community Centre Partnership and Cllr. John McGinley.

The Council Official commented as follows:

"A proposal for development of the Council Land at Mooretown, Celbridge is under discussion with a preferred developer following receipt of expression of interest. This includes a proposal to sell to Council alternative amenity lands in the area.

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Negotiations are ongoing but there is no indication at present that these discussions will provide any new option for the provision of the North Kildare pool.

The next step will be to recommend a preferred pool site subject to operational and funding matters. It is expected that negotiations can be concluded and a report nominating the preferred site will be submitted to a joint meeting of the Leixlip and Celbridge Area Committees in November."

Directing Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV's) to the M4 Cllr. John McGinley proposed some time ago that through traffic HGV's be taken out of Main Street, Maynooth and be redirected to the M4 instead. As usual it has taken Council Officials ages to act, however, Cllr. McGinley has been assured that the signs have been ordered and that they will be erected at Barretts roundabout and at Blacklion as soon as the Council gets them.

Westside Waste Update

Councillors were given the following update at the Area Meeting on 3 October on the status of Westside Waste operation at Leixlip Road, Maynooth:

"This site has been taken over by P.Thornton Waste and he has a licence from the Environmental Protection Agency to operate the site on condition that he scales down the operation on the site. A recent site inspection indicates that there has been a substantial reduction in activity."

Cllr. John McGinley disagreed with the report and stated that Thornton could not have a licence as he has to have a fully enclosed facility to get one. He was refused Planning Permission for the indoor facility and he withdrew his appeal to An Bord Pleanala in January 2003. Cllr. McGinley stated that in view of the foregoing, and in line with the Maynooth Development Plan, Kildare County Council is obliged to close the down the operation forthwith as it is located in the middle of a residential area.

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Community Centre For Maynooth.

The local Fianna Fail candidate for the Local Elections 2004, Brid Feely has warmly welcomed the inclusion of a site for a Community Centre in Maynooth by Kildare County Council in its draft Action Area Plan for Carton Avenue.

This plan which has just been approved by the Area Councilors will be subject to public consideration and on display for a period of one month shortly. The plan provides for the designation of an area for use as a Community facility and centre. Possible uses, which could be incorporated within this area, would be a swimming pool, meeting rooms, kitchen/changing facilities, a children's play facility, indoor sports and leisure facilities etc.

Brid would like to congratulate the Maynooth Community Centre Partnership who have played a pivotal part in highlighting the importance of a Community Centre in Maynooth and whose aim it is to make sure this plan comes to fruition in the future. Brid would like to pledge her full support in whatever manner possible in the future to the successful outcome of this much needed venture.

Carton Avenue Action Area Plan

The provision of a Community Centre site is just one part of an overall area plan for the Carton Avenue area which has just been approved by the Leixlip/Maynooth Area Councillors. A majority of 3 to 1 of the Councillors voted in favor with the only exception being John McGinley.

On examination of the proposed Plan, the Fianna Fail Local Election representative, Brid Feely has welcomed the Plan and believes that it provides a well considered mixed scheme of amenity and residential development which will be complementary to the historical and service aspects of that part of Maynooth, but in a modern context.

Densities provided for in the Plan range from 10-14 houses to the acre along the Dunboyne road, 20-24 houses per acre on land opposite the old Mart, and finally 8-10 houses per acre on 15 acres on the Leixlip road.

As per the Maynooth Development Plan the view from Carton avenue along the Main St, and the trees on the Lime Walk are protected. Landscaping of a Public Park adjoining the Avenue and their zoning as amenity open space with the development of a Public Children's Play area are other aspects.

When the Plan goes on public display shortly all members of the public will be able to inspect and forward their views and ideas on the plan in a positive fashion so we can all help shape the best future for this wonderful town. Brid is available on her e-mail feelygorey@eircom.net and her mobile 087-2052649 to listen to any views people may have on this matter.

Town Council Status for Maynooth

In relation to town council status for Maynooth, Brid is fully supportive of the recent motion put to the Maynooth Community Council (of which she is a member) by Mr. Paul Croghan to push for Town Council status for Maynooth. At a recent Community Council Meeting Paul outlined his reasons for pursuing such a status and outlined why Maynooth would benefit should this proposition succeed. Among those reasons

- a the Town Council has access to a Town Manager who is a decision maker,
- b a Town Clerk would be appointed which would provide valuable local contact,
- c a budget would be allocated and distributed locally,
- d extra representation would be available on decision making bodies.

In response to representations made by Brid to the Minister for Local Govt., Mr. Martin Cullen T.D. the Minister has explained that the relevant statutory requirements for establishing of a town council are set out in Part 17 of the Local Govt. Act 2001. As this 2001 Act is a very extensive piece of legislation encompassing almost 250 sections, the various provisions are eased into operation by way of a series of orders and regulations and with regard to this legislation, almost 80% has already been released, with only 20% to be commenced in the coming months. Maynooths proposal can then be considered by the County Council, subjected to public consultation considered by the Minister following recommendations by the Local Govt. Commission.

North Kildare Swimming Pool Site

At the recent meeting of the Leixlip/Maynooth Area Councillors on 5th Oct., Mr. Peter Minnock, Director of Corporate and Cultural Affairs, informed the Councillors that submissions had been received for 3 proposed sites for a Swimming Pool in the area – namely, near the Salesian College in Celbridge, at the Amenities Centre in Leixlip and in the Carton Avenue area of Maynooth. A decision is pending following consideration.

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Bond Bridge

At a recent Meeting of Kildare County Councilors, a shock report was given which stated that the tendering process for the Bond Bridge and Meadowbrook link road was complete with estimated costs respectively (and as expected) of €6million and €1.8million. but that due to the cost involved it was unlikely that the Bond Bridge aspect would be going ahead in the short terms, although the Meadowbrook Link Road would be going ahead. All councilors expressed shock as costs had come in as anticipated and many individuals had gone to the considerable expense of submitting tenders etc. Also, the Area Councilors felt they had been as Cllr Paul Kelly (FF) put it "led up the garden path" by Council officials.

At time of writing the Fianna Fail representatives in the area, ie. Brid Feely and Paul Kelly are pressing for answers from the Council with regard to this sudden and entirely outrageous turn of events. People living in Maynooth will understand the disbelief experienced that such a sudden about turn has been attempted.

Heritage Day in Maynooth Castle

Brid would like to congratulate the Maynooth Castle Committee for their organization of the very successful heritage days held recently in September which were extremely well attended by the people of Maynooth. It was great to see so many children in particular attending and taking part in a renewal and awareness of the rich historical past Maynooth has enjoyed and which shapes its present and future.

Fianna Fail Discretionary Grants in Maynooth

Cllr Paul Kelly has recently informed Brid Feely that approx. €13,000 of his discretionary grants will be apportioned to the repair of footpaths etc in Rail Park, Maynooth, an area which has long suffered from the poor condition of same.

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2052649 or by e-mail to feelygorey@eircom.net for further details. Alternatively interested women can get information by logging onto the website www.ucd.ie/werrc/power.html or contacting Susan Bailey on 087-2289147

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

The month of October had been designated Breast Cancer awareness month and Brid would like to encourage everyone to contribute in any way possible to promoting such awareness not just in October but throughout the year. Although October has passed information is always available from the Dept. of Health and their website and also of course from the Cancer Society.

Finally, on an economic note, which affects all of us, both nationally and locally, Brid welcomes the recent announcement that the rate of inflation has decreased to just 2.9%, the lowest level since 1999 and indeed at time of going to press, the ESRI has also announced further good economic forecasts for growth in 2004 and 2005.



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The sad passing of Nora Price late of Woodville Donadea, Naas, Co. Kildare who died September 03 at Beaumount Hospital and buried at Staplestown Church, Donadea. Her son Jim and his wife Liz and family would like to say a special word of thanks to the doctors and nurses and many staff at Beaumount Hospital and the Motor Neuron Society who were of great support to them at this sad time.

Nora was such a popular lady and was known to frequent a few bingos in her time, she was a great character. She will be sorely missed by her family and large circle of friend's and by her very close sister Maria, her sister Kathleen, sister in law Betty, brothers Mick, Dan, Vincent, Brendan and Gus, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

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Remembered by Mary and Betty,

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Acknowledgement

The family of the late Ross Tobin, Maynooth, would like to thank most sincerely those who sympathised with them and those who sent flowers, mass cards and who attended his funeral. We would also like to thank all the staff at Blanchardstown Hospital, the Priests of the Parish, Dr Michael Hanlon (Leixlip) and Liam Holmes (Tipperary) Please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our appreciation and mass will be offered for your intentions.

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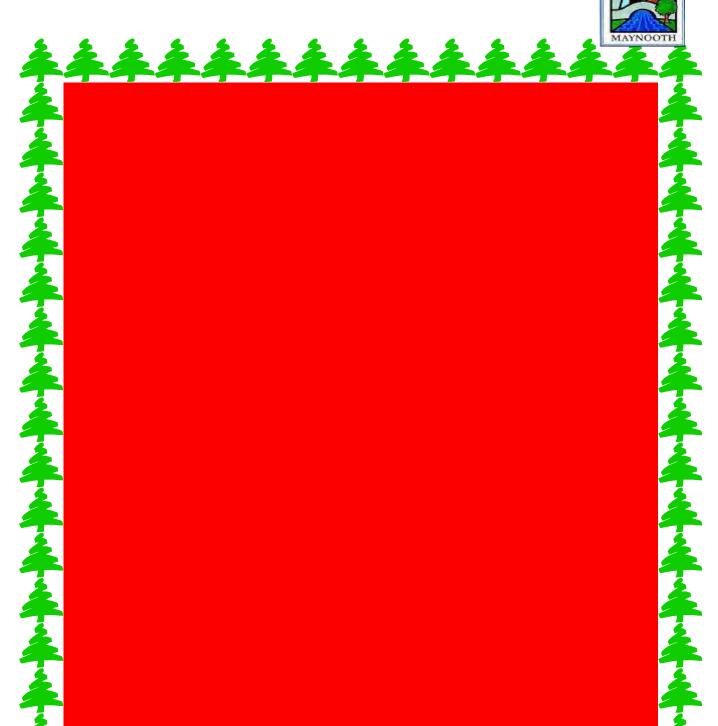
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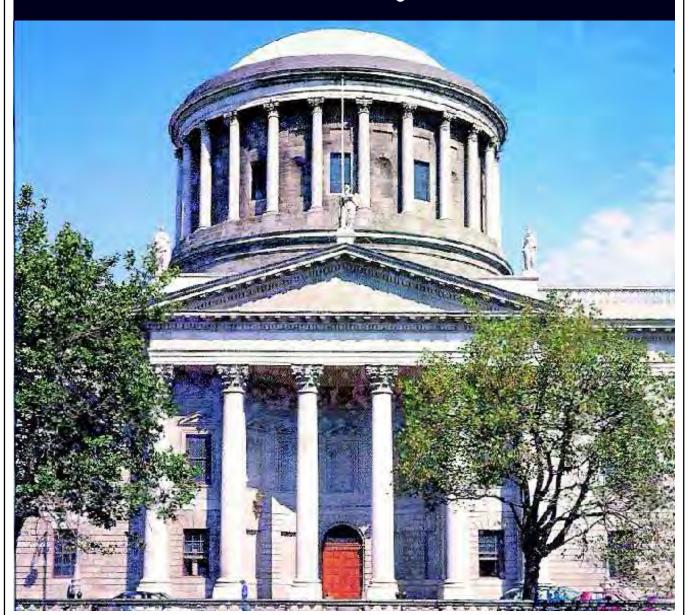


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What a Christmas present to Social Welfare recipients. The Government estimates were published recently – a sounding board for the upcoming Budget. Among the shocking revelations were the sixteen savage Social Welfare cuts to be inflicted upon the most vulnerable of our citizens. The mean-minded cutting of funding for those with special dietary needs, the virtual elimination of the rent allowance and the cutting of the Back to Education grant will have devastating effects. It is clear that this Government does not care if families become homeless. In view of the millions spent on Punchestown, a private venture, these cuts are immoral. Within this context, the budgets for the big spending departments include the billions to be spent on the road infrastructure including the now notorious M3 that is planned to run through the Tara/Skreen valley, the very heartland of pre-Celtic, Celtic and early Ireland. The fact that the Minister for Education happily allows this destructive and sacrilegious motorway through his constituency speaks for itself. We are not to be trusted as custodians and guardians of our own heritage. A Government that will destroy the soul of our past cannot be trusted with our future. Our ancestors, our descendants and our Celtic cousins will rightly curse our desecration of the most sacred of sacred Celtic areas.

At least there is good news on a local level. The Geraldine Hall has been taken over by Kildare County Council and the realignment of Bond Bridge looks probable again. Local groups are organising themselves for protest if it does not go ahead. It is to be hoped that both contracts, for the Bridge and the Meadowbrook Link, will be signed together so that both projects may proceed simultaneously. Building the Link without realigning the Bridge will be pure madness. Our local councillors are pressurising the County Manager for action in this matter. Perhaps the County Council should look again at its planned new building estimated at €80 million.

The most pressing local issue at present is the proposed Area Action Plan for Carton Avenue incorporating a large park, a Community Centre and residential development. The Plan was discussed at the recent Community Council meeting and a decision was taken to object to the proposed plan on the basis of the density, the 3-4 storey buildings and to eliminate the apartments from the plan. The residents of O'Neill Park are particularly concerned about the impact that the proposed apartments will have on their homes. It was agreed that the Council would submit a submission to Kildare County Council addressing the concerns expressed at their meeting. Finally, we would like to wish our readers a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. There is no equivalent to Christmas in early Ireland where Notlaig was an exclusively Christian festival confined to the monasteries. The main winter event can still be witnessed at Brú na Bóinne (Newgrange) and Tara the winter solstice.

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Community Council Notes

The November meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on the 10th November in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Chairperson, Hugh Gallagher and members held a minute silence in memory of Ann Marie McGee., nee McTigue.

Secretary, Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin led the tributes. She said that since Ann Marie came to work in the office she brought with her a great sense of purpose and was a delight to know. She said she was a beautiful person and will be a great loss to her family, Maynooth Community Council and the community at large.

Paul Croghan said Ann Marie was part of a small team that worked very well, she had a good knowledge of Maynooth and was a great asset to the Newsletter. She will be long and sadly missed in the office.

Cllr. John McGinley said she was always ready to help when need be.

Andrew McMullon said that Ann Marie did great work on the festival.

Brid Feely said Ann Marie was very helpful and she sympathised with her family and the Council.

Tom McMullon said Ann Marie will be a great loss to all that knew her, also that she was always willing the help everybody out.

Sincere sympathy was extended to her husband and children, family and friends.

Co-options to Maynooth Community Council

Carmel McAuliffe, Mary Clougher (Carton Area Action Group), Tony Bean (M.C.C.P.), Patricia Moynan (Maynooth Swimming Club), John Doogan (Bond Bridge Action Group).

Maynooth Action Strategy - Sewage Spill

Peter Connell stated that a sever sewage spill into the Lyreen And Rye Rivers was the cause of a serious fish kill which is being investigated. Cllr. Senan Griffin stated that a mechanical trip-out that failed. He said it was a design fault and should be updated. Cllr. John McGinley said that a second pump also failed and should alarms not be in place in case of pumps failing.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Cllr. John McGinley reminded all that it is time again to start thinking about the St. Patrick's Day Parade. He said he hoped the 2004 parade would be the best one yet, but we need people with new ideas to get involved. Those who wish to get involved should contact the office at 01 6285922.

Project - Pound Park Band Stand

It was noted that this project was to have started by Tony Bean said the avenue looked well. He said now. Cllr. McGinley said that if this project does not Kildare County Council are doing a good job. He said

go ahead on time, money may be lost and this would be a shame. There was a problem about the design sketch not being ready, however, Cllr. Griffin stated that the design sketch was now ready for the bandstand.

Maynooth Action Strategy

Peter Connell stated that M.A.S. have engaged the services of Barbara Caska Ph.D. Dublin Business School to conduct a survey to find out about options and needs of people living in Maynooth. The results of the survey will be published in January/February 2004. He also noted that there is a prepaid envelope enclosed.

Bond Bridge

John Doogan introduced himself. He said he was Chairperson of Maynooth Community Council for some years, and the Bond Bridge Action Group. He said that in 1999 when it looked like the Bond Bridge Project would go ahead the Bond Bridge Action Group was disbanded. He said this was a big mistake. It was noted that some years ago a loan was to be raised to fund the building of the new bridge. It was also noted that levies have already been collected in Beaufield, Meadowbrook and Castledawson. It was also felt that if money is not spent inside 7 years it should be given back to the residents.

A traffic survey showed that 2,500 cars use Parson Street everyday. John asked for anybody interested in getting involved to give support. John said it is now time for another public meeting.

Carton Avenue - Draft Action Area Plan

A full discussion took place on the Draft Plan for Carton Avenue. It was generally felt that the plan was good for Maynooth. The Action Area Plan will give the people of Maynooth the right to make submissions and decide what they want. However Cllr. John McGinley felt that high density with 3-4 storey buildings will stick out in a town like Maynooth. John proposed a motion to write to Kildare County Council to object to the high density. This was agreed. The Action Area Plan for Carton Avenue would include managed parkland, recreational open spaces and amenity areas, children's public play area, new residential development and community centre. Peter Connell wondered do we need more apartments here. with the development in Kavanaghs and the harbour area, these will provide plenty of apartment space. He felt we should be looking at starter homes. Brid Feely welcomes the plan in general. She said the people of Maynooth have the option to object and express their views. 25th November is the last day for submissions. Tony Bean said the avenue looked well. He said

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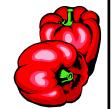
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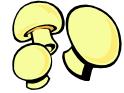
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Mary Clougher on behalf of the residents of O'Neill Park said they were very worried about some aspects of the plans for Carton Avenue. She said they were worried about open spaces being used for dumping. She also said they found it hard to get information. They were also concerned about security and the management of the community centre. Late nights could be a problem she said.

Next meeting of Maynooth Community Council will take place in the Glenroyal on Monday, 8th December 2003.

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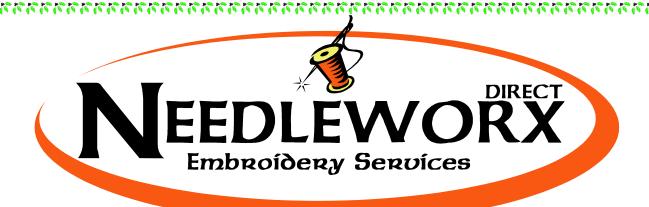


Clir. Colm Purcell

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03/2168	Michael Mazilu	5 Parklands Court, Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	30/10/03	First floor extension over existing single storey family room, utility and kitchen, to provide 2 bedrooms and extended bathroom at first floor level and conversion of existing attic to study room and new brick porch to existing front entrance	5 Parklands Court Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2181	Paul & Karen Hartnett	47 Rockfield Court Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	31/10/03	New first floor extension with pitched roof at side of house and single storey extension with lean-to roof at rear	47 Rockfield Court, Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2184	Airlie Stud	Grangewilliam Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	31/10/03	Extensions and alterations to existing gate lodge and up-grading of existing septic tank	Barrogstown East Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2218	Dublin Bus	c/o Tom Deely Room 202 59 Upr O'Connell St Dublin 1	Р	05/11/03	A 4.6 x 1 5x2.3m high steel and glass bus shelter with 2 lighted advert panels on Leixlip/Dublin Road, Maynooth outside Tescos	Leixlip/Dublin Road Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2219	Dublin Bus	c/o Tom Deely Room 202 59 Upr O'Connell St Dublin 1	Р	05/11/03	A 4.6 x 1 5x2.3m high steel and glass bus shelter with 2 lighted advert panels on R406 Straffan/ Maynooth Road opposite Glenroyal Hotel	Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2220	Dublin Bus	c/o Tom Deely Room 202 59 Upr O'Connell St Dublin 1	Р	05/11/03	A 4.6 x 1 5x2.3m high steel and glass bus shelter with 2 lighted advert panels	R148 Kilcock Rd Maynooth University Maynooth
03/2231	Hugh & Fiona Gallagher	22 Rockfield Green Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	6/11/03	Construct a two storey extension to the front and side of the property	22 Rockfield Green Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2294	Mrs B Flanagan	754 Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	14/11/03	Alterations and extension to existing single storey dwelling house to provide granny flat accommodation to rear	754 Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2306	David Collins	Hawthorn House B & B Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	17/11/03	Erection of 4 self catering accommodation units	Hawthorn House B&B Old Greenfield Maynooth
03/2311	Gerard & Uriel Hynes	17 Rockfield Grove Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	17/11/03	Erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house including utility room extending below, single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling house and conversion of garage in habitable space	17 Rockfield Grove Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare





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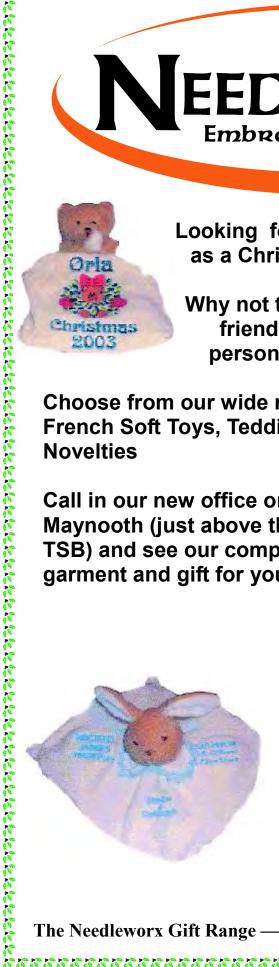
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03/2100	P. J. McGrath	Berkeley House 17 Berkeley St Dublin 7	Р	20/10/03	A surface care park for 39 cars with associated fence, lighting and access gates	Doctors Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2001	P. J. McGrath	Berkeley House 17 Berkeley St Dublin 7	Р	20/10/03	For a surface car park for 39 cars with associated fence, lighting and access gates at a site at Doctors Lane, thirty one of the car spaces will serve as the parking provision for a proposed two storey over basement restaurant on Doctors Lane	Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2129	Maxwell Mooney	The Square Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	24/10/03	Demolition of existing single storey dwelling and erection of two storey office with attic storage and signage to front	Kelly's Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2142	P. J. McGrath	Berkeley House 17 Berkeley St Dublin 7	Р	24/10/03	A restaurant. The accommodation consists of a two storey restaurant over basement containing ancillary accommodation including kitchens and toilets	Doctors Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2155	Sabrina Keegan	Coarsemoor Straffan Co. Kildare	P	29/10/03	Detached one and a half storey dwelling, detached domestic garage, domestic effluent treatment system, connection to mains water and site entrance	Newtownmacabe Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2163	Richard Murphy	Former Permanent TSB Junction of Main St Maynooth & Fagans Lane Maynooth	Р	29/10/03	Partial demolition of existing main building and the existing single storey shed at rear for the construction of a two storey building, the existing front façade to Main St is to remain with minor modifications including a new shop front etc.	TSB Premises Main St Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2165	Michael & Miriam Ahern	8 Rockfield Manor Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	30/10/03	Two storey extension to the rear and side of the building. The ground floor accommodation consists of anew single storey extended kitchen and utility area, the conversion of the existing kitchen to a family room, a sunroom to the rear etc.	8 Rochfield Manor Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2166	John & Maria Davey-Borresen	1 Parklands Crescent Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	30/10/03	Erect a two storey extension to side of existing dwelling house, consisting of a ground floor granny flat and first floor games/play area	1 Parklands Crescent Railpark Maynooth

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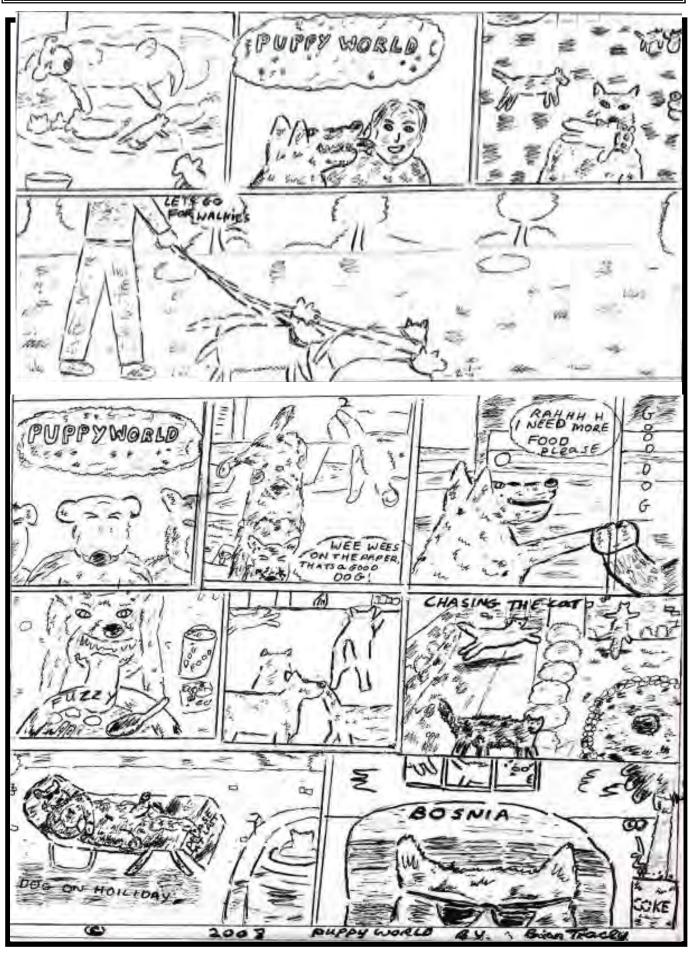
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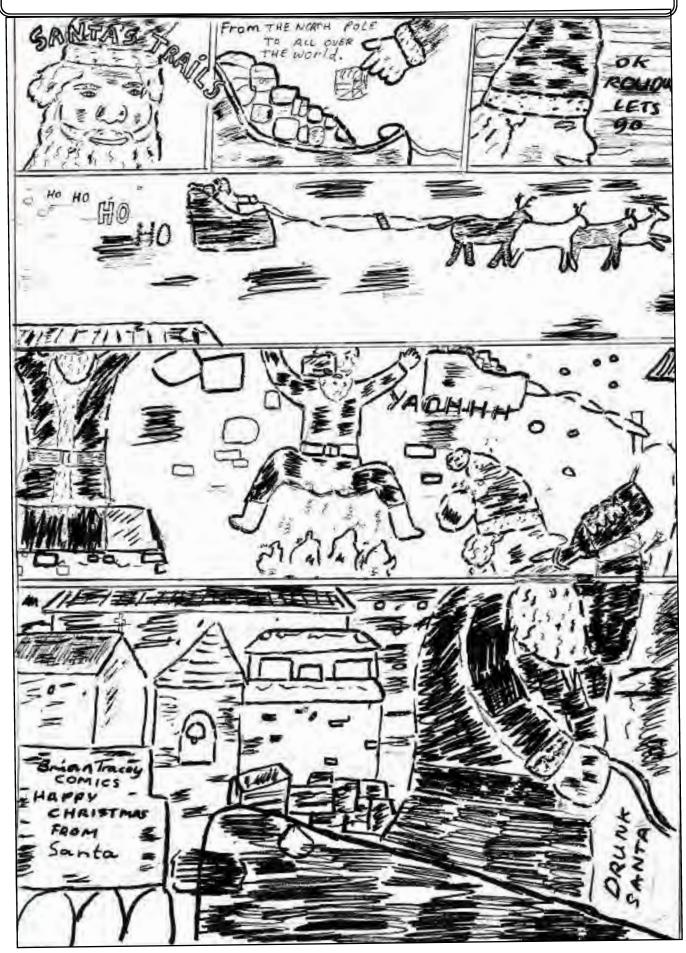
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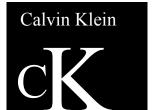
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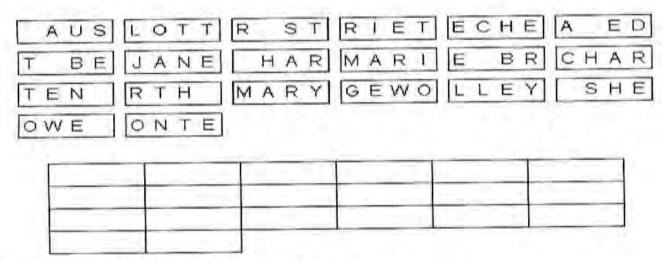
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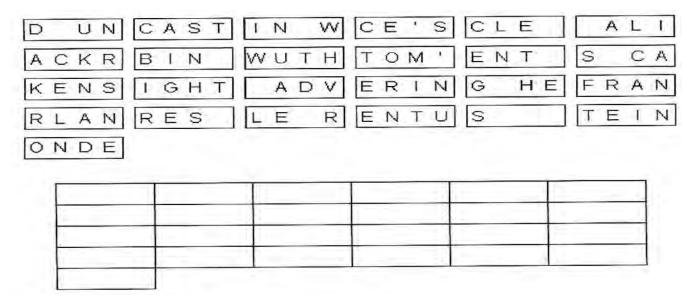
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Features

Tony Blair- A Political Crisis

Tony Blair is in trouble. The fall out from the invasion of Iraq is damaging the unity of his Government. The continuing revelations from the Hutton inquiry do nothing for his credibility or his future political career. Tony Blair continues to be on the receiving end of bad press over the death of Doctor Kelly, a gentleman hounded to his death by a House of Commons committee acting under instructions from their political masters. There are a good number of disgruntled Labour backbenchers with a score to settle and no lack of potential candidates who fancy their chances of becoming the leader of the Party. There is a feeling among many people that the Blairs are getting what is coming to them and that few tears will be shed over their demise. The recent byelection in Brent will only add to the Prime Ministers woes and make it more difficult for him to survive. There are implications for this country if Blair fails to survive. He is the first British Prime Minister fully committed to improving relations between the two countries. Some might disagree with this but an analysis of the career of Gladstone (supposedly one of the good guys) who introduced the first Home Bill in 1866 showed that Domestic considerations guided his policy on Ireland. If he required the backing of Irish MP's to form a Liberal Government, he put Home Rule on the table. If he had a Liberal Majority, Home Rule was taken off the Table. Successive British Prime Ministers who showed no interest in making any progress in Anglo-Irish affairs carried on this policy for over fifty years. Excuses were many and varied but the core problem was the unwillingness of the British to improve the conditions, in which the Irish people lived and were governed. By 1916 Home Rule was still an aspiration, 50 years after the introduction of the first Home Rule bill. It beggars belief that columnists like Kevin Myers (Irish Times) have such a disrespectful attitude to the First Dail. The Provisional Government was forced to take to arms to advance the cause of the Irish people. The history of Home Rule for Ireland was a history of deception, bad faith and pure trickery. The physical force movement, which Myers despises, arosed from an exhaustion of patience that had been stretched to the limit by British policy in Ireland.

A Russian General once said that for people to ignore history was to look to the future with both eyes closed. It is therefore important to review the path of Anglo- Irish affairs since the inception of the state in 1922 and glean what lessons should be learned if Blair falls. We often dwell on the guarrels of the Civil War without recognising the politically gifted men and women. who formed the first Provisional Government. All had to learn the art of Government and Diplomacy quickly in order to secure the gains that were made possible by the first Anglo- Irish Treaty of 1922. W T. Cosgrave, Michael Collins,

Arthur Griffith and later Eamon deValera all lacked the political guile and training that was a feature of the men from St James Palace (The Foreign Office) in London. Yet inspired by a love of their country and its people they delivered independence from the British Empire and the Irish people were free for the first time in over 800 years.

The partition of Ireland was a cause of much pain and heartbreak to many. What is important to remember is that the decision of the majority of the Irish people to vote themselves out of the United Kingdom caused as much bitterness and anger to many in the British establishment. Bitterness fuelled by arrogance is still a feature in the political thinking of some members of the Conservative Party and surprisingly some elements in the British Labour party. It has manifested itself from the times of Lloyd George right up to the Premiership of John Major and the Labour Governments of Wilson and Callaghan. Will we ever forget the pathetic Northern Ireland Secretaries of State, Merlyn Rees and Roy Mason. They were both members of a Labour Government who managed to damage Anglo Irish relations.

Margaret Thatcher was most hostile to the idea of an Ireland totally removed from British influence. She was fully committed to the Unionist in maintaining their dominant status in the Stormont Assemly. We remember her body language at the Dublin Summit with Charles Haughy, deeply uncomfortable in the mist of "Republicans". Thatcher gave the impression at photo call that she could not get away quickly enough. She had a basic distrust and dislike of the Republic of Ireland. In her autobiography "The Downing Street Years" she expresses disappointment with the Anglo- Irish agreement and regrets signing it. It must be said that the Agreement reflects great credit on the Fine Gael- Labour coalition ably led by Doctor Garret Fitzgerald. It also reflected great credit on Sean Donlon and his young bloods in the Department of Foreign Affairs. To have Margaret Thatcher sign an Agreement and later admit that she was out manoeuvred, was some play, and reflects the progress that this Nation has made in the last fifty vears. The pact that her successor John Major made with the Unionist party in order to hold a Commons majority reflected on him badly. To make this deal in a critical period for Anglo- Irish relations with implications for the IRA cease-fire shows him as a Prime Minister without moral principles. The labour leaders Wilson and Callaghan were no different. Wilson presided over the collapse of the Sunningdale agreement when he failed to enforce the law and Callaghan increased the number of Unionist seats in the House of Commons to win their backing for his minority Government. In all of this the interests of the Irish people, north and south took a back seat.

Most political analysts would agree that we are approaching the political end game in Northern Ireland. A crude head count shows both communities are heading towards a fifty/ fifty split. This does not mean that there will be a majority seeking a United

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(Tony Blair Cont'd)

Ireland in the foreseeable future but it does raise the possibility of a Nationalist First Minister. This situation is fraught with danger and the implications for civil order will place a heavy responsibility on the British Prime Minister whoever he might be.

Blair, I believe, fully understands the potential problems that might arise. There is no doubt that he is working hard to consolidate the structures that were set up in the Good Friday Agreement. These structures will be vital in dealing with a period of change, which will affect everybody living on both islands. What is required is a fully focused British Prime Minister who will disregard party considerations and work for a peaceful resolution to a very difficult political problem.

The greatest fear is that Gordon Browne should replace Blair. A Scot from the reformed church he has little or no knowledge of the Republic of Ireland. He may have spent some holiday time here, but has never shown any great interest in Anglo/Irish affairs. He has made little or no contribution to the resolution of the northern conflict. There is a danger that under his leadership, any progress made in the Good Friday Agreement could slip and that we could find ourselves going backwards because of his lack of political commitment. We have to take heed of what happened under previous Labour administrations and realise that it is in our best interest that Blair remains as leader of that party and Prime Minister.

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- 1. Remember it's your party, so don't slave over a hot stove all night.
- 2. Relax and enjoy it.
- Get all your family involved with great party music and you will have everything done in no time.
- 4. Send out invitations and make sure you get your replies a.s.a.p. so you don't overbuy.
- Go for a variety such as mini combinations of everyone's favourite such as beef Wellington, fishcakes, then go for exotic tastes such as Thai chicken also veggie and fish options. You will be surprised by how many meat lovers will go for these.
- 6. Setting the menu is one of the host's perks, so buy treats that you can't wait to taste yourself.
- 7. Serving canapés for 10 guests if before lunch—dinner. Make 40 for a party. Make 80 double the quantities for each extra of 10 guests.
- 8. Leave all drinks such as wine, beer, in a cold shed or outside the night before the party. They will be perfectly chilled. Have plenty of ice also in the freezer.
- You can buy ice Froman off licence and rent glasses.
- 10. Enjoy your night.

Deli Bites

Prep time 20 mins Cooking time 25 mins. Make 32 canapés

4 large slices of day old bread
1 oz garlic butter
For the toppings
3½ oz of guacamole
2 oz crispy, cooked streaky bacon, finely chopped
3 oz medium fat soft goats cheese
3 oz chunky tomato salsa
2 oz pitted black olives chopped

Preheat oven 160°c Gas 4. Thinly spread each slice of bread with the garlic butter then remove the crusts. Now cut each slice into ¼ and ¼ again to make 32 bite size pieces. Divide the bread pieces. Butter side up between two baking sheets and bake for 25 mins until crisp and a pale golden colour. Leave to cool completely. Store in an airtight container for up to 5 days.

Up to 3 hrs ahead, spoon guacamole on half the bites, then sprinkle with bacon spread, the rest with cheese, top with salsa then sprinkle with olives. Cover loosely with clingfilm and chill until ready to serve.

Egg and Watercress Bacon

Prep time 10 mins Cooking time 35 mins

4 large slices of bread 2 eggs Bunch of watercress 3 rashers 2 tablespoons of mayonnaise

Preheat oven to 160°c Gas 4. Cut bread into ¼ and ¼ again. Spread onto 2 Baking sheets. Bake in oven for 25 mins until crisp and golden. Put into an airtight container. Boil eggs for 10 mins. Remove shell as soon as eggs are cooked as it is easier to remove shells. Grill rashers until crisp and allow both to cool. Chp up watercress. When eggs are cold mash up, chop up bacon, add to eggs with watercress and mayonaisse. Mix well and spoon onto your crisp bread.

Smoked Salmon with Cream Cheese

Prep time 25 mins

Side of smoked salmon Cream cheese 1 red pepper Spring onion.

Shape your salmon slices into roses. Roll each slice, it will take about 4 slices altoghter to shape. Mix cheese with chopped pepper and spring onion. Spoon into the middle of the rose

Mince Pies Brandy Cream

Prep time 1 hour Cooking time 20—25 mins or 25—30 mins from frozen

1 lb 2 oz plain flour Teaspoon of salt 13 oz of unsalted butter 8—9 fl oz of cold water

Sift the flour into a mixing bowl, add salt. Dice 3 ozs of butter, rub into flour until it resembles fine breadcrumbs. Add 8—9 fl ozs of cold water to form a fairly soft elastic dough. Turn onto a lightly floured worksop and knead lightly until just smooth. Srap in clingflim and freeze for 1 hour (a speedy way to cool down pastry). Put 10 oz of chilled unsalted butter between some clingfilm and bash till its about a 1 inch thick oblong shape. On a lightly floured surface roll out the chilled pastry to a 18 x 6 inches rectangle, with one of the short edges in front of you put the butter in the middle of the pastry both must be cool and just

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pliable fold the bottom third of the pastry up over the butter then the top third down. Seal the edges by pressing lightly with a rolling pin. Turn the pastry 90° anticlockwise and roll out the same size as the first time, fold and turn as before. Then wrap and freeze for 30 mins. After 30 mins roll and turn once more. Wrap and freeze for another 30 mins. Then roll and fold one final time. Wrap and chill the pastry in the fridge for up to two days until ready to use. Preheat oven to 200°c Gas 7. Butter 2 12 bun patty tins. On a lightly floured work surface roll out half the pastry to 2mm thick. With a 3 inch fluted cutter stamp out 24 rounds and line the tins . Spoon 1 tablespoon mincemeat into each. Roll out the rest of the pastry and do as before but use a 2 inch cutter instead. Put on top of the pies but don't press down. Brush with milk and bake for 20 -25 mins until golden. Dust with icing sugar.



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12 oz of currants
12 oz of raisins
5 oz of finely chopped candied peel
250g pack of vegetable suet shredded
100g pack of chopped almonds
12 oz of Demerara sugar
4 oz of chopped glace cherries
2 large Bramley apples peeled, cored and grated
4 teaspoons of ground mixed spice
Grated zest of juice of 1 lemon and 1 orange
½pint of brandy
10 fl. Oz of Drambuie

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An Nuadha Players in Panto Mode Again

Maynooth's Drama Group are back in action after the summer break and rehearsals are well underway for their 2004 pantomime, "Aladdin". 2003 saw the group have a very successful run with the pantomime "Cinderella" and the play "Juno and the Paycock" by Sean O'Casey. The pantomime this year will take place in the Aula Maxima in St. Patrick's College on Saturday 31st January and Saturday 7th February at 3 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. and Sunday February 1st and Sunday 8th February at 3 p.m.

This will be An Nuadha Players fourth pantomime and those of you who have seen our previous performances will know what to expect—a riotous tale of intrigue and confusion where, eventually, everything does turn out right. This year once again Martin Higgins has produced a fantastic script and brings his own inimitable style to the direction of the Grace McGrath has everyone surprising themselves with their hitherto unrealised style and rhythm as they trip the light fantastic. Our long suffering musical director Colin Sloane, has got our vocal chords rippling in surprising harmony and all is coming together to guarantee a terrific show. Many of our 'veteran' panto performers are back on stage again but watch out for a few new faces who will bring their own special magic to "Aladdin". And do keep in mind that "Aladdin" is a story about Genies popping out of lamps and carpets flying off to all sorts of places so please do be prepared for the unexpected! Tickets will go on sale in early January so keep an eye out for posters with all the details and, whatever you do, don't miss the show—its great entertainment for young and old and it gives local people an opportunity to put their many talents on display. Please come along and support us and we'll send you away with a pep in your step and a smile on your

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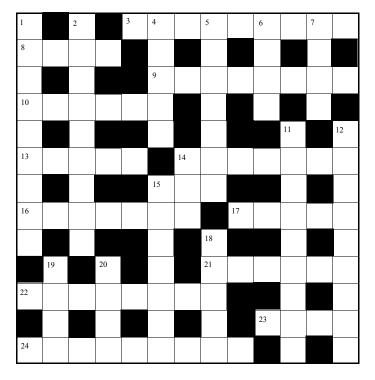
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- 16. Tumbler (7)
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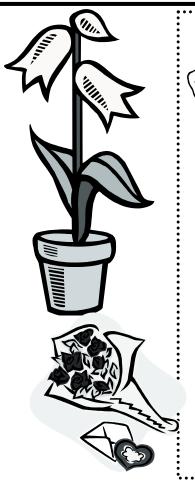
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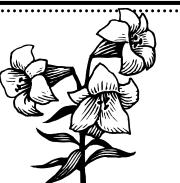
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Poets, druids and early Irish poetry

We saw last year that there is very little mention of Christmas in early Irish literature. As a Christian feast it primarily within the was celebrated monastic community. So we will continue with the topic of poetry. It is said that there are three poets who spoke as infants; they were Aí son of Ollam, Morann son of Moen and Noidiu Noibrethach who gave out nine maxims about the proper responsibilities of mothers to their infant sons. There are stories about the birth of poetry and of harp music - the noblest of the arts. One tale tells of the birth of Aí son of Ollam (Aí means 'poetic art' and ollam is the word for the chief poet) and his demands from the king Fiacha son of Delbaeth of the Tuatha Dé Danann. From him comes aí airchetail ('the poetic craft'). Aí outlines what is due to him as a poet, a charter for the legal status and economics rights of poets as follows:

'Not difficult:
my land, my coupling,
a full cauldron with a vat,
be given by the king ...
a vessel, a goblet,
a chariot, a tusk-hilted sword,
thirty cows, a quern,
a band of warriors.
All this is a debt (fiach)
To me from Fiacha.'

An early text called *Auraicept na n-Éces* (The scholar's primer) says that there five crafts of poetry: *itat coic ae and: .i. ae ailes 7 ae chanas 7 ae aiges 7 ae mides 7 ae suides* ('There are five crafts of poetry: poetry that nourishes and poetry that sings and poetry that impels and poetry that judges and poetry that establishes.')

In the case of Aí it is the instinct of the king Fiacha to kill the baby just as the men of Ulster wanted to kill the infant Deirdre. Aí's demands display the contentious arrogance of poets and his story reflects medieval Irish society's nervousness about dependence on a powerful and to some extent uncontrollable caste of artists. The literature is full of examples of the excessive demands of poets.

Harpers feature less often in literature but they are classed as sáernemed ('free, sacred') with the poets. One of the Triads says: Trí ségainni hÉrenn, fáthrann, adbann a cruit, berrad aigthe ('Three things for which Ireland is pre-eminent: a witty quatrain, a tune on the harp, shaving a face'). This implies that harpers and poets are quintessentially Irish. The Triads again state the mastery of the poets in three arts: Tréde neimthigedar filid; imbas forosna, teinm laeda, dichetal di chennaib ('There are three things that confer status professional on the fili: encompassing knowledge that illuminates, breaking of marrow and chanting from heads'). The harpers are similarly characterized: Tréde neimthigedar cruitire: golltraige, gentraige, súantraige ('There are three things that confer professional status on a harper: music to cause

weeping, music to cause laughter, music to cause sleep').

These characteristics are associated with famous harpers in various sagas. In Táin Bó Fraích (The Cattleraid of Fraech) it is mentioned that harpers play to Ailill and Medb, the king and queen of Connacht. The text says: 'These are three famous brothers: Goltraiges. Gentraiges and Suantraiges. Boand from the Otherworld was the mother of the three. It is from the music played by Uaithne, the Dagda's harper, that the three are named. When the woman was in travail it seemed to be like weeping and sorrow at first with the sharpness of the pangs; then, in the middle, it was laughter and gladness that he played on account of eagerness for the two sons; it was sleep and gentleness for the last son on account of the heaviness of the birth, so that from it a third of the music was named. ...

Boand the mother speaks to Uaithne the harper and says: 'Men will die on hearing them being played' thus implying that harp music can be dangerous and can kill people.

In another story, *Orgain Denna Ríg* (The destruction of Dinn Ríg), Craiptine the harper uses his music on one occasion to send the court of Fir Morca to sleep so that his master can have a tryst with a princess whose mother is ever watchful. He uses it again to put to sleep all the warriors inside Cobthach's fortress so that his master's war band can slaughter the garrison.

Twice in *Cath Maige Tuired* (The Battle of Moytura) harpers are mentioned: Lug shows his musical skills at the feast when he arrives in Tara and at the end of the saga, the Dagda's magic harp becomes a weapon leaping from the wall and killing Fomorians on its way back to its owner's hands and again plays the three kinds of music.

Like poets, harpers can be wonderful and dangerous and the connection with birth is not simply the idea of beginnings but a much larger trope in Irish culture relating to female sexuality. Birth is often imaged as a woman's gift to the world, a miraculous mediation of new life, for example Boand presents the three musicians to her husband and makes a speech about their natures and destiny. The Triads again pronounce: Trí aithgine in domuin: brú mná, uth bó ness gobann ('Three renewals of the world: a woman's womb, a cow's udder, a smith's moulding-block'). But the gift of life carries the threat of death, sometimes its parent's death - a child may be destined to kill its father or a parent attempts to kill an infant. Both occur in the story of the poet Noidiu Nóibrethach. There is a prophecy that Noidiu's mother's father will die if she has a son; this prophecy is fulfilled at Noidiu's birth and his mother tries to kill the infant. The nine judgments that he pronounces are traditional maxims and proverbs through which he prevents his mother from killing him and indeed brings about her death. Murder and motherhood are brought together

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deliberately. Intergenerational rivalries are expressed and birth symbolizes a complex truth. Joan Radner says: 'Through their presentation in the form of mythic birth tales, these noble arts – noble *male* arts – were represented as the gifts of women. And as women's gifts, they were imagined as naturally partaking in the nature of women, and they were regarded with the same ambivalence with which Irish society regarded the female'

Women are seen as passionate, selfish and potentially immoderate beyond the control of even a king - just like poets and harpers. Daniel F. Melia recognises the connection between sexual liasons and the death of the hero. Women are frequently characterized in wisdom texts as savage, lying and connected with nature in contrast with the male who symbolises culture. The Triads say: Trí luchra ata mesa: luchra tuinde, luchra mná bóithe, luchra con foléimnige ('Three worst smiles: the smile of a wave, the smile of a lewd woman, the smile of a dog ready to leap'). The female body is depicted as being both maternal and sexual; the sustaining power of the mother coexists with the dangerous and destructive power of female sexuality. There is one final connection between them - the Otherworld that is essentially female and is closely associated with harpers and fili. Both these classes derive their powers from the Otherworld; they are liminal figures existing in the in-between. Harpers can cause súan ('sleep') as distinct from cotlud ('sleep'). Cotlud is within human control, even as a result of drunkenness but suan is a magically overpowering sleep. One human figure can bring this about – the harper.

Harpers and *fili* seem to share certain kinds of symbolic liminality and to be regarded with similar sorts of ambivalence. They belong to this world and the other, they serve the king but cannot be controlled by him, they uphold law and order but can introduce chaos and the same powers by which they promote fertility, health and wealth can be deadly.

J. Radner finishes by saying: 'Such paradoxes of sustenance and danger set apart poets and harpers and link them with women into a single, semiotic system that is particularly obvious, in medieval Irish tradition, in these unusual allegorical birth-tales about the origins of poetry and harp music. Representing their powers symbolically as the gifts of women as well as of the Otherworld foregrounds the extent to which the sustaining and threatening female is symbolically the source of the unique qualities of these arts.'

Cf. Joan Radner, '"Men will die": poets, harpers and women in early Irish literature', in *Celtic language, Celtic culture: a festschrift for Eric P. Hamp* (Ford & Bailie, Van Nuys, California, 1990) 172-86 and Daniel Melia, 'Remarks on the structure and composition of the Ulster death tales', *Studia Hibernica* 17/18 (1977/8) 36-57.

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The Dawning of the Day

Tim rested his arms on the wooden fence. The field fell away to a small river that meanders its way through a landscape of rolling hills that is a feature of the West Wicklow countryside. At peace with himself and just a little annoyed that even after all these years he was unable to grasp and fully appreciate the beauty of the area and the tranquillity that it brought to him. In the field the grass rustled quietly in the breeze as it swayed gently to the ever-changing direction of the winds. The sun shone down from a cloudless sky giving warmth and a golden sheen to the acres and acres of corn and wheat that covered his field of vision. Nothing much had changed in this landscape in his lifetime except his memory suggested that the summers were longer and warmer in his younger days. Tim moved slightly and emptied the burnt tobacco from his pipe going through a timemeasured ritual of refilling and re-lighting. Nothing fazed Tim; a lifetime of looking after animals taught him a humility and acceptance to th forces of nature. His eyes focused on the five year old gelding trotting round the field. The chestnut colour lightened by the rays of the sun and the four white feet parting the swaying grass as he galloped from one end of the field to the other. Tim was initially moved by the honesty of his horse, the gentle eyes and intelligence that shone from his face as he enjoyed his romp before being returned to his box. The horse trotted to the fence and nudged Tim's arms. He was not disappointed as an apple was produced and eaten in an environment of contentment that only nature can provide. Tim studied his horse. The chestnut measured sixteen hands high. A product of a mating between Strong Gale and a mare from the Mah Mahal line. The birth had been difficult and only the good hands and experience of the local vet saved the foal. He had mused over a name for the foal for some time always believing that somehow he might turn out something special. He had chosen the name "Marshal Ney" the bravest of the brave and one of Napoleon's great generals. He smiled wryly at his choice and reflected on the uncharacteristic brashness in choosing the name. Marshal Ney was extremely game and built like a little tank. He had not rushed the preparation for the horse's racing career. He finished second in his only race as a four year old, a two mile flat National Hunt race, at Punchestown. Tim now in his sixty seventh year had seen many false dawns and although hopeful for the horse's future did not raise his hopes on gaining that elusive first win. Almost unnoticed and without a word Toby, Tim's trusted farmhand led the gelding from the paddock and walked him back to the stable.

Tim returned to the house. Built nearly one hundred years ago it stood at the end of a short tree lined driveway. The Georgian architecture and the magnificent colours of the surrounding gardens had

never ceased to excite him ever since he seen the house for the first time nearly forty years ago. He smiled as he saw his wife Nancy in the garden. Busy as usual she was tending to rose plants that would in time grow and enhance further the beautiful environment that surrounded the house. Nancy saw him and walked towards him. She kissed him on the cheek and they joined hands and walked slowly towards the house. "Ted called" she said "and he thinks you have lost it"

Ted Sloan, champion jockey and good friend of Tim had called in the previous week to discuss the racing future of marshal Ney. Ted had seen the horse at Punchestown and liked him. He assumed that Tim would pick an easy maiden hurdle for his first run over jumps. Tim said nothing until they both sat down in the kitchen. He poured Ted a generous whiskey and patted his collie as the warmth from the open fire spread across the stone floor. "I am going to run him in the Champion Novice Hurdle at the Punchestown festival." Ted nearly dropped his drink. "I know it is a bit ambitious" Tim said" but I believe he is good enough". He lacks experience but I have seen Toby school him over hurdles and he is a natural. "Listen Ted, time is something I may not have a lot left and this is as good a chance I may ever get of winning a big race" Ted was silent for a while swirling the remainder of the whiskey in the glass and looking at the fire. Five foot three in height and weighing 9 stone seven he was smaller and lighter than the average national hunt jockey. He had however a great ability in making horses run for him, he sat quietly in the saddle and his use of a long rein instilled a confidence in his mounts. He was great judge of pace and always left something for the finish. Tim gave him his first leg up on a horse when he worked his summer holidays on the farm. Ted had never forgotten the kindness shown to him by Tim and Nancy and was a frequent visitor to the house. Ted, a champion jockey on five occasions, had already being contacted to ride three other horses in the race and each one had a better chance on the book than marshal Ney. He sipped his whiskey and tried to balance his friendship with Tim against the potential loss of his share of the first prize money which would amount to 10,000 Euro. Tim read his thoughts and gently leaned cross to pat him on the shoulder. "You owe me nothing Ted, it was a pleasure for me and Nancy to be involved in your career, and what ever decision you make it will change nothing, you will always be our friend and welcome in our house. I believe Marshal Ney with luck in running has a good chance of winning. Please think about it and let me know.

Tim listened as Nancy continued "Ted does not agree with you running the horse in the champion novice, however he will ride Marshal Ney and will drop over Thursday morning to pop the horse over a few hurdles" Tim was happy at the news as he felt that Ted was the perfect jockey for his horse.

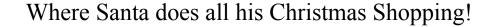
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bell was sounded in the parade ring. Tim a man of few words had even less to say to Ted. It had been agreed that marshal Ney would be taken to the front and try to make all the running. As the horses trotted out on to the track, Ted was pleasantly surprised by the feel that the horse was giving him. Striding down to the two mile start the horse appeared eager and enthusiastic for the battle ahead. As the field circled at the start. Ted identified the two horses he would have preferred to ride, Palestine with John Palmer up, a big brute of a horse who was going to prefer the rain softened ground and Durzetta a classy mare whose current form made her race favourite. There was no love lost between Sloan and Palmer. John Palmer with a powerful upper body build and an aggressive whip action was the opposite to Ted who relied on his hands to get a response from his mount. A massive cheer from the crowded grandstands signalled the off and Ted took the Marshal into n immediate lead. He cleared the first hurdle well and headed to the turn at the bottom of the straight 10 lengths in front. Marshal Ney was travelling easily and jumped the second and third in a manner that belied his lack of experience. Ted Sloan began to believe in his mount and the exchange of mutual confidence between horse and jockey soon became apparent to Tim watching from the grandstand. Marshal Ney was pounding out a demanding pace and with a mile to run it was apparent that most of the field were struggling to keep in touch. Durzetta with young Ross Brady up was the first to react and brought his mount to lead the chasing pack. Palmer lay in behind happy in the knowledge that the inexperienced Brady was going to give him a lead to Marshal Ney. Tim watched and experienced a strange serenity. He had never built up his hopes and in a way was intensely proud of his horse's performance. Honest and courageous Tim Sloan and Marshal Ney headed for the second last hurdle. Durzetta a length behind was now in trouble as Brady had done the donkey work in bringing Marshal Ney back to the chasing pair. Palestine passed Durzetta and Palmer showing a nasty triumphant grin, mounted a challenge on the outside to Marshall Ney. They crossed the second last together and raced to the final hurdle. Crack, crack, crack like three pistol shots in rapid succession Palmer tested the outer parameters of the whip rules as he laid into Palestine. His powerful strength brought Palestine to a half length lead at the last. Ted responded urging and encouraging his mount. He need not have bothered. Marshal Ney as if mindful of his famous name would not give in. inch by inch he clawed his way back and with his great heart busting drew level. But it was to late, the winning post had arrived in time for Palestine. The crowd was in uproar, they had seen a titanic battle and cheered the participants to the hig heavens. Ted offered his hand to Palmer who ignored the gesture and responded with a sneer" put on some weight and learn how to use a whip. Ted knew that this was going to be a long

and lonely walk back to the unsaddling enclosure Nancy from an early stage in their married life together never watched a race with Tim. After a succession of bad luck with fancied horses trained by her husband she was unable to bear the tension of watching his horses run. She had always loved him dearly and each reverse nearly broke her heart. She had often questioned her ability to lift him and encourage him to try again. She had watched the race unfold on television in a tented catering area beside the grandstand. Nancy was numb, her glass gripped tightly in her hand. She heard nothing, her world had gone suddenly quiet as the tears started to trickle from her eyes. Looking towards the teeming skies she silently rebuked the almighty. "Dear God just once could you have given Tim his day in the sun" She started to walk towards the parade ring. Devastated as Nancy was she was determined to retain her composure for Tim's sake and try and lift him on this awful day.

"STEWARDS INQUIRY". "STEWARDS INQUIRY" She did not comprehend the announcement until a gentle hand was placed on her shoulder. Her sensibilties were shattered by the voice of Robert Springer, the Stewards secretary. "Nancy I am in a hurry, a Stewards inquiry has been called and Marshal Ney is certain to be given the race. Palestine bumped your horse twice before the final hurdle and leaned in on him in the last 100 yards. Palmer took no corrective action and failed to change his whip hand. Congratulate Tim for me and keep a celebratory drink on ice I will drop over next week". Nancy started running towards the parade ring, this time with tears of joy. She saw Tim beaming from a distance and at that point could not remember being as happy in her life.

Jim Healy



Useful Hints

Christmas Trees

- Plant Protector Cut the branches of an unwanted tree and cover flowerbeds with them; they may not look very attractive, but they will help to keep animals off the beds.
- Outdoor Lighting Keep your Christmas tree in a garden tub throughout the year and decorate it with lights for a party.
- ◆ Bird Shelters When you've finished with your Christmas tree, replant it at the bottom of your garden as a shelter for birds. They'll be especially grateful if you keep the tree festooned throughout the cold winter months with bird treats such as sunflower or sesame seeds, popcorn or whole peanuts.
- Dog Repellent Cut the branches of an old Christmas tree and position them vertically around young tree trunks. It may help to discourage dogs from fouling them.

Greeting Cards

- ◆ Recipe Tag When giving home-baked biscuits or cakes as a present, write the recipe on the back of an old greetings card illustration.
- ♦ Picture Frame Cut a rectangle, oval or circle frame from a piece of card, making the inner section of the frame ¼ in/6mm smaller on all sides than your picture. Attach the picture to the back of the frame with masking tape. Make the frame from card of a suitable colour.
- ◆ Place Mat Glue a selection of greetings card pictures onto a 12 x 18in (300 x 450mm) piece of cardboard. Then coat them with several layers of clear acrylic to make the mat heatproof, or cover it with transparent stickybacked plastic.
- Christmas Decorations Punch a tiny hole in the top of a decorative card, and insert a length of ribbon which you can use to hang the decoration with. Write a favourite verse on the back of the card.

Gift Wrap

- Printing with Potatoes carve a simple motif on a cut potato, dip it into poster, emulsion or fabric paints or press it on a stamp pad. Your prints will have that attractive, uneven, handmade look redolent of stencilling and native folk art.
- Potato prints also give individual style to gift wrappings. Use decorator's white lining paper, available from DIY shops. You can also print flat surfaces, such as table tops, chests, bedheads, trays and boxes. Protect designs with a coat of clear craft varnish.
 - If you're printing a row of the same design, cut a notch in the potato skin at the top of the design, so that you can keep the prints aligned.

Pomander Ball

Make this and hang on your Christmas tree. It can also be used to keep the clothes in your cupboard and drawers fresh-smelling. It will also make a nice present.

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1 tablespoon ground cloves

1 tablespoon orris root powder

Press the sharp end of the cloves in the orange or lemon until the fruit is completely covered. Mix the ground cloves and orris root together in a plastic bag, add the clove-studded piece of fruit and shake well until the orange is entirely covered with the fragrant, ground spices.

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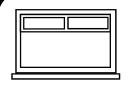
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Pebble Hill

Runner-up: Parsons Hall Winner: Lyreen Park

Best Large Estates Competition:

Most Improved: (Joint Winners) Silken Vale/The

Arches & Beaufield Runner-up: Rockfield Winner: Parklands

Shop Front Winners 2003:

Most Improved: Maynooth Chiropractic Clinic

Runner-up: Maynooth Credit Union

Winner: The Roost

Senior Volunteer 2003: Tommie Holmes

Junior Volunteer 2003: Ronan MacCann

Commercial Sponssor of the Year: Gerry Mulcahy

Fundraiser of the Year: Tom McMullon

Team of the Year: Maynooth Special Olympics

Committee

Supporters of the Year - Floral Display: John Dolan, Joe Buckley, Michael Barry and Mattie

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Maynooth Tidy Towns Person of the Year 2003:

Elizabeth Callaghan

Tidy Towns Committe member volunteer of the

year 2003: Sean Cushen





Tommie Holmes winner of the Tidy Towns Senior Volunteer Award 2003



Bob O'Reilly Chairperson of Maynooth Tidy Towns accepting the Award for Best Town in Leixlip/Maynooth Electoral Area 2003 with Michael Fitzpatrick, Mayor of Kildare

Maynooth Tidy Town Awards 2003 Cont'd.



Robert Byrne Deputy Manager of Gelenroyal Hotel



Ronan MacCann Junior Volunteer of the Year



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Murder of the Month

December murder - the dead nurse

It is always horrible to contemplate murder at Christmas time but violence does not respect the seasons. We have seen the most awful crimes committed during the festive season. This murder occurred on December $3^{rd} - 4^{th}$ 1966 at Walsall. It also raises the case of date rape and possible drugging of drinks long before the present day.

One that night a young trainee nurse, 19-year-old Victoria Cummings, attended a dance organised by her hospital friends in Walsall recreation hall. Unfortunately she left hand in hand with a man that she had just met. The following morning her body was found by maintenance workers on a derelict site at a factory in Darlaston near Walsall. In this case the police had very little trouble in tracking down their possible suspect. It was seen by all that she had spent most of the night dancing with a man called Brian Peake who was a 25-year-old steel worker and that they had left the dance together.

Police visited him and he was brought to the station for questioning. He said that he did not remember Victoria but the police were not happy. They let him go but later that night they returned to his home and arrested him for murder. Now he was prepared to admit that he left the dance with Victoria. He said that he had driven her to the derelict factory in Darlaston to visit with a friend of his called Harrison. He accused Victoria of being high on drugs and alcohol and of being eager for sex. The police persisted and eventually he changed his story – he admitted to being high that night and that he could have done anything that night. He said that he had put his hands around her throat until she went limp but that he did not care. After smoking a cigarette, he took her body from the car and left her on the derelict site. He tried to explain his behaviour by saying that both of them were taking pep pills that they had bought from a man at the dance and that they had been drinking as well. As a result they had sex three times in the car and during the third occasion she had passed out and died.

When the autopsy was carried out it was stated that Victoria had died as a result of cardiac failure and of asphyxia triggered by the compression of her neck. Although the marks on her neck could mean strangulation she actually died of as a result of the cutting off of the air supply by pressure on the neck. This leads very quickly to a heart attack.

The doctor said that Victoria had sex on a number of occasions before death, even after death as the man might not know that she was dead. There was no evidence of violent penetration or of bruises. But the only pills in her stomach were aspirin and tablets for indigestion. She was drunk but there were no illegal drugs and no evidence for previous drug-taking.

This brought about some speculation. How did Victoria die? Was this murder or simply sex gone wrong? The authorities sent the case for trial and the case began on Monday April 24th 1967. It was stated that pressure

must have applied to Victoria's neck for a long period of time. Although there were no illegal drugs in her body, there had been an announcement at the dance asking whoever was putting pills in the drinks should stop. It was said that there could have been pep pills and that they would mimic intoxication and would last for a number of hours.

The causes of death were re-stated by the doctor and he said that there were symptoms of asphyxia. The question now facing the jury and the court was whether this was simply rough sex or murder.

Peake himself have evidenced and said that Victoria was a willing sexual partner. He admitted squeezing her neck because she responded to this – not to hurt her. Then she went limp. He said that she sounded like she had something stuck in her throat and that he tried shaking her. He could revive her and left her there in the factory.

The defence maintained that the evidence for asphyxia was minute, there were no red marks and that these could be caused by someone trying to revive her. It was said that her main injury was a fractured throat cartilage and that if it happened before death it killed her and then the perpetrator was a murderer.

The Justice made two very salient points, first the jury had to decide whether Peake was raping her, secondly then if he were to inadvertently kills her he is only guilty of manslaughter. It was a very complicated case. Did Peake shake her violently trying to revive her or did he kill her? If Victoria's death was the result of violent love-making then Peake should be acquitted. The jury took only 4 hours to decide that Brian Peake was guilty of murder and he was sentenced to life imprisonment.

This strange case did not end there. While serving his sentence, he was on the Isle of Wight in Parkhurst prison eleven years later. In 1978 he was diagnosed with a mental illness and moved to the psychiatric wing for diagnosis. While there he encountered another prisoner - the 31-year-old Douglas Wakefield who believed that he was a woman. When his uncle had a go at him about his sexuality he stabbed him 48 times with a garden fork, and buried him in the back garden in Leeds. But on September 20th 1978 he killed again. Wakefield was a notoriously difficult prisoner. On two occasions he took warders prisoner and try to kill one of them. Then he killed Brian Peake by strangulation with a shoe lace, stabbing and battering him to death. He got a second life sentence on the grounds of mental abnormality and insisted that he be treated as a woman and called himself Dee. In 1996 he was in Durham prison. He won his legal battle to have a sex-change operation because the psychiatrist said that he was suffering from gender identity disorientation.

Wakefield is still in prison. Brian Peake, his victim, would probably have been released if he had not been murdered by him. Victoria lost all her future dreams and promise.

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Well Done Ladies!

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The coffee (and tea) morning was taking place in the foyer of the Glenroyal Leisure Club and was kindly supported by its staff. The event was organised by Margaret O'Neill and her friends, as an act of charity for the Irish Hospice Foundation. Apart from donations, they were collecting orders for the Christmas cards and the book 'Peter and



Margaret O'Neill welcomes her guest Bill Campbell

the Wolf, the unique publication, which was illustrated especially for the Foundation by artist Bono and his daughters Jordan and Eve.



Orla Keane, the raffle ticket master

The main surprise was that what happened in the Leisure Club on the 5th of November could not be called a quiet gathering. Besides raffle tickets and coffee, there was a book sale, a brick-a-brack auction, wine shop, and even clothes auction which was conducted by Orla Keane. The smiles on happy faces and lively bids for the leather jacket (which everybody secretly envied) were showing that the whole morning was a success.

Along with the huge response to the morning (donations of €650 and 20 orders made) for the

IHF, we would like to mention that events of this kind find positive feedback from the local community. Only recently we had a Quiz Table for Chernobyl, and two fundraising actions for the Crumlin Hospital for Sick Children - 'Just Dance' Ballroom Lessons and a Fashion Show at Cham Wari Shop.



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So, first. of all, don;t over water them. The soil needs to be kept nicely moist, not soaking wet. Dont water all the plants as a regular routine. Water only those that need it by touching the soil you can tell that it is dry enough to need water.

Secondly, dont give them too much heat, particularly during the day and leave them on a cold window-sill at night where they are in danger of catching a chill. High temperatures in a centrally heated rooms, produce a very dry atmosphere which plants dislike. The ever popular Azalea indica, for instance,must have a moist atmosphere. As well as keeping the soil constantly moist,place its pot in larger pot or container and pack the space between the two with moist peat and keep it constantly moist as well.

Similarly, the Christmas Begonia [the Gloire de Lorraine]type needs plenty of tepid water and the foliage syringed if it is in a dry atmosphere. This syringing is important for large-leafed foliage plants also. Keep Begonias

Keep Begonias well away from gas fumes.

Another problem child is the Poinsettia, (Euphoria pulcherrima). Whose red bracts at the top make such a strong appeal to most people. If Conditions are not right you will soon know because it will start dropping leaves. It needs the peat packing treatment, the syringe, and tepid water-sparingly. Water-logged soil is fatal. Needs a wall -lit spot but no draught or gas fumes. Another plant which is easy to manage is Primula obconica as long as it is well watered and a little liquid feed added to the water. But dont touch it-it can cause skin rash.

JANUARY IN THE GARDEN.

The earliest sweet -peas to grow in the garden are those sown in September, but if you if you did not sow in September, the plants should now be ready for stopping-that is, pinching out the growing tips so that the plants make new shoots from the base.

To return to sowing seed now, in a greenhouse or frame or, perhaps in a conservatory on the south side of the house.

One of the problems is to ensure that the skin of all seeds splits to allow germination, it is therefore wise to soak the seeds in water for 24 hours before sowing. If, after this, some of the seeds have not opened split the skin with a sharp knife, on the side of the seed opposite the growing, point, taking care not to harm the body of the seed under the skin.

You can use John Innes or other suitable compost if you wish; but if you wish to make your own, mix 3 parts of turfy loam,1 part leafmould and 1 part sharp sand together. Mix it thoroughly and make it evenly moist. Then you can

sow the seeds individually in containers such as egg cases, or in a 5 inch pot. Assuming your compost is nicely moist, dont water them for at least two days. Cover the pots etc., with glass and paper to keep them dark until the seeds germinate. Then remove the all cover so that they have plenty of ventilation and keep the compost nicely moist at all times from now on. When plants are a reasonable size to handle they will need potting on and when three pairs of leaves have formed the growing tips should be removed to make seedlings branch out.

When plants are 3 to 4 in, high they can be planted outside, usually in March or April, at which time a sowing in the open garden in order to extend the flowering period, which will then go on until October probably.

Seed Lists

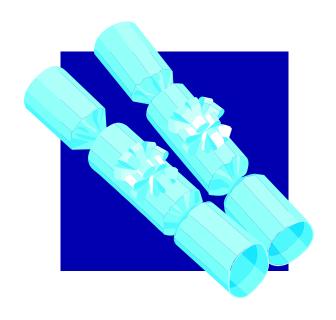
Set to and list all seeds you are likely to need over the next two or three months,and place your order without delay. This will ensures that you will receive them in time for sowing,and makes it less likely that your chosen varieties will be sold out. Early Salads

Stock up with seed of the salad onion WHITE LISBON, Which can be sown in glasshouse border or frame towards the end of the month. GARDEN FURNITURE. Bring in wooden garden furniture, to dry off prior to repainting or treating with preservative.

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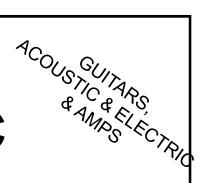
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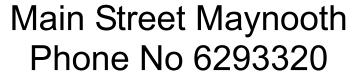
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Book reviews

Through the Gate of Ivory Patrick Devaney

The storey set in 17th Century Ireland tells of a young T.C.D. student who in a Dublin wine Tavern caused the death, or so he believed, of an English Officer who had pressed his unwelcome attentions upon his The story recounts how, fearing the person. consequences, and borrowing a handful of his father's crowns and Thomas's mare he fled from the Pale to a hostile Gaelic environment. How Charles Stanihurst, a Protestant, survived close calls with death, getting beyond the Shannon, ingratiating himself into the O'Connor and McDermott clans, his love affair with Frances, his discovery of the English officer's survival. Charles exchanging information for the support of Sir Robert and Dr. Bedell for his eventual return to Dublin and acquittal.

This gripping story is intertwined with the history of the time, the encroachment of one culture upon another - Norman upon the Gael, conflict, concessions to the Sassenach, all in a desperate effort to hold on to their lands and culture, are vividly portrayed in the story. Patrick Devaney's book is an informative historically on the life and ways of the Gaels in their confrontation with those of the Norman, as it is entertaining as an narrative. Instinctively one feels the main theme of the book is not the story of Charles Stanihurst but the story of the extinguishing of the old Gaelic way of life.

This book is obviously well researched, includes maps, glossary, family trees, extensive bibliography, and useful key date list, to assist the reader with names, places. etc.

If you wish to clear your mind of P.C.s, Mobile Phones, and take a trip back to 17th Century Ireland, this is the book for you. Fiction blended with realism gives a fascinating insight into times past. A great book to take to bed and experience the hypnotic influence of a gifted writer.

Noel Clarke

Best of Friends by Cathy Kelly

I'm very happy when I see the latest book of Cathy Kelly, because it is like sitting down having a cup of coffee and a chat with an old friend. Best Friends is set in the small town of Dunmore, around the lives of four women, Abby, her daughter Jess, and friends Lizzy and Erin.

Abby works on T.V. and is concerned about getting old, if her T.V. career is going okay, and has a boring marriage of 17 years, so she wants excitement back in her life, so when she meets an old flame, who can put the sparkle back into her life, and make her feel young again, will she, or won't she have an affair with him

Jess her daughter hates being a teenager and is doing her junior cert. She would love to have the confidence to talk to boys, but is self-conscious about her looks, and it is making her life a misery. All her classmates are growing up into confident young women, why not her.

Then there is Lizzy who is divorced and has two grown up children. She feels her life is going nowhere, especially when her ex husband, Myles, finds a new love and her daughter is getting married is there anyone out there for her to love.

Finally there is Erin, who has come back home to Ireland from Chicago, with her new husband, to face her background of secrets and lies.

Then when a tragedy touches their lives, the four women are drawn together in sadness and realise that life is out there for the taking and you just don't wait for it to come to you, because you will just get left behind

A lovely read, and when the book was finished, I felt I was leaving old friends behind.

Lorraine

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Book Reviews

By the Harbour in Maynooth Editor by Maeve Mulryan-Moloney.

The Irish Countrywoman's Association has recently celebrated fifty years of its presence in Maynooth, and to mark this occasion, the Maynooth Guild has published a book which explores this history. The title is taken from the location of the ICA Hall at the end of Leinster Street, near the Royal Canal. Not enough attention has been paid to the great contribution that the ICA has made to Irish life over the years, and this book is a welcome attempt to fill that gap.

The book is a team effort by the members of the Maynooth Guild who have put together a highly readable and entertaining production, under the editorship of Galway-born Maeve Mulryan-Moloney. With its attractive leafy cover designed by Mayo-born artist Marian O'Donnell, the book gives you more than you might expect. It is an account of the Association's activities, yes, but it is also a portrait of a more or less typical Irish town as it grew and developed over a period in which Ireland experienced great economic and social change. And this history is made to come alive as an account of the lives and doings of ordinary Irish women in a clear and well-written text. photographs are a help here. We actually get to see some of these women's faces, from the first President Patricia Kinehan to a group photograph of the current members.

The book contains a lot of enjoyable poetry interspersed within the text, and one poem at the beginning by Betty Farrell on the Golden Jubilee sets the tone: they 'arranged flowers and painted pictures/ planted trees and made teas.' But they achieved so much in their quiet way, and the book's six chapters track some of this: there's something on the history of Maynooth town itself as well as on that of the ICA, something on Maynooth's schools as well as on the arts and crafts, the home making and community formation for which the ICA is justifiably well known and respected.

But where the book really scores is in the detail which it gives about how people lived in the recent and not so recent past, what their attitudes and concerns were, what worried them, what they wanted to achieve, and how they went about the task of making life better. On page 11, for example we are told that 'members planted gardens, organised classes, and, in times of need, rallied around each other at a minute's notice...whilst continuing to cater for the social, educational and cultural needs of the members, the ICA adjusted to Irish women's changing life styles and the challenge of new technology. They built on the success of the past and tried to meet the challenges of the future.' And, by the looks of things, they're still doing exactly that.

The book presents the past vividly, and although fifty years isn't very long ago in the great scheme of things, our parents' or grandparents' day can seem like

ancient times. This reviewer learned, for example that on census night in 1946 there were 3341 residents in Maynooth, that it was, as you might expect, an agricultural town, but that it was suffering a bit from unemployment caused by increasing mechanisation. The now-defunct Macra provided a social outlet, and Old Moore's Almanac was a main source, apart from the radio and newspapers, of information and entertainment in the days before television and the internet. It was a tough life in the not so good old days. But the book is a witness to the optimism and courage of the human spirit in sometimes difficult circumstance.

One of the most interesting chapters for the present reviewer was the one on schools in Maynooth. Although the foundation of the College in 1795 is mentioned, the focus is more on the first and second levels, and the gallant efforts - and it was an uphill battle for many in the 1950s and 60s, to say nothing of earlier times - by parents to provide the possibility of a good education for their children. This struggle was successful, and we are told (page 28) that one can nowadays go from infant's class to a PhD without having to leave the locality! The book gives us something of what it felt like to be a child in those days by quoting a lesson from the Clonard Reader of the 1930s, 'with its mixture of astronomy and fairy lorg'.

In all, this is a fascinating book, and the Maynooth Guild of the ICA is to be congratulated for producing it. If you want some history or something of the taste and feel of what it was like to be Irish and to have lived in Ireland in the last fifty years, this is the book for you. It'll engage you, it'll make you smile, but at the same time it's factual and not sentimental. It's available from the Maynooth Bookshop (Main Street) direct from the ICA, from Maynooth Community Council Office, Unit 5, Newtown Shopping Centre, Beaufield, Maynooth or Maynooth Town Library, Main, St. Price ∈ 10, excluding postage.

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Maynooth Golf Society

The Joe Murray Memorial Cup was held during our outing at Millicent Golf Club. The following are the results.

1st Overall 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th Front 9 Back 9	Emmett Savage Michael Flynn (Jnr) Martin Doyle 37 Liam Farrelly Derek Murray John Nolan Norman Kavanagh Fintan Gannon Tom Flatley	41 pts 38 pts 7 pts (B.9) 37 pts (B.6) 37 pts 36 pts 36 pts 20 pts 18 pts
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Nearest The Pin

Don O'Sullivan

Twos Club Norman Kavanagh, G. Moffatt

J. Bibic, B. Bean

Visitors John Doyle 33 pts



Derek Murray, son of Joe Murrary, presenting the Joe Murray Memorial Cup to Overall Winner Emmett Savage

The President's (John Tiernan) Outing was held on November 1st at Carton House Golf Club. The following are the results:

John Nolan	37 pts
John Tiernan	37 pts (N.Q.)
John Byrne	35 pts
Mick Fahy	34 pts
Pa Conway	33 pts
Sam Feeney	32 pts (B.9)
Liam Farrelly	32 pts
John Saults	31 pts (B.9)
Gerry McTernan	16 pts (B.6)
Steve Greenwood	20 pts
	John Tiernan John Byrne Mick Fahy Pa Conway Sam Feeney Liam Farrelly John Saults Gerry McTernan

Visitors Paul Flood 37 pts Over 60's Paddy Foy 26 pts

Nearest The Pin

Steve Greenwood

Longest Drive

Paul Flood

Twos Club G. Reilly, D. Murray, B. Bean,

L. Farrelly, John Doyle

Next outing on Saturday 22nd November to Ladyhill.



John Byrne (Captain), John Tiernan (President) & Jim O'Keeffe

Grand Draw Results

1st prize Ryan Cummins c/o Sean O'Connell

2nd prize John Cullen c/o Society

3rd prize Imelda Desmond

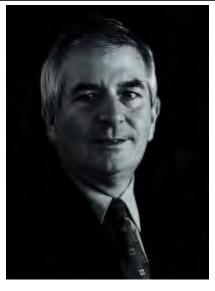
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Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Handball Happenings

In 2002 it was decided to run a Handball Summer Camp in the GAA club in Maynooth. It was so popular that repeating the process this year was a must. So the director of handball coaching in the club, Eamonn Gorey, put the wheels in motion and with the help of the handball committee and some hurling mentors the camp became a reality.

In 2002 super coach Fiona Healy ran the camp single handedly. Well almost. She did have some members of the, now defunct, FAS scheme to assist her in a supervisory capacity.

With the numbers wishing to attend the camp being considerably up from last year it was decided to employ three coaches this year. Eimer Fallon, National and WORLD champion, her doubles partner Sinead Gallogley also a WORLD champion and Aidan Ryan were tasked with making the camp both enjoyable and successful.

In excess of thirty children attended. All had a great time and most have continued to play handball. Which would indicate that the objective of the exercise has been achieved.

Congratulations to all who helped in any way Eamonn, Tony Fingleton, Martin Connolly and Aidan Sinnott in particular.

As a result of the camp and ongoing juvenile coaching it is highly likely that the club will have players participating in the County Championships this year. In addition to this the County juvenile officer is looking at a couple of players with a view to picking them to play for Kildare at inter County level.

There are fifty three juveniles registered in the club but only fifteen adult members. So if you ever played handball or would like to have a go at it please contact a member of the committee through the GAA club and we will be only too happy to start you up or get you going again as the case may be.

Mark Ball



Darragh Lynch being presented with a certificate to say that he participated in the handball Summer Camp with some parents watching on



A group of children who attended the Camp with Coaches Adrian Ryan, Eamonn Gorey and Sinade Gallogley



Two in a row for Niall

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Dolores O'Brine Co-ordinator & Deputy Emmet Stagg



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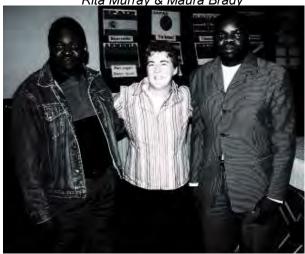
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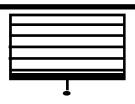
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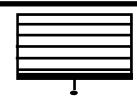




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Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

Carton Avenue Action Area Plan

Kildare County Council voted at its monthly meeting on 20 October to put the Draft Carton Avenue Action Area Plan on public display for a month. The Labour Party Councillors voted against the Draft Plan because of the excessively high densities, the three and four storey buildings proposed and because of the inclusion of apartments. The Labour Councillors were supported by Independent Councillor Tony McEvoy.

The public have until 25 November 2003 to make their views known by writing to the County Secretary in Naas. At the end of the day it is the Councillors who make the decision, not the officials. The three Area Councillors who voted for the high densities, high rise buildings and apartments have stated that they will be guided by the reaction of the people of Maynooth. Well they got their answer at the monthly Meeting of Maynooth Community Council on 10 November. The Community Council represents the community through its elected members from built up areas and from local clubs and organisations. Twenty five members attended the meeting and when Cllr. John McGinley proposed "that the Community Council make a submission to Kildare County Council on the Draft Plan calling for:

- □ The removal of apartments
- Significantly reduced densities
- Reduction of the building heights to two storey "

Only two members spoke against the motion, namely Cllr. Senan Griffin and Brid Feely the Fianna Fail local election candidate in next years elections. When the motion was put to a vote there were 22 votes for, Brid Feely was the only member to vote against the motion and Cllr. Senan Griffin and the local PRO for Fianna Fail abstained.

Cllr. John McGinley stated that in view of the overwhelming vote against the excessive densities, high buildings and apartments that he expected the other three Councillors to amend the Plan in line with the views of the representative body of the Maynooth community.

Bond Bridge and Meadowbrook Link Road

Councillors were given the following report at the Meeting of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council on 7 November 2003:

"This matter was clarified at the September monthly meeting of Kildare County Council. Both the Bond bridge and Meadowbrook Link schemes have been subject to a tendering process. The estimated total cost of completing these schemes are as follows:

- □ Bond Bridge: €6.0m
- ☐ Meadowbrook Link Road €1.8m

Clearly, the Council is not in a position, financially, to commence both projects at this stage. For engineering reasons, it is essential that the Meadowbrook Link is constructed at the outset to ensure alternative access when Bond Bridge is being constructed. Accordingly, it is proposed to commence the Meadowbrook Link as Phase 1 of an overall scheme which will include the Bond Bridge in due course. There are, however, some issues to be finalised in the short term to include planning matters, contracts, land conveyancing etc. These aspects are in hand and it is hoped to commence construction of the Meadowbrook Link in early 2004. This phase will take circa 6 months to complete subsequent to commencement.

Party Political

(Labour News Cont'd)

Regarding Bond Bridge (Phase 11), the cost of these works has been included in the new development levy scheme which will come before the members shortly for approval. This scheme will be effective from 11.3.04 at the latest. It is clearly premature to consider the prioritisation of projects to be completed as part of this scheme at this stage, particularly as it has not even been adopted as yet. However, the Council will be committed to the completion of the therein. Proposals regarding commencement of particular projects will arise in due course as levies are accumulated and, certainly, the commencement of Bond Bridge (Phase 11) can be considered in this context. Indeed, some work has been carried out improving the Rathcoffey Road close to this location, as a prerequisite to the scheme.

In addition, a fund of €427,393 has been accumulated through the budgetary process and it is proposed that this sum be ringfenced along with the development levies collected to date. It may also be possible, without prejudice to the planning process to add to this fund levies imposed on a number of developments which may be subject to planning permission before11.3.04.

Given the cost involved a mix of financing will be necessary and this aspect is currently being considered with a view to submitting an appropriate proposal to full Council for consideration.

I trust that this clarifies matters to the members satisfaction."

Needless to say Cllr. John McGinley rejected the report as it is as clear as mud. In proposing that the contract for the new bridge be awarded now he made the following points:

- Awarding the two contracts now does not create any engineering problems as the initial work on Bond Bridge will be the manufacture of the bridge and this takes place off site and will take over six months to complete. The Meadowbrook Link can be completed within six months.
- □ By not proceeding with Bond Bridge the Council is also not going ahead with the culverting underneath the bridge which was the chief cause of the flooding two years ago.
- At the Leixlip Area Meeting on 5 July 2002 the Councils Senior Executive Engineer stated that "there would need to be certainty as to where the funding was to come from before they go to tender." They went to tender so they had to be satisfied with the funding. So what has happened since then if the Council is not in a position financially to proceed with the project? Is it because of Government cutbacks or is it because of the €2m per year that the Council have to pay for the next 40 years for the new Council Head Quarters?
- □ It is Council policy since March 1998 to take out a loan to fund the bridge so why are they saying

that they cannot fund it?

- □ Special levies have been set on houses in the area for the last 20 years. This proves that the policy of waiting for levies to accumulate before commencing work is nonsense and the report still proposes going down this road again. The Council should take out a loan now in order to fund the bridge, as per the 1998 policy, and repay it from future levies.
- At the Council Meeting on 20 October, following questioning from Cllr. John McGinley, it emerged that the Councils €8.3m funding of the Enfield to Edenderry road re-alignment was to be achieved through a new county wide Development Levy Scheme. In other words new houses built in Maynooth would fund this road, while at the same time the Council refuses to proceed with Bond Bridge even though residents in this area have contributed €1.2m in levies over the past 20 years.

As there was no senior engineer present to comment on Cllr. McGinley's argument he proposed the following motion:

"That the contract for the construction of Bond Bridge be awarded to the winning bidder and that a special development levy contribution of €5,000 per housing unit be set on all future housing in Maynooth in order to fund the contract."

Following an extensive debate Cllr. McGinley agreed to the following amended motion and it was passed unanimously by the Leixlip Area Committee:

"That the contract for the construction of Bond Bridge and the Meadowbrook Link road be awarded to the winning tenderer/s and that a special levy contribution, per square metre, be set on all Planning Permissions granted in Maynooth in order to fund the contract."

As the motion has all party support at the Leixlip Area level this will become Council Policy unless Fianna Fail and Fine Gael Councillors don't support their Leixlip Area Party Councillors.

Cllr. John McGinley Welcomes Rejection of 4 Storey Proposals for Former Pitch & Putt Course:

Cllr. John Mc Ginley has welcomed the decision by An Bord Pleanala to refuse planning permission for five 4 storey blocks of apartments and three 3 storey blocks of apartments on the former pitch and putt course on Dunboyne Road, Maynooth.

Commenting on the reasons for the refusal Cllr. Mc Ginley stated that An Bord Pleanala had accepted his and Deputy Stagg's contention that the proposed 4 and 3 storey blocks would have been out of character with the established pattern of development in the area which consisted of the historic Leinster Cottages which border the site. He also stated that An Bord Pleanala had rightly rejected the design of the proposal which would have been inappropriate in such a sensitive area. Effectively the proposed 4 and 3

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storey blocks consisted of a style which was more appropriate for the inner city of Dublin. Finally as in all cases where maximum commercial profit is sought by the applicants through inadequate provision of both private and public open space the proposal represented an over development of the site. In conclusion Cllr. Mc Ginley stated that he was delighted that this ugly development had been rejected by An Bord Pleanala and he called on the applicants to sit down with the residents of the area to see if a proposal for the site can be drawn up which would satisfy everybody concerned.

Westside Waste, Maynooth

Councillors were given the following report at the Area Meeting on 7 November:

"It would appear that Westside Waste has been taken over by P. Thornton Waste. It is understood that this site which is owned by Flood brothers has been leased to P.Thornton for a period of two years from April 2003, at the end of which time the site will be given back to Flood brothers as a green field site.

P. Thornton has a license from the EPA to operate the site on condition that he scales down the operation on the site.

A recent inspection of the site, having previously inspected the site at the end of 2002, we are satisfied that an extensive reduction in site activity has taken place. The site is in operation for well outside the seven years allowed for taking enforcement action under planning legislation. It would be difficult to take a successful prosecution against the present owners/operators in light of the fact that there has been an extensive reduction in onsite activity and because of the time scale involved.

Therefore, if the present position continues and if the site continues to comply with the terms of the EPA licence there is no need to proceed with legal action. The file will be reviewed again in February 2004.

In the Maynooth Development Plan 2002 this site is within Zoned D: Light Industry/Office Park. This zoning is to provide for new office and light industrial development and any proposed development would be subject to the necessary planning permission."

Cllr. McGinley stated that while it was great news that the dump in this residential area was finally going, it was still his view that there was no EPA licence for this waste operation. He will also request the Council to take legal action in relation to the operation of the facility notwithstanding the pessimistic view of the Planning Section.

Roadway from Hand's Corner to G. B. Glass, Dentist:

Cllr. McGinley's got the following reply to his motion on resurfacing the hard shoulder and laying a footpath:

"The matter has been examined on site in conjunction with the DTO. The works in question, though meritorious, are likely to be costly particularly as there is an element of land acquisition involved. A request has been made to the DTO regarding the possibility of incorporating these proposals as part of the Charter House scheme and the members will be advised when a decision is to hand. In the absence of such funding, it is unlikely that work can proceed in the short term.

In passing there are still a number of design issues to be finalised in relation to the Charter House scheme to ensure satisfaction with the DTO requirements. Again the members will be kept informed."

Cllr. McGinley expressed his extreme dissatisfaction with the report as TESCO had been levied in order to fund this element of the Maynooth Improvement Works some time ago.

Also the further delay with the bus bays at the Girls School is completely unsatisfactory as Councillors had been told that they would be in place by last September.

Traffic Signals at the Train Station Straffan Road, Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley had asked that traffic signals be installed at this location in order to facilitate cars and pedestrians exiting from the train station and to help traffic exiting from Parklands, Castlebridge, Silken Vale and Old Greenfields. A traffic count carried out on 16 May 1997 showed that traffic signals were warranted here, yet

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply to his motion:

"A count was carried out on the 9 October 2003 and the results indicate that vehicular/pedestrian traffic are considerably below guideline standards (RT 181) which would merit either traffic signals or a pedestrian crossing at this location."

Cllr. McGinley expressed his amazement, as effectively the Council were saying that the traffic at this location has decreased considerably in the last six years. He stated that the report was total fiction and asked for a copy so that he could see what it did wrong.

Geraldine Hall is finally in Council Ownership

Citizens of Maynooth can rejoice. Councillors were told at the Area Meeting on 7 October that the Council had at long last signed the lease in order to take ownership of the Geraldine hall.

Also, at Cllr. McGinley suggestion the Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee are getting a quotation to secure the Hall from illegal trespass. Hopefully, the Council will then give approval for the work to be carried out.

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Swimming Pool Complex

A joint meeting of the Celbridge, Clane and Leixlip Area Committees will be held on 24 November at 12 noon to receive a report on the selection of a preferred site for the Swimming Pool Complex in North Kildare.

Happy Christmas

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley would like to wish the people of Maynooth a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

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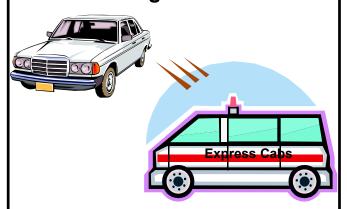
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Brid Feely Maynooth Fianna Fail Local Election Candidate 2004

Firstly, the Cumann would like to wish all the people of Maynooth and Leixlip and indeed the general North Kildare area a very happy Christmas and New Year. Particularly we hope everyone takes care and has a trouble free and indeed stress free holiday period. Traditionally the holiday period can be a time of contrasting fortunes with plenty of happiness centred around the family but also unfortunately with increased levels of accidents, injuries and fatalities also.

Politically it is a busy but reflective time, particularly for the people of both Maynooth and Leixlip, with both communities taking the time to examine the local Action Area Plans just drafted, i.e. the Carton Action Area Plan and the Barnhall Action Area Plan respectively.

(1) Carton Action Area Plan

The Carton Action Area Plan (at time of writing) has just been released and is currently on public display at the following venues:

The Planning Department, St. Mary's, Naas, during normal office hours,

Maynooth Library

Kildare County Councils website: www.kildare.i.e./ county council.

Submissions and/or observations are invited from all interested parties and should be forwarded to the Senior Executive Officer, Planning Dept, Kildare County Council, St, Mary's, Naas, Co. Kildare on or before Wednesday 26th November 2003. As you read this article this period of public display will have elapsed, however I feel it is likely that the period of public display may very well be extended as has happened in the Barnhall Action Area plan in Leixlip.

Brid Feely, our Local Election Candidate for 2004 is a member of the Maynooth Community Council representing the Straffan Road area and she would be very anxious that anyone living in that area should contact her if they have any suggestions with regards to the Plan. She will forward such

The Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann are currently examining the Carton Plan and will indeed be making a submission to Kildare County Council. At time of writing that submission is not yet ready and so unfortunately it is not possible to give an account for this issue of the Newsletter. Issues that may be addressed include the Community Centre, densities, O Neill Park residents concerns, development levies etc.

The Cumann along with Brid Feely will be meeting the resident representatives of O Neill Park on Monday 17th November to hear their concerns, reservations and suggestions and will bear these in mind when making our own submission to the Council.

On initial examination of the Draft Plan, Brid has commented that the overall Plan appears to be excellent and to have been very well Obviously a lot of good work has been put into formulating the Plan and she would like to congratulate the Councillors in the area along with the officials of Kildare County Council. The Plan should ensure that a long underdeveloped, though very important area of the town will finally be offered the opportunity to blossom and take advantage of the opportunities being offered. There is no doubt that the location of the Community Centre in this area will be a major plus for all the people of Maynooth. Also the proposed residential developments are closely located to town the centre area and will benefit from the current and future retail presence on the other side of the road. The natural boundary of the Blacklion Road also ensures a clear limit is set to any future development.

The primary composition of the Carton Plan encompasses the development of 4 separately zoned residential development areas, with various densities proposed for each of those areas as follow:

Residential Area A - along the Dunboyne road approach into Maynooth. This area consists of approx. 14.6 acres and a density of 10 -14 per acre (2 storey) is proposed here.

Residential Area B - along the Dublin road approach into Maynooth. This area consists of approx 9 acres and currently a density of 20 - 24 per acre (3 - 4 storey) is proposed for this area.

Residential Area C - Again, along the Dublin road approach into Maynooth bordered by the Blacklion road. A density of 8 - 10 per acre on this 17 acre plot is proposed (2 storey)

Residential Area D - an area of approx. 1.8 acres bordered by O Neill Park where a density of approx 22 -25 houses are proposed, termed "medium" density

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.In overall terms, the above residential developments are in tandem with provision of 9.4 Ha of "Passive" Open Space Amenity and 10.5 Ha of "Active" Open Space Amenity. These amenity lands (approx 50 acres) border the Lime Walk and ensure that the historic Avenue is free from any incursion of interference by residential development.

In total approx. 450 residential units are envisaged within this Draft plan and all are designed to compliment the established character of the Lime Walk. Planning applications for residential units must make provision for car parking spaces, designated mixture of uses, orientation of buildings so as to maximise privacy and reduce operational costs by the use of solar panels to taken advantage of sunlight and protect from prevailing winds etc etc. Safety considerations will also be paramount wherein the front of buildings must face onto open space amenity lands etc etc.

The provision of a Children's Play Area is specifically zoned for within this plan.

At time of going to press, it appears that the Labour representative John McGinley is apparently attempting to use the Draft Plan for political purposes by objecting to the proposed densities which he now terms "outrageous" and "more suited to Inner city development". The Fianna Fail representative Brid Feely would like to clearly state that the densities envisaged in the Draft Plan are absolutely within the guidelines laid out in the 2002 Maynooth Development Plan which John McGinley himself himself voted in agreement with in 2002.

Furthermore, it must be clearly stated that the current Draft Plan is on public display so that the people of Maynooth can examine the Plan and make any suggestions they feel necessary or appropriate within the qualifying period. It is after all, the people of Maynooth working together with their Councillors and representatives and the officials of Kildare County Council who will ultimately formulate the best plan for Maynooth.

All planning applications must be of the highest standards as set out under this Draft Plan before consideration and permissions will be approved.

(2) Removal of Stone Wall at St. Mary's Church

Brid Feely has questioned the removal of the small stone wall opposite St. Mary's Church in Maynooth on the Kilcock road. The wall was an attractive feature which complimented other stone walls in this important area, approaching the entrance to the town. It has been removed apparently for "safety" reasons but indeed Brid feels that it's replacement offer little if any additional safety protection, and furthermore the replacement concrete kerb is an ugly and possibly

confusing presence for those unfamiliar with the roadway. The number of tyre scruff marks already on the kerb bears evidence of its disputed value and Brid is of the opinion that greater consideration should have been given in advance to the appropriate remedy by Kildare County Council.

(3) Maynooth Tidy Towns

On Thursday 13th November the Maynooth Tidy Towns hosted a reception at their Awards night in the Glenroyal Hotel. There was a great attendance and individuals, businesses and residential areas received well earned rewards and recognition for their work. Undoubtedly Maynooth looked particularly well during the summer with businesses making great efforts to improve the appearance of their shopfronts with floral displays etc and also the flower basket displays, which were put up in recognition of the Special Olympics, were outstanding on the Main St. and the approach roads to the town.

(4) Supporting Maynooth's Business Sector

As we are so close to Christmas, Brid Feely believes it is an appropriate and opportune time to ask the residents of Maynooth to fully support the business and commercial community of the town. The local community needs to be aware of the services available to them in the town centre where a strong commercial base exists providing a range of necessary services. The business community adds to the fabric of the community by providing a wide range of service and choice and can only sustain and grow if they are supported.

However, we are so close to large suburban retail centres that there is a natural tendency to travel to them for the sake of convenience as the weakness which exists locally is the lack of convenient and adjacent parking. Brid will be asking the Maynooth Newsletter office to try and help local business by perhaps doing a profile each month on a particular business, thereby making people specifically aware of the service on offer. We must acknowledge the support offered to the various community projects throughout the year by local businesses in the form of sponsorship and subscriptions etc and make every effort to return that support, particularly at the present time of year.

(5) Contaction The Cumann or Brid Feely

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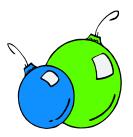




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A.C

Smypathies

The Newsletter would like to sympathise with the family of Ann Marie McGee nee McTigue on her recent and tragic death. She will be sadly missed by this publication.

We would also like to sympathise with the family of Sandy Nolan who also died recently and who worked with the Newsletter and the Community Council in the past. She will be sadly missed. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamnacha.

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