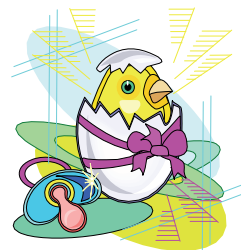
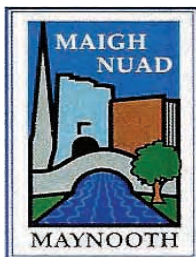
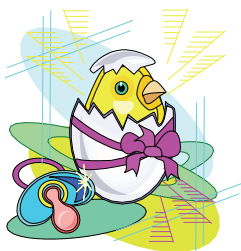


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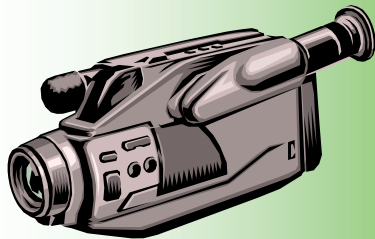
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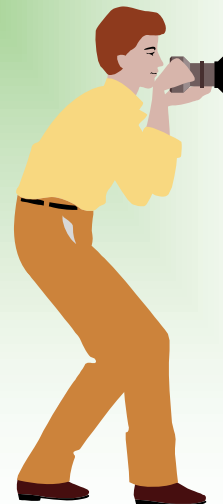
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notes to us at [maynoothcc@eircom.net](mailto:maynoothcc@eircom.net)**

# 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 been 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.**

**Marie Gleeson**

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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 ratio 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 Crescent (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, Taghadoo, Toolestown (west side of Straffan Road), Windgates (do), Newtownmacabe, 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 be 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> May**, they will be counted on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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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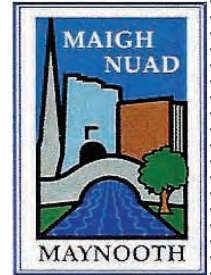
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THURSDAY 24TH APRIL  
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MONDAY 12TH MAY**

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**HAND IT TO THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICE, UNIT 5, NEWTOWN SHOPPING  
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**NAME OF CANDIDATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**ELECTORAL AREA** \_\_\_\_\_

**I agree to act on the Council if elected**

**CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

# Planning Permissions

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	P	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	P	17/02/03	to extend existing ground 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 toddler music workshop	18 Pebble Hill Dunboyne Road Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/374	Brian & Winifred Noone	Boycetown Kilcock Co. Kildare	P	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	O	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	P	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	P	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	P	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	P	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

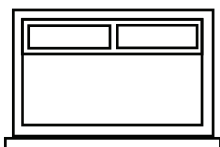


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File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
03/435	Noel Forster	Barrettstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	07/03/03	erect a bungalow and "bio-disc" small waste water treatment unit complete with percolation area	Barrettstown Upper Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/466	Linda Stanley & Noel McKenna	18 Rockfield Park Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	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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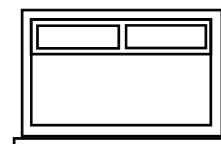
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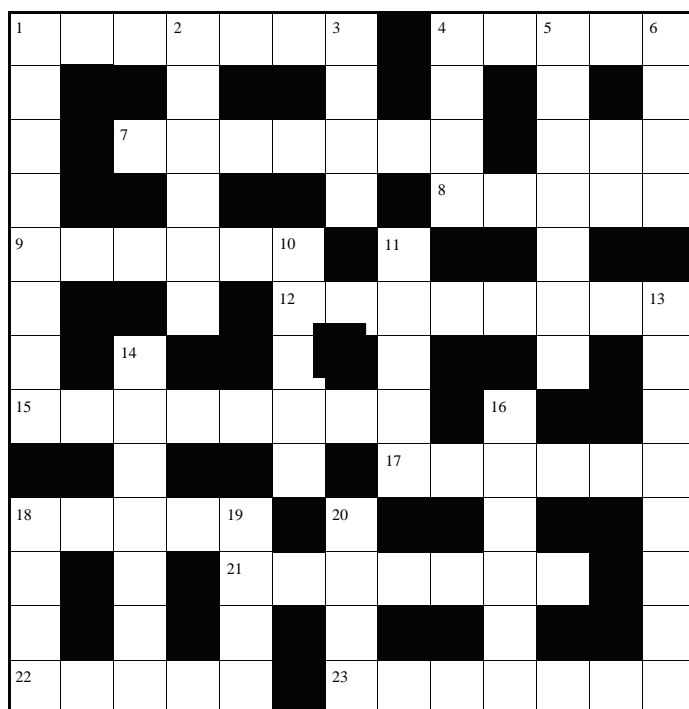
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### Across:

1. Find guilty (7)
4. Twinkle (5)
7. Fruit-based drink (7)
8. Goods vehicle (5)
9. Adventurous (6)
12. Publican (8)
15. Front of a rocket (4,4)
17. Nationality of Victob Borge (6)
18. Increase (5)
21. Harassed (7)
22. Bequeath (5)
23. Grooms attendant (4-3)

### Down:

1. Film—— of a Lesser God (8)
2. Orchestral instrument (6)
3. Small branch (4)
4. Sea-bird (4)
5. Tallest mountain (7)
6. Silent screen star—— Pickford (4)
10. Despondency (5)
11. Deputised (5)
13. Cardinal number (8)
14. Astonish (7)
16. Put in (6)
18. Treacherous (4)
19. John —— Inspector Morse actor (4)
20. Restrict (4)

## CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS NO 9

**Across:** 1 Cheap; 4 Shame; 10 Horde; 11 Mobster; 12 Linguist; 13. Chum; 15 Potato; 17 Argued; 19 Inca; 20 Check-out; 23 Enforce; 24 Coast; 25 Globe; 26 Began.

**Down:** 2 Heron; 3 Adequate; 5 Hobo; 6 Matthau; 7 Philippines; 8 Amass; 9 Premeditate; 14 Tricycle ; 16 Tactful; 18 Thief; 21 Osaka; 22. Drab

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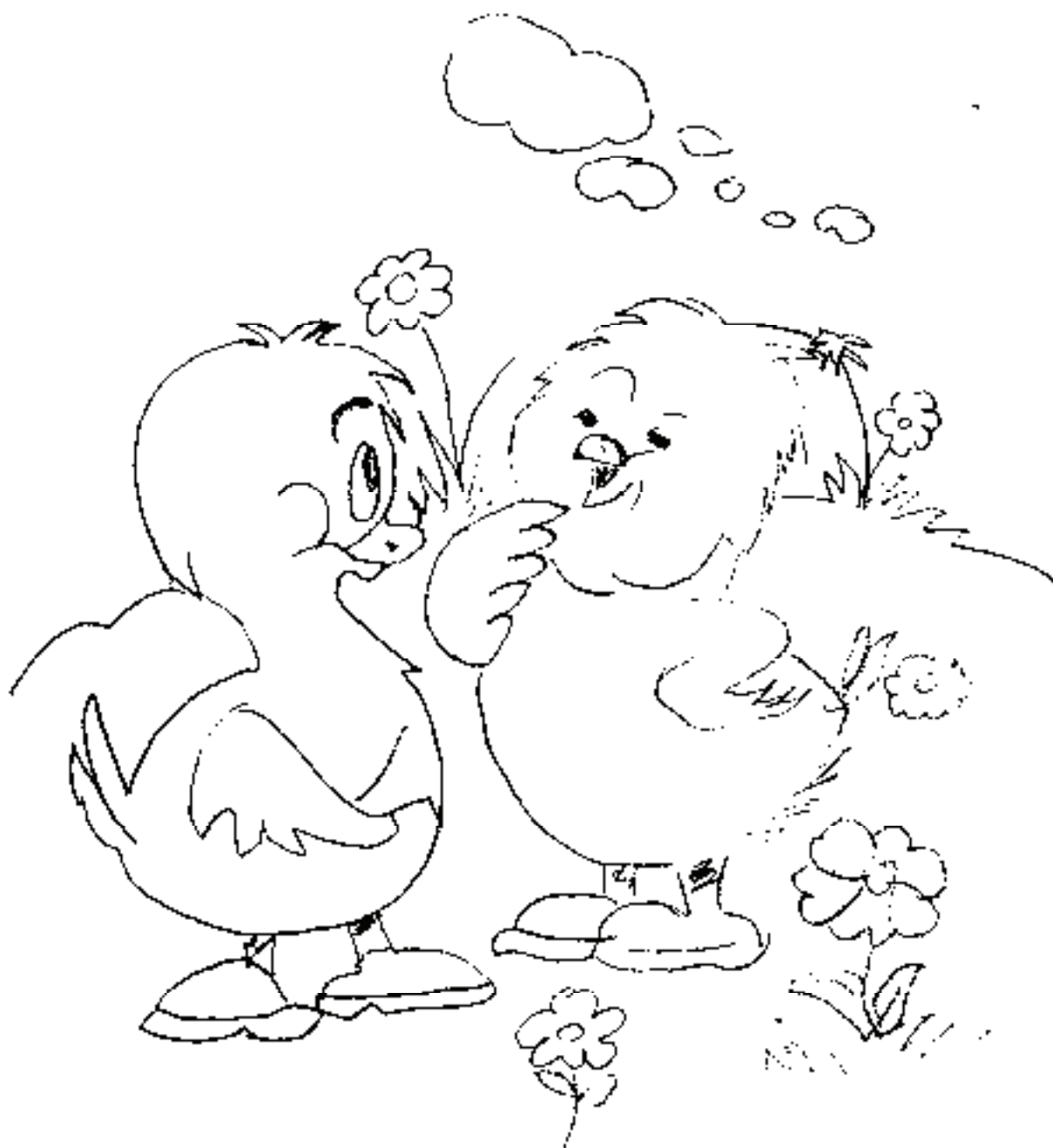
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- 1 What country is Maynooth "hosting" in the Special Olympics?
- 2 What is the name of the biggest river in this foreign country?
- 3 What is the capital city of this foreign country?
- 4 Name any 3 spring flowers?
- 5 What is the name of the canal 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?
- 10 In what country does the Pope live?

1 Brazil 2 Amazon 3 Brasilia  
4 Tulip, Daffodil, Snowdrop, Hyacinth,  
Crocus, Iris 5 Royal Canal, 6 Eggs  
7 Frog, 8 Chalk 9 Ward 10 Italy

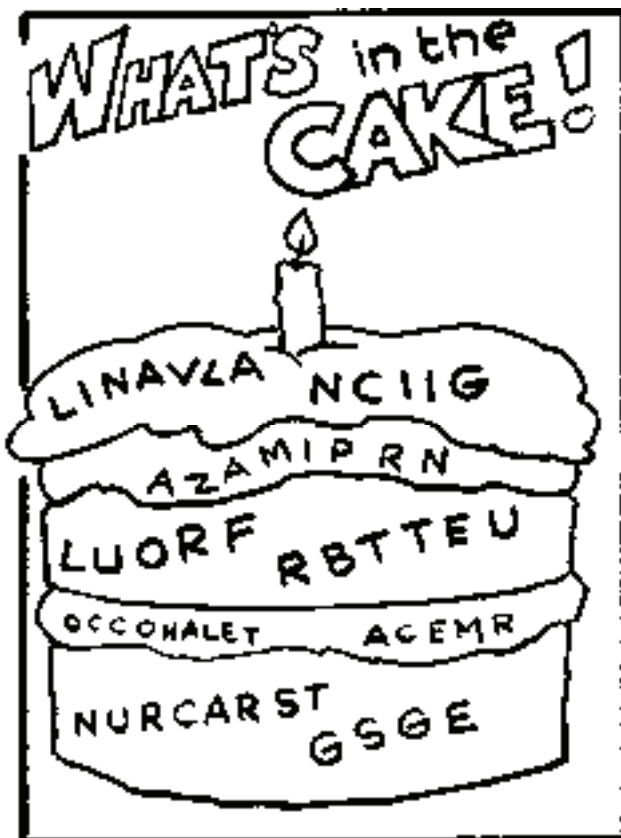
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### Smoked Salmon Tartare with Cucumber

Smoked Salmon flavoured with dill and Mustard  
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### Braised Peppered Beef

Steaks coated in Pepper Corns baked in a rich  
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### Glazed Baked Lemon Tart

Sharp Lemon Tart in a Sweet Pastry Case with a  
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### 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°C/350°F/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 lengthways 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 about 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.

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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 Tadhg 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 (*Conshlechteae*) 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.

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### Early Irish Society Contd.)

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 dependant 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 discomfiting. 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 it 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



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## 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 beforehand. 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 18<sup>th</sup>. John Conlin had been shot between midnight April 19<sup>th</sup> and 2 a.m. April 20<sup>th</sup>. 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

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# Features

## 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" for 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 eye 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 automobile 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 the prospective buyer 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 replacements 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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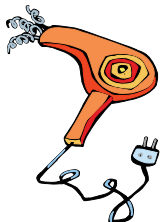
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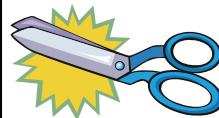
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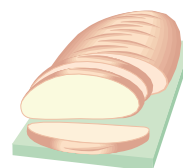
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## My Trip To Slovenia By Claire Murphy

In the early morning of 8<sup>th</sup> 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 Alessandra 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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# Features

## 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.

## Happy Easter



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## Maynooth Citizens Information Centre

### 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 4½ 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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## (Maynooth Citizens Information Contd.)

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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 €97.00. Providing his/her means, as assessed by the DSFA, do not exceed €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](http://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:**

<b>Best Commercial Float</b>	<b>The Royal Canal Ventures</b>
<b>Best Community Float (The Owen Byrne Memorial Trophy)</b>	<b>Maynooth Town Soccer Club</b>
<b>Best Band</b>	<b>St. Mary's Brass &amp; Reed Band</b>
<b>Best Marchers</b>	<b>Maynooth Scouts &amp; Cubs</b>
<b>Best Costumes</b>	<b>Tully School of Irish Dancing</b>
<b>Most Topical</b>	<b>Special Olympics</b>

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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We wish to acknowledge a letter from the Bank of Ireland which stated that because of their limited

# Clubs, Organisations and Societies

## 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. The 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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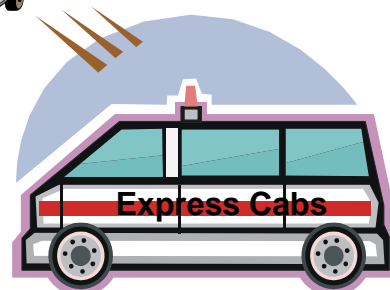
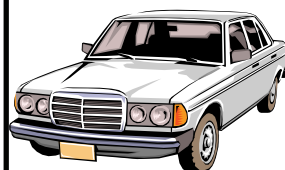
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## Maynooth Community Games

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	J. 1st Laura Doherty	1st Clondagh Curley
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.

## CASTLE KEEP ART GROUP

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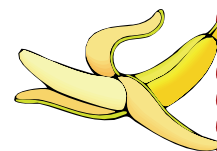
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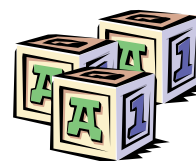


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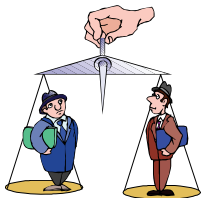
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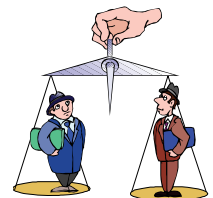
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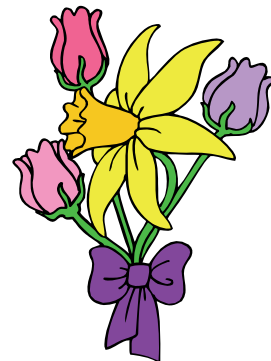
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Ógras is an Irish Language organisation that runs youth clubs for young people so that they can meet and socialise through the medium of Irish. There are two categories of clubs; Óg-Ógras is aimed at primary school children between the ages of eight 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.



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being presented with the cheque for  
€770.00 which was raised by the boys  
for the no uniform day.**



# Clubs, Organisations and Societies

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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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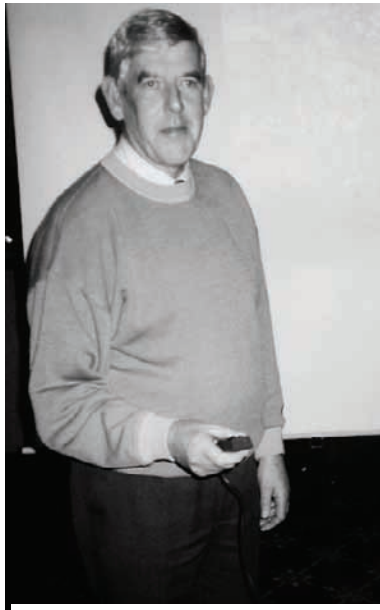
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- ♦ Only per exhibitor per class
- ♦ The committee will in no way be responsible for any loss or damage sustained to exhibits either at Show or in transit.
- ♦ Competitions will be judged in accordance with the NAFAS Competitions Manual - 1st Edition 2001.
- ♦ Judge's decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- ♦ Enquiries to:
- ♦ Imelda Desmond Tel: 01 6286366
- ♦ Marguerite O'Brien Tel: 01 6288668

**Entries & Staging** Saturday 9.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

**Presentation of Prizes** Sunday 5.00 p.m.

**Judge** Nancy McKeever

**Show Open to All** Saturday 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm

Sunday 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm

### Theme: Celebrations

<b>Class 1</b>	<b>Title: "Dinner Table"</b> Requirements: An exhibit to be viewed all round. Space: 60cms Confined to those who have not won a 1st prize in any show
<b>Class 2</b>	<b>Title: "House and Garden"</b> Requirements: An exhibit featuring foliage. Space: 60cms Confined to those who have not won 3 1st prizes in any show
<b>Class 3</b>	<b>Title: "Outdoor Pursuits"</b> Requirements: An exhibit to depict an Olympic sport. Space: 75cms
<b>Class 4</b>	<b>Title: "From Me To You"</b> Requirements: A hand-tied exhibit in a glass container. To be viewed all round. Space: 75cms
<b>Class 5</b>	<b>Title: "The Spire"</b> <b>Requirements: A modern exhibit.</b> <b>Space: 60cms</b>

<b>Class 6</b>	<b>Title: "Eastertide"</b> Requirements: A petite exhibit. Space: Not exceeding 25cms in width, depth and height.
<b>Class 8</b>	<b>A Planted Window Box</b> (not exceeding 75cms)

Entry Fee: €2 per entry  
Prizes: €20, €15, and €10  
Prizes Class 5: €30, €15, and €10

Class 5 - 1st Prize is sponsored by Kairos Communications Ltd.

<b>Class 7</b>	<b>Title: Recycling"</b> Requirements: Something new from something old. Age: 10yrs - 16yrs. Age to be stated.
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No Entry Fee  
Prizes for Class 7: 1st €15, 2nd €10, and 3rd €5

Plant Section	
<b>Class 8</b>	<b>One stem of a flowering shrub</b> (Not exceeding 40cms in length)
<b>Class 9</b>	<b>One Daffodil or Narcissus</b>
<b>Class 10</b>	<b>A collection of spring flowers</b> (not to include daffodils, narcissus or tulips)
<b>Class 11</b>	<b>3 Tulips, (same or mixed)</b>
<b>Class 12</b>	<b>A collection of culinary herbs in a jam jar.</b>
<b>Class 13</b>	<b>3 Sticks of Rhubarb</b>

The exhibitor must have grown all entries in Classes 8 to 13

Entry Fee: €2 per entry. Prizes: €8, €6, and €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

# Clubs, Organisations and Societies

## 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:

11th - 13th April: Rehab Walk on Aran's Inis Mor.

Thursday 24th April: Evening of Entertainment at Kilteel.

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 great-grandchild.

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 1<sup>st</sup>. & 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 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. 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 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.

Our Club Telephone is **086-3984172**

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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 my hiding 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

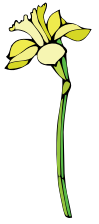
This hiding place was fun  
That my heart cherished so  
I played in the summer sun  
That I wished forever to grow  
I enjoyed a simple life  
That I never will forget  
No pain or strife  
Being Daddys fond pet  
I look back on my days  
Of innocence and love  
My Grandmas gentle ways  
Now in Heaven 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.

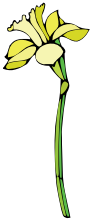


Continuous as the stars that shine  
And twinkle on the Milky Way,  
They stretch'd in never-ending line  
Along the margin of a bay:  
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,  
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

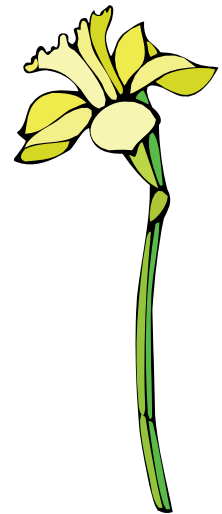
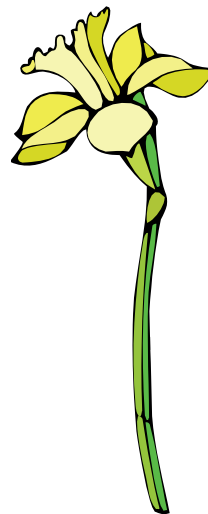
The waves beside them danced; but they  
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:  
A poet could not but be gay,  
In such a jocund company:  
I gazed - and gazed - but little thought  
What wealth the show to me had brought:



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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### Maynooth Town F.C. at The St Patrick's Day Parade 2003



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<b>16-Feb-03</b>	<b>THERE WAS ONE JACKPOT WINNER FOR €1050</b>				
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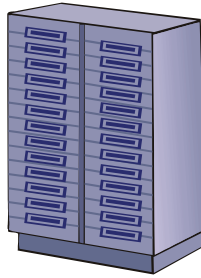
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*Cllr. John McGinley*

### **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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# Party Political

## Fine Gael Notes

### 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 recyclables 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 extremely 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 people have never 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.

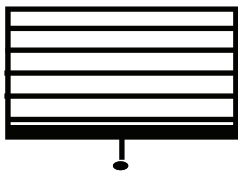
### Amenity Land

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.

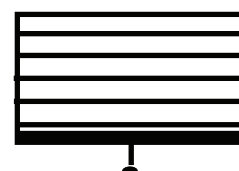
### Taking in charge of estates

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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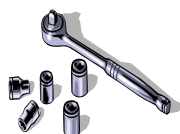
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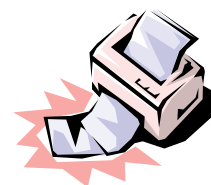
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## (Fine Gael Notes Contd.)

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 €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 €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 €2.85 ml for the fire services
- l The provision of €390,743 for pollution control
- m The provision of €2,090 ml for the Library services plus €333,645 for the book fund
- n The provision of €604,908 for the Arts
- o The provision of €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 @ €340

Early payment less 10% = €340 - €34 = €306 - 20% (PAYE basic) €306 - €61.20 = €244.80, this works out at a cost of €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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## Saint Bronach

St. Bronach (Sixth Century), known as the Virgin of Glenshesk (in County Antrim), is also associated with the Churchyard of Kilbroney near Rostrevor, County Down. The place is supposed to be haunted by the ringing of an invisible bell with a worn clapper was found in a fork of a fallen oak. It was identified as having a sixth-century design and is now revered as Bronach's Bell. She is the patron saint of seafarers and her feast day is 2nd April.

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## DECK OF CARDS

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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  
books  
Took them out.  
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  
in six days  
God created this great heaven and earth;  
When I see the seven,



It reminds me of the lepers that God  
cleansed,  
When I see the seven,  
It reminds me that on the seventh day  
God rested from his great work.  
When I see the eight,  
I think of the eight righteous persons  
God saved when he destroyed the earth ...  
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,