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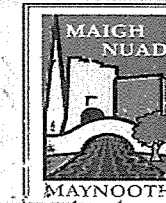
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Photos and Reports inside*



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Editorial

The Special Olympics have finally arrived in Ireland and the three years preparation has come to fruition. Maynooth welcomed its Brazilian delegation on Sunday 15th of June and there was a wonderful carnival atmosphere in the town as there was in all the host towns throughout the country. It is a great sight while travelling to see the signs welcoming wonderful and exotic delegations to the small towns of Ireland. In some cases the country might not even be known to the host town and they had to learn the history, background and a little of the language of the visitors. Maynooth also looks better than ever with the flower baskets, tubs in the square and the bunting throughout. The old Mart disappeared overnight. It shows what can be achieved when there is some effort expended on the town. There was great excitement also when the Olympic torch arrived and there was a big crowd waiting in the Square. The concert by Mickey Joe Harte was also a great success in the North Kildare Club. The roads around the town were closed and the College was used as a base for the buses. Unfortunately, with its usual lack of planning, the College also choose Friday as the day that the students returned to discuss their examination results with the lecturers and there was mayhem due to the lack of parking on campus and the road closures. A pity the University could not choose another consultation day.

But nothing compared with the spectacular opening ceremony produced in Croake Park and televised by Tyrone Productions on RTÉ. The appearance of such luminaries as Mohammad Ali and Nelson Mandela on Irish soil together was emotional to say the least. The 80,000 crowd were obviously thrilled by the spectacle that lasted four hours. Miraculously the rain stayed away and the event ran like clockwork. With all the difficulties at present and the feeling of discontent this event displayed what this country can achieve.

The volunteer effort in organising this large event for Ireland was also spectacular. A total of 30,000 volunteers worked incredibly hard for two to three years in every host town. It has been noted throughout the country that this has contributed to a growing community spirit which has declined in recent years due to the busier lives that most of us lead. Let us hope that these people who were so involved in this event will remain active within their communities and perhaps help to organise other clubs, societies and local events.

The Festival will be taking place as we go to print. It is hoped that all events will be well attended. A brochure on the Community Council and the Festival was delivered throughout the town so everyone should know what is going on. This has been a very busy week fortnight for Maynooth.

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Festival Soccer Tournament

Festival 7-A – Side Soccer Tournament

The very popular tournament for the Joe Murphy Trophy was sponsored by TESCO this year. Eight teams entered and it was run off on a league basis with two groups of four teams:

Group 1 had Derrinstown Estate, Kingsbry, The Old Dublin Roaders and Meadowbrook.

Group 2 had Silken Vale, Parklands, Old Greenfield and Greenfield Drive.

In Group 1 the Old Dublin Roaders, Derrinstown Estate and Kingsbry all ended up with 6 points. The Old Dublin Roaders topped the Group on goal difference and Derrinstown Estate were runners up on the number of goals scored (the goal difference being the same).

In Group 2 Greenfield Drive were the winners on 5 points with Old Greenfield and Parklands locked together on 4 points and with the same goal difference, however, Old Greenfield were declared runners up having scored more goals.

The first semi-final was between the Old Dublin Roaders and Old Greenfield and here the Old Dublin Roaders went 2-0 up even though they only had 6 players from the start. Old Greenfield fought back to draw level at the end of normal time. The match went to extra time and under the *Silver Goal* rule the Old Dublin Roaders won having scored three minutes into extra time.

The second semi-final was between Greenfield Drive and Derrinstown Estate. Greenfield Drive scored first but Derrinstown equalised before half time. In the second half the stronger and younger Greenfield Drive team pulled away to win 3-1, making them the favourites to win outright.

The final between Greenfield Drive and the Old Dublin Roaders was held in the Harbour Field on Sunday the 29th June and was preceded by two very enjoyable

under 8's matches. The Old Dublin Roaders went 1-0 up after only 3 minutes through a very unfortunate *own goal*, however, they had most of the chances but missed a few sitters in the first half. They scored a second 8 minutes into the second half and even though Greenfield Drive hit the post the Old Dublin Roaders never looked like losing.

On behalf of the organising committee I would like to thank all of the teams for taking part and following the success of this years tournament hopefully we will have a greater number of teams entering next year. I would also like to thank TESCO for their sponsorship and the Murphy family for the beautiful trophy.

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Festival Under 8 7-a-side Soccer Teams

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Kingsbry Celtic	2 -	Maynooth Park	0
Silken Vale	2 -	Maynooth Park	1
Kingsbry Celtic	7 -	Newtown Utd.	0
Silken Vale	3 -	Kingsbry Celtic	0
Newtown Utd.	2 -	Maynooth Park	3

3rd V 4th

Maynooth Park	1 -	v	Newtown Utd.	3
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1st V 2nd

Kingsbry Celtic	3 -	v	Silken Vale	1
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GOAL SCORERS

Neil Flynn	7	Conor Roche	1
Tomas Mac			
Giella Bhrighde	4	Shane Fagan	1
Conor German	3	Colin Faherty	1
Daire McBride	3	Gary Daly	1
Ciaran Whelan	2	Daniel French	1
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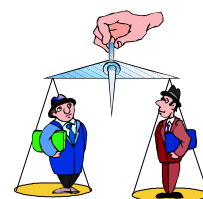
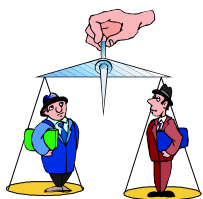
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4th	Liam Farrelly	33 pts	(B.6)
5th	John Nolan	33 pts	
6th	Steve Greenwood	32 pts	(B.9)
7th	D. O'Sullivan	33 pts	

Front 9	Pa Conway	18 pts
Back 9	Kevin Loftus	18 pts
Nearest The Pin:	Michael Flynn (Jnr)	
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Come to Dinner with Andy Mac

Salmon and Prawn Broth Rich Irish Stew Cinnamon Apple & Pecan Cake.

Shopping List

1 large onion
Bunch of celery
4oz of mushrooms
3 tomatoes
Saffron
Fish stock cubes
Salmon fillet about 6ozs in weight
Tiger prawns if fresh ask for 6ozs
If frozen double the weight
1 carton of single cream
Bunch of parsley
2 ¼ lb shoulder of lamb
1 head of Savoy cabbage
1 ½ pts of lamb stock
1lb of potatoes
Bunch of carrots
Packet of baby leeks
Packet of baby onions
Bunch of fresh thyme
Carton of double cream
1 ¾ lbs of cooking apples
Small box of eggs medium size
1 lemon
5 ozs of pecan nuts
Small bottle of vanilla extract

From the Store Cupboard

Butter
Tomato puree
Soft brown caster sugar
Plain flour
Baking powder
Cinnamon

How to get ahead

The day before prepare the vegetables and fish for the soup cover and keep in the fridge. Make the Irish Stew but don't add the cream. Cool down and put into the fridge. Make and freeze the ice-cream, make the soda bread, cool and wrap in clingfilm.

On the day make the dessert and the soup. Gently reheat the stew over a low heat until piping hot and add the cream. Cook the cabbage and put the ice-cream into the fridge 20 minutes before serving.

Soda Bread

Prep time 15 mins
Cook time 40 mins

Preheat oven to 220°C/425°C/gas 7. Mix 1½ lbs of flour, 1½ tsp of baking soda, 1 tsp of salt and 2 tsp of sugar together. Stir in enough of butter milk about 1¼

pints to make a soft dough turn out onto a floured table and pat into a circle and make a cross with a knife, cutting halfway down through the dough, bake for 15 minutes and reduce the heat to 200°C/400°C/gas 6 and bake for 25 minutes until golden (the loaf should hollow when tapped on the bottom). Cool on a wire rack.

Pan fried cabbage

Discard the outer leaves of the cabbage, cut in half and remove the heart and discard. Roughly chop cabbage and cook in boiling salted water for 5-6 minutes and drain, refresh in cold water and gently squeeze out excess moisture heat 2oz butter in a frying pan and stir fry the cabbage until golden brown.

Wine Choice

Well there's no contest a good Irish stout through the meal will be a very good compliment, but if you would rather have wine, a new world sauvignon blanc or a Sancerre would complement the starter. For the main course, a soft red côtes du lubéron makes a good partner.

Salmon and Prawn Broth

Prep time 15 mins

Cook time 15 mins

1oz of butter
1 large onion chopped finely
1 celery stick finely sliced
4 ozs of mushrooms sliced
3 tomatoes chopped
1 tbsp of tomato purée
Pinch of saffron
1¼ pts of fish stock
6oz of salmon fillet, skinned and diced
6oz of tiger prawns
3 tbsp of single cream
Parsley of garnish

Melt butter in a large saucepan, add onion, celery, and mushrooms, cook over a gentle heat until softened. Add the tomatoes, tomato purée, saffron and stock, bring to the boil and add salmon and prawns. Remove from the heat and let stand for 5 minutes until salmon is cooked serve with swirl of cream and parsley.

Andy's tip:

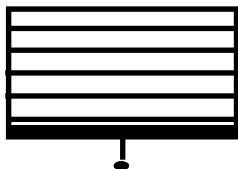
You can use any type of fish that you like.

Rich Irish Stew

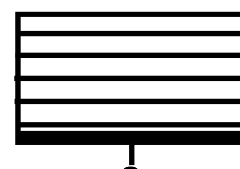
Prep time 30 mins

Cook time 1½ hours

2½ lbs of boneless shouder of lamb
1½ pts of lamb stock
1 lb of potatoes cut into chunks
9oz of carrots sliced
9oz of leeks sliced
7oz of baby onions soaked in boiling water for 5 mins
Drained and peeled



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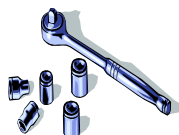
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3 fresh thyme sprigs
 ¼ pint of double cream
 1oz of butter

Trim and cut lamb into bite size pieces. Discard any fat. Put lamb into a large saucepan and cover with lamb stock. Bring to the boil over a medium heat and skim any scum from the surface, simmer very gently, uncover for 30 minutes add half the potatoes and simmer for a further 30 minutes. Stir well to break up the potatoes and thicken the liquid, add the remaining potatoes, vegetables and thyme and simmer for another 30 minutes until all is tender. Gently stir in cream and butter and return to a gentle simmer for 1 minute, stir in fresh parsley and serve with pan fried cabbage.

Andy's Tip:

It is very important to simmer the stew very gently over a low heat if its allowed to boil vigorously the lamb will toughen.

Cinnamon, Apple & Pecan Cake

Prep time 25 mins
 Cook time 1 hour 10 mins

7oz butter softened
 1¾ lbs cooking apples peeled, cored and roughly chopped
 9oz soft brown sugar
 2 eggs beaten
 1tsp of vanilla extract
 13oz plain flour
 1tsp baking powder
 2 tps of cinnamon
 1 lemon, grated zest only
 5oz pecan nuts chopped
 Caster sugar to decorate

Preheat oven to 180°C/350°C/gas 4. Grease a 22.5cm/9 inch cake tin melt ½ oz of butter in a large non stick frying pan over a high heat. Add chopped apples and cook for 5-7 minutes stirring continuously until softened and golden brown. Set aside to cool, cream remaining butter and sugar until light and fluffy, add eggs and vanilla a little at a time blending the egg fully each time before the next addition sift all dry ingredients together and fold into the egg mixture stir in apples, lemon zest and nuts, spoon the mixture into the cake tin and bake in the centre of the oven for 1 hour 10 minutes. Cover the cake with a sheet of greaseproof paper after 20 minutes to prevent it browning to much. To test weather the cake is cooked insert a skewer into the centre, if it comes out clean the cake is cooked. Leave to cool in the tin, serve with cinnamon ice-cream.

Cinnamon ice-cream

Place 1 pint of milk in a pan with 1 cinnamon stick bring almost to the boil then set aside to infuse the flavour for 30 minutes. Whisk 6 egg yolks and 4oz of caster sugar in a bowl, bring the milk back to the boil and slowly pour onto the yolk mixture whisking continuously until the mixture becomes thick enough to coat the back of the spoon straight through a fine sieve remove cinnamon stick and leave to cool.



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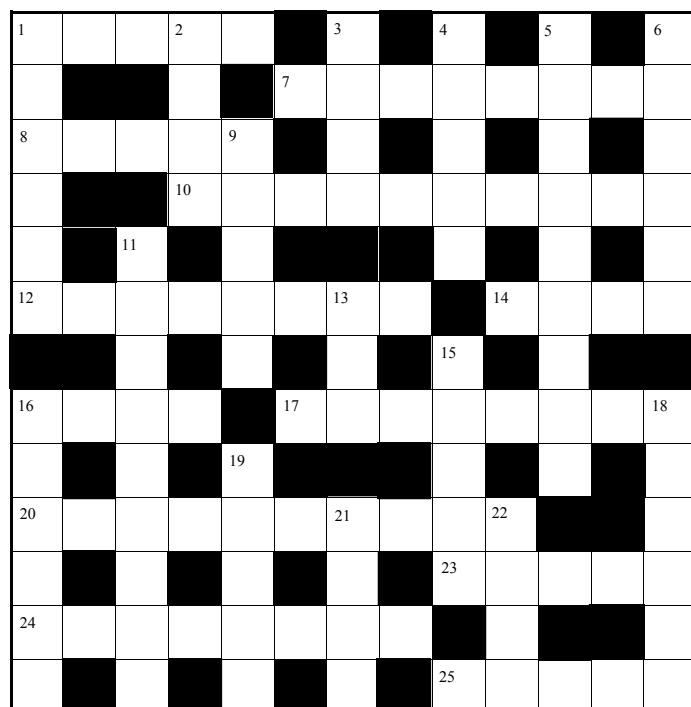
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Across:

1. Card suit (5)
7. Funny man (8)
8. Scottish landowner (5)
10. Meek P.E.gear (anag) (10)
12. Billy— —.Scottish comedian (8)
14. Group of players (4)
16. Retail outlet (4)
17. Sylvester- - actor (6)
20. British poet who wrote The Daffodils (10)
23. Snag (5)
24. Diaphanous gown (8)
25. Panache (5)

Down:

1. Glasgow football club (6)
2. Famous Wimbledon champion (4)
3. Bird of peace (4)
4. Drain (5)
5. Dunce (9)
6. Belfast's county (6)
9. & 22 down — British racing driver (5,4)
11. Urge (9)
13. Permit (3)
15. Material (5)
16. Needlework (6)
18. Any of two (6)
19. Savoury meat jelly (5)
21. Town crier's call (4)
22. See 9 down

CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS NO 14

Across: 1. Ovule; 4. Swoop; 10. Caron;
11. Cheetah; 12. Epidemic; 13. Oboe; 15. Expect;
17. Zagreb. 19. Akin; 20. Narrator. 23. Oration;
24. Cameo; 25. Never; 26. Handy.

Down: 2. Verdi; 3. Leniency; 5. Week;
6. October; 7. Accelerator; 8. Acrid; 9. Wheelbarrow.
14. Patricia; 17. Private; 18. Wayne;
21. Timid; 22. Fine.

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Clubs, Organisations & Societies

Know Your Rights

Question:

I hope to start a course next September. Could you please tell me who is eligible for the Back to Education Allowance?

Answer:

The Back to Education Allowance (BTEA) is paid by the Department of Social, and Family Affairs (DSFA) to unemployed people, lone parents and people with disabilities who wish to do approved second or third level courses of education. To be eligible for the allowance you must be:

- Aged 21 or over (24 or over for a postgraduate course) and for the previous 6 months have been receiving a social welfare payment such as Unemployment Assistance/Benefit or One-Parent Family Payment
- Aged 18 or over and for the previous 6 months have been receiving a disability payment such as Disability Allowance or Invalidity Pension (receiving Disability Benefit for 3 years)
- Aged 18 to 20, out of formal education for 2 years and for the previous 6 months have been receiving One-Parent Family Payment or Unemployment Assistance/Benefit.

An adult dependant of someone who is eligible may qualify if Qualified Adult Allowance is in payment. Periods spent on employment schemes, training courses and in prison may count towards the 6-month qualifying period.

Courses you can attend include full-time second level courses certified by the Department of Education and Science (DES) or approved by the Further Education and Training Awards Council (FETAC), such as the Leaving Certificate or a Post Leaving Certificate course, and full-time third level courses approved by DES for its maintenance grant schemes or courses which have Higher Education and Training Awards Council (HETAC) recognition.

When you have been accepted for a course you should apply to DSFA for the allowance on Form BTE 1. You will be paid the allowance instead of your social welfare payment at a rate equivalent to the maximum of your current social welfare payment. If you were previously getting an unemployment payment, the BTEA will not be paid during the summer period between academic years. Those who had been receiving other payments will continue to receive the BTEA during the summer.

Question:

My employer had told us that a number of employees may be made redundant. Can you please let me know what I am entitled to?

Answer:

What you may be entitled to under legislation depends on how long you have worked for your employer and your normal weekly earnings. Earlier this year statutory redundancy payments were increased, however, you may negotiate a redundancy payment that exceeds the minimum entitlement.

Redundancy arises where an employee's job ceases to exist and he/she is not replaced for such reasons as a lack of work or the firm closes down. Employees with two years service should receive at least two weeks notice of redundancy, rising to eight weeks for those with at least 15 years service.

The Redundancy Payments Acts 1967-2003 oblige employers to pay redundant employees their "statutory redundancy entitlement". To be eligible you must be between the ages of 16 and 66, in continuous employment for at least two years with your employer and normally working at least 8 hours per week.

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In calculating reckonable employment ordinary sick leave over and above 26 weeks, occupational injury over and above 52 weeks, maternity leave over and above 18 weeks and career breaks over 13 weeks in a 52 weeks period are excluded.

There is no tax payable on the statutory redundancy lump sum.

Question:

I believe there have been some improvements to the Back to School Allowance. Have the allowances increased for 2003?

Answer:

Yes, the income thresholds as well as the payment for children over 12 have increased, however, the payment for children under 12 has not increased.

The Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance is a special payment to assist with the costs of children's school uniforms and footwear at the beginning of the school year. It may be claimed for a child aged 18-22 in full-time education for whom a Child Dependant Increase is payable.

Families claiming a social welfare payments (including Family Income Supplement) or a Health Board payment are eligible for this scheme if their income is below certain thresholds as follows:

	Lone parent	Couple
1 child	€227.40	€331.40
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Those taking part in a Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme (VTOS) or in receipt of Back to Education Allowance are also eligible. The allowance is also available to people on employment schemes such as Community Employment, Back to Work Allowance, and Revenue Job Assist who retain their secondary benefits, (i.e. gross weekly household income is less than €317.43) If they do not meet this condition they can apply under the normal income limits.

The allowance is €80 for each child aged 2-11 and €150 (was €120) for each child aged 12-22.

The Scheme runs from 1st June to 30th September and is administered by the Health Board as part of the Supplementary Welfare Allowance Scheme. Families should apply to the Community Welfare Officer at their local health Centre.

Question:

Some French friends of mine have decided to move from France to Ireland. Will they need an Irish driving licence or an international driving permit in order to be able to drive here?

Answer:

No, they will not. If they already have a French driving licence they can use it in Ireland as long as it is still valid. Similarly, you can use your Irish driving licence in France.

Holders of licences issued by a member state of the European Union or the European Economic Area may drive in Ireland as long as the licence they hold remains valid. If they are resident in Ireland they may subsequently exchange it for an Irish licence for the same vehicle classes without having to pass the driving test.

Holders of driving licences from certain other recognised countries may drive in Ireland for up to 12 months as long as their licence is still valid. Upon taking up permanent residence in Ireland they may exchange it for an Irish licence for the same vehicle classes without having to take the driving test. These countries are Australia, Gibraltar, Isle of Man, Japan, Jersey, South Africa, South Korea and Switzerland.

Holders of a driving licence from any other country may similarly drive in Ireland for up to 12 months, as long as their licence is valid, but they must pass a driving test before an Irish licence can be granted. Should they require a provisional licence it may be obtained from the appropriate regional licensing authority.

A temporary visitor to Ireland may legally drive here providing he or she holds a valid licence issued in his or her country of residence or an international driving permit. The holder of a licence for a vehicle with automatic transmission, for example the majority of American cars, may only drive automatic cars in Ireland.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre for any of the above questions.

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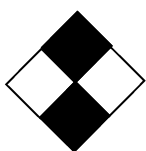
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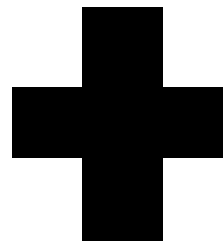


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Special Olympics Maynooth Host Town Programme

On Saturday June 15th a group of 35 complete strangers arrived in Dublin Airport and were taken on a relatively short bus trip to Maynooth. Tired and weary after, for some of them, 3 days travelling, they were greeted by a host of Maynooth volunteers outside the Glenroyal Hotel. Their natural exuberance came instantly to the fore as they hugged and kissed the assembled volunteers and realised, far more than the volunteers themselves that the absence of language is not at all a problem if your hearts and minds are open and genuine. Thus began what can only be described as a love affair between the members of the Brazilian Special Olympics team and their host town of Maynooth.

Everywhere the Brazilian team went they brought their special magic with them. On Sunday morning a special mass celebrated in English and Portuguese brought the team and the wider community of Maynooth into contact and the warmth of the atmosphere was palpable. Lunch in the Coffee Mill preceded an open party in the Square. St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band paraded the team from the Glenroyal Hotel to the Square. Those of us who saw the looks on the faces of the Brazilian athletes when they realised the Band were coming to the hotel for them will not easily forget those expressions. In the Square the team was introduced to the people of Maynooth and was presented with bags, T-shirts, baseball caps and badges specially designed and produced by the VPTP students of Maynooth Post-Primary School. The gifts went down a treat. Then, in glorious sunshine, the team and the crowd danced their hearts out.

The Brazilian Embassy offered a trip to the Lambert Puppet Theatre on Monday but it must be said that for many of the Brazilian team the highlight of the outing was their first view ever of the sea at Monkstown! We do tend to forget how much we just take the sea for granted in this island nation. Vodafone in Sandyford provided a memorable lunch complete with a specially designed Special Olympics cake. The Leinster Arms was the venue in the evening for a delicious dinner in a relaxed atmosphere.

On Tuesday the primary schools in the town opened their doors to the Brazilian team. Displays of sport, music, singing and dancing greeted the athletes in the schools and they came back full of praise and delight. You didn't have to understand the words to know what the visits had meant.

Donadea was the next stop and a gallant band of volunteers had set up picnic tables and chairs, had sorted food with the help of the Coffee Mill and had

set up a treasure hunt in the forest. The weather was again on our side and we all ate in bright sunshine. The treasure hunt proved an enormous success and the Brazilian athletes adored the Leprechaun who kept popping out from behind trees to fill their goodie-bags!

The G.A.A. provided a demonstration of Gaelic sports on Tuesday evening and greeted the Brazilians with a guard of honour complete with fire engine sirens. Some of the Brazilian team looked like they were born to wield a hurley after just a few minutes practice. Indeed there is now the makings of a hurling team in Brazil as the G.A.A. sent each member of the team home with a hurley and a sliothar.

On Wednesday volunteers got a chance to see the athletes in action as they got down to the serious business of training and the volunteers were impressed. By this stage we had got to know the team, the backgrounds they came from, the problems they had faced getting here at all and the praise they deserved for overcoming so many obstacles and all of this without any complaint and with constant good humour. The bond between the coaches and their athletes was extraordinary they were parent, friend, carer, as well as trainer. They deeply appreciated the genuine fuss that was being made of the athletes, many of whom come from very impoverished backgrounds and they, like us, could see many of the athletes growing in confidence and responsiveness as the week progressed.

Wednesday evening saw a gathering again in the G.A.A. Club which those who attended will long remember. For the second evening in a row Donovan's Londis in Greenfield provided the food but this time it included a magnificent B.B.Q. The team were greeted by Masamba whom people who attended the St. Patrick's Day Parade will vividly recall. The smell of cooking steaks, chicken and fish wafted over the club grounds and the parking area was strewn with bales of hay, with a space reserved for the dancing that was to follow. Rita Doyle's dancers gave a display of Irish dancing, samba dancers from Dublin displayed Ceili and in general young and old, Irish and non-Irish had an unforgettable night of fun and camaraderie. Indeed many Maynooth people there that night wondered why we didn't do this kind of thing more often and if perhaps we had forgotten how pleasurable simple, homemade entertainment can be. It must be said also that, as with all Special Olympic activities, it had to be alcohol free but I think we were all just drunk on the euphoria of it all!

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Thursday morning was training sessions again as the athletes did need to be kept in trim for the week ahead. The afternoon was spent in Dublin Zoo in sunshine yet again. It was a leisurely, but animated visit which the Brazilians thoroughly enjoyed as indeed did the volunteers who accompanied them.

The final party was held on Thursday night in the Glenroyal Hotel and the dancing was once again non stop. The Brazilian team all wore the fantastic bright yellow T-shirts that the VPTP students from Maynooth Post-Primary School had made and they really looked stunning. Everybody was included and everyone participated in the entertainment but there was touch of sadness as the evening drew to a close. This group of people had come into our lives only six days beforehand, just names on a sheet of paper. Now they were living, breathing, special individuals with distinct personalities, quirks and idiosyncrasies. They had greeted us with smiles and hugs numerous times a day, they had held our hands, they had tugged at our heartstrings and brought us out of ourselves and our own little worlds. They had brought us into contact with people in our own community and had provoked extraordinary acts of generosity and friendship and they kept thanking us! If only they could realise how much they had given to us. Now their visit to us was coming to an end and by the time the team left to go to bed that evening there were very few eyes in the room that were completely dry.

Friday morning was tough as the bus pulled up in front of the Glenroyal Hotel to carry the Brazilians to Belfield for the duration of the games. Brave smiles adorned many faces but the tears were never far away. Yet the mood was not one of sadness it was one of warmth and joy, it was one pleasure in human contact, in giving, in receiving, in sharing. As the bus pulled away, amid a sea of waving hands, people turned to each other and hugged and smiled and wiped their eyes. Perhaps we had learned to appreciate each other just a little bit more as well.

As with the rest of the week the sun broke through just in time to greet the Olympic Torch as it made its way to Maynooth. The Torch bearers entered by the Straffan Road with children from all the primary schools joining them from Silken Vale to the specially prepared stage in the Square, where the entertainment had already commenced, ably hosted by John Byrne and Tony Bean. Our local silver medal winning special athlete, Mark Smith, and Trevor Walsh of TV3 welcomed the Torch to Maynooth and members of the international police force team carrying the Torch addressed the crowd before the Torch was whisked away to its next destination in the North Kildare Club. Noel Brady and Maynooth's traditional music group had entertained the large

crowd in the Square before the arrival of the Torch and Brush Shields kept the party going until 2pm.

But the story did not end there. One of the Brazilian athletes did have his parents in Ireland for the Games but none of the others had any supporters at all. So many of the Maynooth volunteers decided that they would be their "families" for the next 10 days. In Croke Park for the truly amazing opening ceremony the Brazilian flags were waved high on the Cusack Stand and immediately attracted the attention of the Brazilian team, located in the central seating area. The joy was obvious even at that distance. The atmosphere in Croke Park was charged with emotion. Host towns from all over the country were doing exactly what we were doing trying to make eye contact with the teams they had grown to care about and love. Family members watched with pride as their special athlete paraded on to the pitch. To see Mohamed Ali, despite all his own difficulties, waving and smiling to the crowd; to hear your own president welcome such warmth these special athletes; to hear the founder of the Special Olympic movement, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, speak of her mission and her joy at being in Ireland; to hear Nelson Mandela, a man of such integrity, speak of his respect for the assembled community of Special Olympians who could not be deeply moved. The World's largest sporting event of 2003 was taking place on our soil and we were part of it.

The progress of the Brazilian team became the subject of constant phone calls and text messages for the next weeks as volunteers tried to attend as many events as possible, sometimes moving between several venues in the one day. The athletes gave us many thrilling moments, not just when they won medals but when they were "brave in the attempt" as the Special Olympic oath states. The atmosphere at the venues was amazing and efforts of the athletes who came last in an event were rewarded with as hearty a cheer as the person who came first. It was all about participating: the winning was of course an added bonus!

The closing ceremony was not to be our last time to see the Brazilian team. Again in Croke park, though seated in different areas, the volunteers all made contact with the team. The team themselves made the front page of the Irish Times on Monday 30th June carrying their placards spelling "Thanks" but what the paper didn't show was the second line of placards saying "Maynooth". We all thoroughly enjoyed the party atmosphere in Croke Park but we knew that we had one more party yet to go.

The Brazilians were not due to leave until Tuesday July 1st so on Monday evening June 31st they came once again to Maynooth.

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Due to various generous donations during the intervening week we were able to take the team to the Sports Locker and allow them to pick sporting items for themselves to bring back to Brazil they were thrilled. The staff of the Sports Locker were fantastic to them: very patient and very understanding. Meanwhile another group of volunteers were getting everything ready for a party in the Glenroyal Hotel balloons, food and drink all appeared as if from nowhere and once again we all danced till we dropped. Medals and place ribbons were admired, stories told, hugs given, smiles exchanged and the delight of the moment was savoured. The goodbyes of that night as the team returned to Belfield were more final but everybody was determined to remain as bright and as cheerful as possible and give them the send off they deserved.

A small group from Maynooth made their way to Dublin Airport to see the team off on their long journey home. They had not seen their families for over two and a half weeks so there was the joy for them at the thoughts of that reunion. Some would be returning to situations as far removed as is possible from the life they had experienced in the two weeks they were here but they all left with fantastic memories. The final farewell was tearful but they were not tears of sadness. They were the tears that come when something good has happened and the immediate source of that goodness is about to be veiled from sight. But the feeling that goodness has given and the impact it has made will live on in our minds and hearts.

There are so many people who should be thanked for the experience of what was the Maynooth Host Town programme and the danger is of course the someone will be left out, so apologies in advance. Firstly all the volunteers who gave so freely of their time, talents and energy deserve special praise. It would not have been possible without them. The management and staff of the Glenroyal Hotel were outstanding. Nothing was too much trouble for them and everything was done with such grace and courtesy. They made everyone feel at ease and showed a genuine interest in all that was going on.

We express our deep appreciation to Donovan's Londis, the Leinster Arms, Vodaphone and the Coffee Mill who catered for functions outside the Glenroyal. Again everybody went out of their way to make the Brazilians' stay as special as possible. Thanks to Willie Kiernan for providing public address at our outdoor functions. Thanks also to Larine Court for their help in creating all the flower baskets and tubs which added so much to the appearance of the town. Grateful appreciation also to all the schools in the area, the Tidy Towns Committee, the G.A.A., members of the Maynooth Flower Club, the Public Library, Sr Alphonsus for her guided tour of the town, the businesses who decorated their premises and indeed to anyone who contributed in anyway to the creation of what was a very unique event in Maynooth. Let us hope that the volunteer spirit and the goodwill that was present during the Special Olympics will long continue to be a part of our lives in this community.



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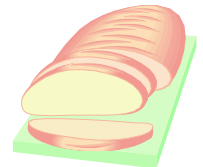
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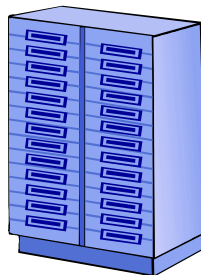
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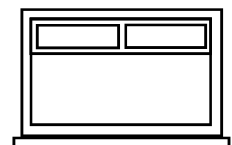
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Cllr. John McGinley

Government Won't Even Estimate Cost of Phase Two of Restoration Works to Maynooth Castle

Following the rejection by the Minister for the Environment to proceed with Phase Two of the restoration works to Maynooth Castle, Deputy Emmet Stagg sought information for the Minister in relation to the likely cost of the works.

Amazingly the Minister decided not to proceed with Phase Two without even having an estimate of the cost of the works.

Deputy Stagg indicated that he found the Minister's response a joke, as the minimum one would expect before you abandoned a project would be estimated costings. Just under 2 million euro has been spent on Phase 1 of the restoration works and Phase 2 would have seen the provision of a roof on the Keep of the Castle and an Auditorium.

The full potential in terms of visitor numbers can only be achieved if Phase 2 of the restoration works are proceeded with.

Deputy Stagg will continue to raise this issue with the Minister but because of the Government's mishandling of the economy he did not expect a change in attitudes until they were dumped from Office.

Temporary Accommodation Finally Approved for Maynooth Post Primary.

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been advised by the Minister for Education that sanction has issued for the provision of prefabs at Maynooth Post Primary School.

The prefabs will ease overcrowding in the school and will cater for about 60 pupils and should be in place for the opening of the new school year in September.

Whilst welcoming this measure Deputy Stagg indicated that he would renew his campaign for the provision of an extension at the school which would comprise of 10 additional classrooms and administration rooms.

Tony Smith Memorial Walk

The Tony Smith Memorial Walk was held on Sunday June 15th at 3.00 p.m. and about 30 sponsored walkers participated. The sponsored walk went from Maynooth GAA towards Main Street, along the Avenue and into Carton.

We expect the walk to raise €6,000 for the Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee and hope to hand over the money shortly.

Maynooth Labour Branch would like to thank the people of Maynooth for their continued support for this sponsored walk which was first held in 1980.

We would also like to thank Lee Mallaghan and Michael Barry for again allowing us to use Carton for the route.



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Cllr. McGinley Lodges Objection to 238 Dwellings at Newtown, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley has lodged an objection with Kildare County Council in relation to the planning application by Sherwood Homes Limited for 238 dwellings at Newtown, Maynooth.

Commenting on the reason for his objection Cllr. McGinley stated that in the first instance the application was premature as the subject site, whilst zoned for new residential, cannot be developed in advance of the implementation of flood alleviation measures on the Meadowbrook and Lyreen Rivers as outlined in the Hydro Environmental Limited report which was commissioned by Kildare County Council in 2001. The Office of Public Works did carry out work on the Meadowbrook and Lyreen Rivers in 2002 but the major works required by the report which included culverting at Bond Bridge have not been carried out to date.

In addition Cllr. McGinley indicated that the density of the proposal at 13 units to the acre was excessive and did not conform with existing low density housing in Castledawson and Parson's Hall Estates. In effect the high density proposed would have an adverse effect on the amenity of adjoining properties because of the poor quality of design put forward by the applicants. This high density proposal would also adjoin open countryside which is not recommended under the Residential Guidelines for Planning Authorities. Finally Cllr. McGinley was critical of the proposal to incorporate 26 three storey duplex town houses into the proposal. Existing housing in the area is made up of two storey houses and bungalows and the three storey houses would be out of character and incompatible with same.

Cllr. McGinley was supported in his objection by his colleagues Cllr. Colm Purcell and by Deputy Emmet Stagg.

In conclusion Cllr. McGinley looked forward to the rejection of the proposal and he complimented the Resident's Associations of Castledawson Estate and Parsons Hall Estate who had submitted detailed objections to the proposal.

Cllr. McGinley proposed at the Leixlip Area Committee Meeting on 4 July that refusal of permission be recommended to the County Manager and this was agreed by the members present.

Bond Bridge/Meadowbrook Link Road

Cllr. McGinley was advised at the Leixlip Area Committee Meeting of the Council on 4 July that the recommendations on the awarding of contracts for

both the Meadowbrook Link Road and Bond Bridge projects had not yet gone to the County Manager for approval. Cllr. McGinley expressed his complete dissatisfaction as he had been told at the June meeting that the recommendations would be on the County Managers desk within two weeks.

Action Area Plans (AAP's) for the Harbour and Carton Avenue

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following update at the 4 July meeting on the AAP's for the two locations:

Harbour Action Area Plan:

"While significant work has been carried out on this AAP there are a number of issues to be concluded before finalising a draft. These include the future of the fire station and the roads depot and the issue of car parking. The consultants for the landowners made a submission on 6th June 2003 and this is currently being considered."

Carton Avenue Action Area Plan:

"CAAS Consultants were assigned this action area plan. They presented a 'work in progress' draft AAP in Mid-May. There were a significant number of changes that we required after the proposal was examined in conjunction with Brian Swan, Senior Architect. A revised draft is now due and is awaited. This shall be proof read and circulated to the Members within the next two weeks. The land transfer has not yet been concluded."

It was agreed that there would be a Special Meeting of the Leixlip Area Committee on 23 July to discuss the Action Area Plans for Maynooth and Leixlip.

Skateboard Park for Carton Avenue Public Park

Cllr. John McGinley's motion "*that the Action Area Plan for the lands at Carton Avenue incorporates a skateboard park to be developed and operated by Kildare County Council in addition to a children's playground*" was agreed unanimously at the Leixlip Area Meeting of the Council on 4 July. As the Council's newly appointed Leisure and Recreational Manager, Niall Rafferty, was also warmly in favour of the proposal our teenagers can look forward to a new recreational outlet, hopefully sooner rather than later.

Cllr. McGinley Expresses his Concern Over Proposed ALDI Building

Cllr. McGinley has examined the proposals for the ALDI discount store on the Kilcock Road next to Kavanagh's Mill site. It is his view that the proposed store is inappropriate for this prime location because of the poor quality of the proposed building.

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This is the gateway to Maynooth from Kilcock with NUI Maynooth on one side of the road and the historical St. Patrick's College on the other side. It is therefore essential that any building at this location must be of a very high quality and certainly not the standard ALDI design. There is already a fine proposal for the Mill location and a decision on it is awaited from An Bord Pleanála. It is Cllr. McGinley's strong view that ALDI's building should complement the Mill proposal and not detract from it as proposed in the present application.

Lack of Footpath from Hand's Corner to GB Glass, Dentist on Leixlip Road

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to lay a footpath and resurface the hard shoulder at this much pedestrianised location. The hard shoulder of the roadway is in a very poor condition and is hazardous for the many pedestrians who have to use it to get to the Post Office and TESCO's. For the elderly and people with buggies it is a nightmare.

Cllr. McGinley has asked that the development levies specifically collected for this purpose be used to reconstruct the footpath and hard shoulder without any further delay. Some £68,000 was collected in levies from TESCO for a footpath some 3 /4 years ago and there is no evidence of it having been spent in the area.

M4 Sign at Barretts for Galway/Sligo

Cllr. McGinley's motion *"that the M4 westward sign for Sligo/Galway at Barretts, Maynooth, be moved closer to the slip road to the M4 in order to remove the confusion and to stop traffic driving into Barretts."* has resulted in the National Roads Authority (NRA) deciding to remove the sign as they consider it to be superfluous. The NRA believe that it's removal will resolve the problem.

Safety at Laurence Avenue

Following representations from local residents Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to paint a white line on the road indicating to motorists entering Laurence Avenue from the Celbridge Road that they must stop. Many motorists think that they have the right of way and don't yield to traffic coming up or indeed down Laurence Avenue.

Flooding at Laurence Avenue

Flooding has been taking place for many years now at the corner opposite House No.1 Laurence Avenue. The Council say that this is caused by the roots of the trees blocking up the surface water drainage pipes and they replaced the pipes some time ago but the problem has returned. At the request of local

residents Cllr. McGinley asked the Council to remove whatever trees were causing the problem. As a result the Council will remove the three trees at the top of the green initially and this will be carried out by the end of July.

Flooding at the Bottom of Maynooth Park

Cllr. McGinley has again asked the Council to clear the blocked shores that is causing flooding on the roadway from House No.'s 38 to 42 and 63 to 67 Maynooth Park.

Cllr. John McGinley Launches Personal Website

Cllr. McGinley has launched his personal website following training at the recent National Conference of the Labour Party. The website provides contact details and up to date information on local news and information. *" This website is just another way of staying in touch with the local electorate. At a time when computer access is increasing in society it is important that local elected representatives use every means to keep in touch with people. Whereas nothing should replace the personal touch I believe that this website has an important role to play in the dissemination of information to the public and access to the Internet is now available at the Public Library in Maynooth."*

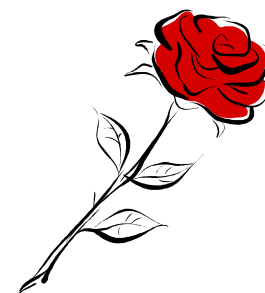
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Ted Connolly

It was with a great sadness that the members of the local Labour Party Branch learned of the death of our comrade Ted Connolly. Ted was an Honorary President of our Branch and was a regular attendee at meetings until his recent illness. At Branch Meetings Ted was as fearless in putting his point across as he would be over a pint in any of the local hostelrys. He also proudly participated with his ONE colleagues in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. To his family and his many friends we offer our condolences. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.



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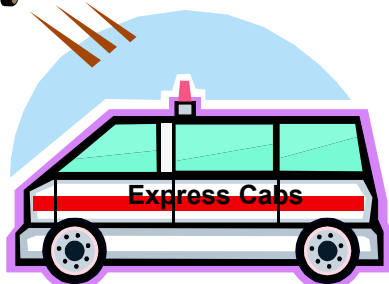
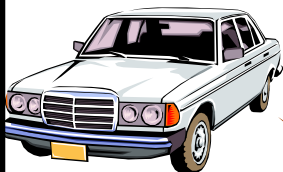


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Clubs, Organisations & Societies

Féile na nGael heralds new era for Maynooth Juvenile Handball.

Maynooth GAA club hosted 6 handball teams for the Féile na nGael competitions on June 12th and 13th. Thanks to the generosity of local families, all teams and mentors were offered accommodation in local GAA family homes. Maynooth entered their first ever girls and boys teams for this event. The girls team members Aisling Farrell (Captain), Louise Walsh, Eimear Connolly, Róisín Gorey and Sarah Hogarty started with a win in their first game against Templeudigan of Wexford on Thursday evening June 12th. In the 2nd game Templeudigan came back with a strong win to tie the match on points. Next day the An Ghaeltacht team from Ventry in Kerry became hot favourites when they easily overcame both Maynooth and Templeudigan with powerful serving and impressive retrieving. With Maynooth and Templeudigan tied on points the semi final place was decided on Templeudigan's higher aggregate score. Given the Maynooth girls lack of competition experience and considering that 4 of the players were competing in Féile camogie between their handball matches it was a very creditable performance.

In addition Louise Walsh gave a very solid performance in the skills test but had to give best to Templeudigan captain Niamh Murphy. The An Ghaeltacht team played in Mullingar in the semis and subsequently ran out winners in the final that evening.

Meanwhile, the Maynooth boys team Gavin Mulligan (Captain), David Mulligan, Colm Peelo, Ciaran Scally and Gareth Corcoran were playing away in Mullingar. In their first match they became involved in an exciting tussle with the Beart team from Donegal. Winning the first game after a battling performance they easily defeated Beart in the second game. In the second match Tydavnet from Monaghan, fresh from a comprehensive win over Beart, maintained their form when they defeated the spirited Maynooth in two straight games.

Maynooth came home for their semi-final match against Tinryland from Carlow on Friday evening June 13th. The Tinryland team showed their class with a powerful display of handball skills to easily defeat Maynooth. The Tydavnet team from Monaghan also found Tinryland too hot to handle in the final. In the skills final Tydavnet's Donal M^cMahon ran out winner of the skills competition over Cian Clancy of Tinryland. In the skills semis Donal had just pipped Maynooth captain Gavin Mulligan by a single point. This was an encouraging display by the Maynooth boys team. To qualify in their first competition for the semi-finals, at an away venue was very satisfying for the players.

The finalists medals and trophies were presented by local Féile and Kildare Handball chairman Pat Ryan of Leixlip. He complemented the players on their skills and told them to spread the word among their friends about the great U14 weekend that Féile undoubtedly is.

It was all roads to Mullingar on Saturday June 14th for the Féile parade and hurling / camogie finals. The Maynooth teams marched under the Maynooth Handball banner and along with all the other handball, hurling and camogie teams were addressed in Cusack Park by an Taoiseach Bertie Aherne and Kilkenny hurling star D J Carey.

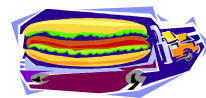
A platform has now been established for juvenile handball in Maynooth. Maynooth GAA club are proud to have hosted the event and with the Kildare clubs hosting the event again next year the teams will have the opportunity to build on this year's performance.

With a summer camp planned for the last two weeks in August, local matches and a juvenile team competition in September, Maynooth juvenile handballers can make significant progress over the coming season.

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*Boys left to right:
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Ciarán Scally with team mentors Tony Fingleton, Joe Mulligan and Eamon Gorey.*



*Girls left to right:
Aisling Farrell, Sally Ann O'Reilly, Sarah Hogarty, Eimear Connolly, Louise Walsh and
Róisín Gorey with team mentors Tony Fingleton and Eamon Gorey.*

Features

A Century of Irish Motorsport

Weekend of May 31-June 2 became an unforgettable date for all the people who are keen on motorsport as well as many others who are just interested in vintage cars. Gordon Bennett Cup Race Centenary Festival, which started in Athy, Co.Kildare, was held exactly a hundred years after the original race of 1903.

Gordon Bennett Races, named after the proprietor of the New York Herald, James Gordon Bennett, are recognised as the true ancestor of all modern international motor racing. Under the circumstances, which we now may call very fortunate, the Race of 1903 was to be held in Ireland.

The circuit chosen for the 4th Gordon Bennett Cup Race of 1903 was centred on Athy, Co.Kildare and passed through counties Kildare, Laois and Carlow. The race which started from Ballyshannon, Co.Kildare, featured 12 competitors representing Germany, Great Britain and Ireland, France and USA, three of each participating country.

The results were, however, very promising – only 5 among 12 completed the course, with Camille Jenatton on Mercedes, representing Germany, finishing in 6 hours 39 minutes, with an average speed of 49.2 mph for the total distance of 327.5 miles. The race was a tremendous success and in its time, when Ireland had a car population of 250, it gathered large crowds of spectators.

The Centenary Festival in Athy was the same success – many people decided to come with their families and friends, travel from outside Ireland to watch it. This race featured the cars from all the years of the past century – the vintage cars of the beginning of the century, including Napier 1903, the number 5 of the Race 1903, the old cars and the modern cars. The Commemorative Speed Event, which was held at Moate of Ardscull, the original place which welcomed the contestants of 1903, numbered at 147 participants.

Robin Rhodes, the commentator of the race and the voice of the Irish motorsport, kindly commented on the festival.

When a kid I've been reading about this race about these cars and I'd never hoped to live long enough to see it.

It's amazing that it's the same road and we are using it today – in 1903 it wasn't a tarmac though. Special pride is to welcome John Bentley with Napier, the original car, which has been racing on the Gordon Bennett Cup a century ago.

I've been in motoring sport for years but this – wonderful cars, which you are supposed to see in the museums, they are here and racing, doing what they

are supposed to do.

Look at the people around here - it's a bank holiday weekend, and still many people are here, watching the race, celebrating, and enjoying this exciting event. Truth to tell, this festival is not just about the old cars, it's about the commitment to motor sport.

The festivities lasted for the whole day – they started at Moate of Ardscull and were continued at Emily Square in Athy by the vintage car exhibition, street Irish dancing, hilarious street entertainment from the Prison Officers Pipe Band, and the Gordon Bennett Exhibition which was on display in the Athy Heritage Centre. The festival was followed by the vintage car days in Bagenalstown, Co.Carlow and Portlaoise.

Special thanks to Robin Rhodes for a warm welcome and Jakki Mooney for the support.

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Poets, druids and early Irish poetry

The poet is seen a liminal character in the early literature and can function as a shaman with access to realities beyond the experience of most other members of society and can reveal those realities to them through his poetry. The *imbas forosna* is also an liminal exercise; the poet acquires knowledge in liminal situations and the possessor of knowledge is often liminal himself.

Liminal figures can perform extraordinary acts and liminal objects are the source of extraordinary powers. The liminal figure or object offers a key to the categories between which it exists and can mediate between other pairs of separate categories. Last month we saw that one of the divination processes is that of *imbas forosna* and its performance is relatively obscure. In the 9th century *Sanas Chormaic* by the bishop-king Cormac mac Cuilennáin, it is said that the poet chews raw flesh – it could be pig, dog or cat and then he offers this to the idols and places it behind a door. The poet then puts his two palms to his cheeks and falls asleep, dreaming of the future. Cormac also says that Patrick outlawed both *imbas forosna* and *teinm láeda* because they were dangerous pagan practices.

This can be seen as fanciful speculation but others have deconstructed the liminal aspects of this technique. The meat by which the poet contacts the other world and acquires knowledge is 'improper' food for humans. First, it is uncooked, secondly, although the Irish did eat pork it is probably that cat and dog meat were taboo. The food then functions as a liminal object between the categories of edible and inedible. He chews it but does not swallow; so it is also between the state of being eaten and not being eaten. By placing the food behind the door on the threshold it mediates between this world and the next.

Sanas Cormaic also has two stories where poets use *díchtal di chennaib*. They are presented with skulls and asked to say whose remains they are – they are identified as skulls of lapdogs and the poets also reveal their owners. In one of the stories the poet places the tip of his wand on the skull to find out whose dog it was. There are other references to poets putting the tip of his wand on a person's head or body to learn of his identity. The use of a lapdog's head may be significant; an anomalous and liminal animal, domesticated from nature that is much more dependent on humans than a hunting dog. (So are the dogs, cats and pigs used in *imbas forosna*.)

In another divination process the poet lies on hurdles (*clíatha*) made with mountain ash and covered with the skins of sacrificed bulls; the seeker of knowledge drinks new ale, invokes the gods and waits for the revelation. The hurdle is used to make walls, doors,

fences and coverings – to separate spaces and to create boundaries. When the poet uses his *clíatha fis* (hurdles of knowledge) he is using a liminal prop to make contact with his supernatural informants. Again, the ale that is used is just fermented; it is nearly in-between fermented and non-fermented – a liminal symbol.

Scottish seers behave in a similar way. The poet/seer is wrapped in the skin of a newly-killed cow, he is taken to an isolated place where he awaits the revelation. The hide and the poet are both suspended between life and death. The seer identifies with the animal and exists between the categories of human and beast during the ritual. He gains access to special knowledge as he is a marginal member of the community who is stranded in nature.

Imbas forosna is said to exist in a well in the other world that is located in the *les* of a dwelling. This *les* is the area adjacent to the house or settlement – an appropriate place for a well. The source of the knowledge is therefore in the in-between place between the house and the outside world. (*Les* can also mean rampart or bank that encloses the settlement.) Further, the *imbas* is said to arrive in the well from the hazel-nuts that fall into the water. The salmon that live in the well eat the nuts and swim down the river that flows out of the well: then the poets eat the salmon and acquire the knowledge. The knowledge is contained in the 'tips' of the other-worldly hazel-trees; the crop of nuts that are the most easily detached; the liminal part of the tree. The knowledge is given to the poet in a nut eaten by a fish; through a combination of plant and animal matter. The poet waits on the bank of the river, a liminal place between land and water. Therefore both the knowledge and the poet are in liminal areas.

The mention of salmon and knowledge immediately brings Find mac Cumail to mind. He is best known as *fénid* and the leader of a *fian*-group. Find often has to identify mysterious figures that he encounters and he uses a technique similar to that mentioned above. He chews his peripheral and liminal finger, a 'raw' piece of 'improper' food. His finger is between edible and inedible, eaten and not eaten like the food in *imbas forosna*. There are variant versions of the acquisition of this knowledge and his progress to poet-seer. The common and best known 12th century version goes as follows:

'In his youth Finn goes to learn the art of poetry from a poet whose name is also Finn. The latter Finn has been waiting several years on the banks of the Boyne River for the salmon of knowledge to come to him. He finally catches the fish and tells his pupil to cook it and serve it to him; the boy is not to eat the fish himself. Finn the pupil brings the cooked food to his master

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Poets, druids and early Irish poetry Contd...

and says he did not eat any of the fish, but that he burnt his finger (by touching the salmon while it was being cooked) and put it in his mouth. The poet realizes that by this simple action the boy has unwittingly acquired the knowledge contained in the salmon; he tells Finn the pupil to eat the fish because he is the true 'Finn'. After this incident, whenever Finn puts his finger in his mouth he is enlightened.'

In this case, the man who is still a child acquires the knowledge from the fish without really eating it, on the banks of a river between land and water. He becomes a poet in the context of food changing from raw to cooked (= nature to culture). The liminal salmon transmits the knowledge as it moves from this world to the other world while it is cooking. Simultaneously and accidentally it cooks Finn's finger, a peripheral part of the body. Finn is between cook and cooked, between consumer and consumable.

But an earlier 8th century version tells a different story: 'A man from a *síd* (other-worldly dwelling) keeps stealing cooked food from Finn's men before they have time to serve and eat it. Finn sets out to cook and guard the food; when it is stolen Finn chases the thief to the door of the *síd* and kills him there. A woman at the door, who is holding a vessel that has been emptied of most of its liquid contents, shuts the door against Finn, who is trying to enter. Finn's finger is stuck in the doorway. (Presumably some of the magic liquid in the woman's vessel spills on to his finger.) Finn extricates his finger from the doorway and puts it in his mouth. He brings the stolen food back to the *fian* camp. Since then, whenever Finn puts his finger in his mouth he is enlightened.'

This incident happens outside the human world and on the threshold of the other-world. The cooked food is taken before it is eaten and the episode interrupts the sequence of cooking, serving and eating food. If Finn had not chased the thief and coincidentally won knowledge, it would never have been served to the *fian* and eaten. Finn again puts his finger in his mouth.

Another parallel version is found in a later medieval tale *Feis Tighe Chonáin* (The Feast of Conán's house):

'A man of the other world owns a well of wisdom which is guarded by his three daughters. Whoever wishes to acquire knowledge must buy a drink of the water in the well. Finn and some of his men find the door to the man's dwelling open and try to enter. The three daughters push against the door to close it while Finn and his men struggle to keep it open. One of the women is holding a vessel containing the magical liquid, and some of it splashes into the mouths of Finn

and his men during the struggle, so that they acquire knowledge without having to pay for it.'

The same elements appear – the doorway, the spilt liquid that splashes in this case directly onto the mouth. A similar incident appears in the same tale:

During a hunt Finn is lured away from his men by an otherworldly woman disguised as a deer. She leads him to a magical lake where she reassumes her normal appearance and tells Finn that she has lost her rings in the water. He jumps into the lake and retrieves the rings, but when he returns to the shore he finds that the woman is gone and that he has become a decrepit old man. Finn's men find him and at first do not recognise him. When they realise what has happened they attack and unearth a nearby subterranean *síd* in revenge. The lord of the *síd*, whose name is Cuilenn 'Holly', comes out and makes amends by giving Finn a rejuvenating drink; this not only restores Finn's youth but also gives him wisdom. However, Finn's hair remains grey even after he has drunk the magical liquid; Cuilenn offers to change his hair-colour back to what it was, but Finn prefers his hair grey. He passes the cup over to his men, and as they are drinking from it the cup leaps out of their hands and buries itself in the ground.

Continued next month
Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

For further information cf. J.F. Nagy, 'Liminality and knowledge in Irish tradition', *Studia Celtica* 16-17 (1981-2) 135-43), A. van Gennep, *Les Rites de passage* (Paris, 1909) is the pioneering work in the area of liminality, cf. also Mary Douglas, *Purity and Danger: an analysis of concepts of pollution and taboo* (London 1970)

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Fianna Fail Political Notes



Brid Feely chosen to represent Fianna Fail in local elections

At a recent meeting of the Local Fianna Fail Cumann a decision was made to run a candidate in the upcoming local elections in 2004. A number of candidates were considered and a decision to select Brid Feely was passed unanimously.

Brid moved to Maynooth in 1966 when her father started work in Kavanagh's Manor Mills in Maynooth as the Company Secretary. Living initially in Laragh and later on the Main Street of Maynooth while a new family home was being built on the Straffan Road, where her family still live. She started her education like so many of Maynooth's children in St. Mary's National School, where she was taught by the well known Sr. Alphonsus, whom Brid hails as the best teacher ever!!! Secondary school was St. Joseph's Presentation College, Lucan, and from there to Maynooth College to complete her BA in 1980 and an H-Dip in 1981. Working for a short time as a teacher a career change was about to happen and Brid found herself working in the Meat exporting business. Working in the Castalia Offices off Main Street, Maynooth she built up a range of experiences in dealing with exports to European and Far Eastern countries. Never shy of a new challenge Brid once again decided to change tack and moved to the offices of Coonan's Auctioneers, Maynooth. Going back to the books once more she studied for and has just completed her M.I.P.A.V. exams in Estate Agency and now works as a Sales Negotiator with Coonan's.

Brid had a distinct interest in and love of politics from an early age inherited from both her father and grandfather and from her mother's father who was actively involved in the War of Independence.

During the 1980's while still in her teens, Brid joined the Kildare branch of Ogra Fianna Fail, and was Secretary of the Kildare Ogra Dail Cheantair for some years. On a local level, Brid joined the Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann and was the youngest and indeed first female Chairman of the organisation for many years. Brid's pioneering spirit in bringing women's issues to the fore will be a very strong card for her as an elected representative and will no doubt appeal to the many women whose stories go unheard.

With her abiding interest in and awareness of the development of Maynooth over the intervening years, and with her background as a Geography teacher, Brid is particularly keen and anxious to play a part in the Maynooth's future. Thus giving rise to her decision to go forward as Fianna Fail candidate for the Maynooth/Leixlip area in the Local elections to be held in June 2004. She is committed to the process of careful planning and best future development, (strategically and spatially) for the Maynooth area.

She is determined to play an active and involved role in the future shape of Maynooth as the next 5-10 year period which will be a time of progress, change and rapid social and geographical development which must be approached with optimism but caution also. In the short term she is very keen to ensure that she give as much help as possible to ensuring that the Community Centre is achieved for the rapidly expanding and youthful population of Maynooth, with provision of a playground and skating/rollerblading area a must. She also welcomes the current study being undertaken to consider a suitable site for a swimming pool for the Nth. Kildare area. The ongoing issues of Main Street traffic, parking, crime and litter are of course issues that are close to her heart and she will pursue these with full determination to bring about speedy and conclusive results.

Brid looks forward to an opportunity to meeting with the people of Maynooth over the coming months, to hearing your views, concerns, and ideas to help make Maynooth a better Town. To bring about change to cope with the ever increasing demands placed upon its infrastructure and to put in place the policies that will help these changes happen in an orderly fashion that will be for the benefit and enjoyment of all the towns residents. Notwithstanding all of that Brid will want to make personal contact with the many unaddressed women's issues that are ongoing in peoples lives and to bring about resolutions for these people as well as tackling the bigger issues for the community at large.

Features

Marseilles and the body in the trunk

It was Saturday, August 3rd 1937 in Marseilles and unbelievably hot. A man approached the Good Department of the railway station and left three pieces of baggage. The porter took charge of the pieces and went to put them away. He wondered about the couple who had left them. The woman seemed French but the man, who spoke French like an Englishman, tipped him like an American.

He was putting the baggage away when he felt something sticky at the bottom of the trunk. He went to the stationmaster and told him that something dead and bloody was lying in the trunk. He was taken seriously and the police were called. They arrived and decided that the baggage must be taken away for examination. The porter was questioned about the couple. He described the man as between 50 and 60 years of age, he was tall, very thin and his dress was sloppy. His wife spoke French without an accent and she had asked for the luggage to be sent first to Boulogne, then Dover and finally to an address in Bayswater, London. She seemed younger than the man and was beautifully dressed.

When the French police checked the address in Bayswater, it did not exist. The person to whom the luggage was to be sent did not exist either. After a number of hours, the bags were opened and the remains of a body were distributed between them! There was a torso and arms in one bag, the head in another and finally the legs in the last one. They were many marks on her body and she was presumed Scandinavian and a natural blonde.

The next line of enquiry was to try to find the couple who had left the bags. They questioned taxi drivers and hotels. Finally, they found one taxi driver who remembered them – a woman dressed like a duchess. They had ordered a taxi to the hotel du Louvre et de la Paix. The reservation was in the name of Mr. and Mrs. V. Jarvis. The staff at the hotel said that he had the impression that the man had been drinking. The place was full of the smell of whiskey. He assistant manager also said that he suspected that the Jarvis name was an alias. When asked why he explained that the woman was very concerned about an article of luggage that she had brought with her – a Morocco jewel-case that had a crest on it and the initials M. St. L. G. Jarvis, he said, is not spelt with a G. The police officer, Jouhannoud, found that the couple had gone to Toulon, he asked the police in Cannes to check if any luggage had arrived in the name of Jarvis. It was also established that the couple had said that their luggage was en route to Evian and that when the couple took a car for Toulon she only took the jewel-case and an extra coat.

The police in Cannes were in contact very quickly. On August 2nd a very large bag had been sent from Cannes to be delivered to a Mrs. V. Jarvis in La Ciotat a town that lies half way between Marseilles and Toulon. The police found the chauffeur who had driven the couple to Toulon but he said that he had not stopped at La Ciotat.

The bag was opened by the police but they found nothing to identify the owner. There were beautiful clothes and a headache powder with the name of a chemist in Monte Carlo. The search then turned to Monaco. They helped to identify the body in the trunk – a woman who had been missing since 1st August, Mme. Elsa Levin, Swedish, wealthy and blonde. On that date she went to her bank and took out 20,000 francs and some jewellery that she wanted to wear. She was in the habit of changing her jewellery daily if she was attending a special event. Although she was 67 years old she looked much younger. The detective in Monaco, Antoine Blanchard, said that he would go to Marseilles to identify her along with two of the casino attendants. She was in the habit of playing at the casino although spending very little. But they could not yet identify the couple. The woman could have one of Mme. Levin's many female friends. But the fact that the man was a whiskey drinker might help with the identification – most Frenchmen drank brandy not whiskey. This was to finally identify the couple.

The police went around Monaco and talked to the shopkeepers about whiskey drinkers. One of them finally identified the couple who bought a bottle of whiskey a day. The woman was Lady Goold who got a bottle of Canadian whiskey each day. She also owed a large bill. The police went to the address given by the shopkeeper – a beautiful villa. But they only found a young, beautiful girl who said that her aunt and uncle were away. She said that she was Henrietta Duval and that identified her aunt and uncle as Sir Vere St. Leger Goold. Bt., and his wife Lady Marie Gorodin Goold.

The case was finally becoming clearer. The victim was identified as Mme. Elsa Levin and she was a known acquaintance of Lady Goold. Indeed, they had spent a lot of time together recently.

Back to La Ciotat where the suitcase sent from was still awaiting delivery. A footman in full livery picked it up in a dogcart. The note he carried to identify himself was signed Mrs. Vere St. L. Jarvis. The police followed him back to the villa where a man was waiting at the door. He insisted that he was Sir Vere Goold and despite his protestations he and his wife were both brought to the police station. The police decided that it was best to leave the two in detention for some days – it was felt that if Vere Goold were deprived of whiskey for long enough that he would admit to the crime.

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Features

Marseilles and the body in the trunk Contd...

Meanwhile they returned to the villa to talk to the niece who mentioned the fact that she had been away for a while and on returning that there were signs that certain rooms in the villa had been excessively cleaned. When the police examined the areas they found that there were specks of blood in the bathroom and the living room as well as the storeroom. The Marseilles police got an order to extradite the couple but Sir Vere Goold was surprisingly resilient – he didn't crack as expected. Furthermore they were demanding a consul and extra-territorial privileges. But Scotland Yard and Paris co-operated and there was much to be known about Marie Goold. Sir Vere was her third husband and he was not the real baronet – his elder brother was in Australia. When she married him, she had built up a great design business in Bayswater, London and it did not take him long to spend every penny she had saved. They went to America to escape creditors but eventually they returned to France where Marie Goold met her niece Henriette and the plan was that they would bring her to Monte Carlo to find a rich husband. They borrowed heavily to this end – but to no avail. Henriette, beautiful as she was, failed to find a husband and now they were broke.

The jewel case was opened and it was found to contain jewellery belonging to Mme. Levin. The Goolds denied the murder until they were faced with the body in the morgue. The Sir Vere finally admitted to a murder in an alcoholic frenzy. Marie tried to invent the story of a stranger who had attacked them but when confronted by her husband's confession she finally gave in. They had killed her for the money and jewellery that she had taken from the bank that day in an effort to cover their debts.

Eventually they went to trial and Vere was sent to a penal colony. Marie was sentenced to death but this was commuted to life imprisonment in Cayenne where she died of typhoid Fever. Her husband committed suicide a year later.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

Well, the project got off to a booming start on Monday the 1st of July with nearly 100 children registering. Since then we've been up and down slides in Fort Lucan, Playing Bingo in the ICA hall and bowling in Tallaght. There's a lot more fun to come so keep your eyes peeled for photographs in next month's newsletter!!!

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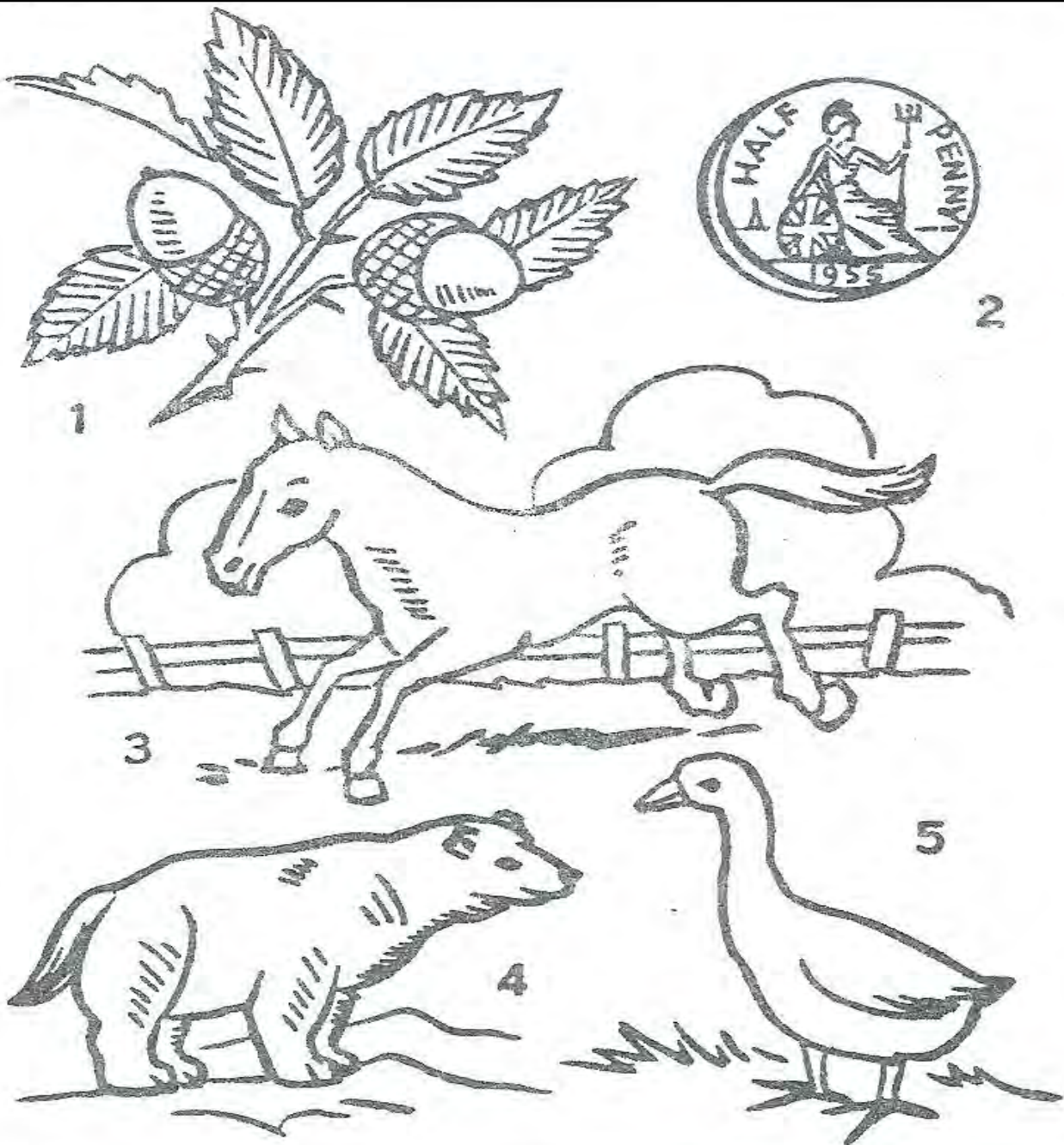


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Children's Corner

What is Wrong? There is something wrong with each of these objects.
What is it?



1. Wrong leaves shown with acorns. 2. A 1955 halfpenny shows a ship, not Britannia. 3. Horse has no mane. 4. Bear has wrong tail. 5. Goose should have webbed feet.

Winner of Last Months Children's Competition:

NAME:
AGE:

ADDRESS:

cheese and tomato

**Topped with mozzarella
and
our own blend of tomato**

9" SERVES 1-2 €6.00	+	ExtraToppings €1.00
12" SERVES 2-3 €9	+	Extra Toppings €1.20
16" SERVES 3-4 €16	+	Extra Toppings €1.60

TOPPPINGS AND LOTS OF THEM

Extra cheese, mushrooms
sweet corn, extra sauce
salami, pepperoni, chicken

Green peppers
jalapeno peppers garlic BBQ
sauce chorizo sausage spicy
beef ham

Red onions, pineapple
black olives, tomatoes
spicy sausage, bacon, deep
pan

appetizers

Garlic bread with lots of garlic butter €2.50
Garlic bread with cheese €3.00

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Southern fried chicken goujons with bbq or chilli dip €5.00

Deep fried mushrooms with bbq, chilli or garlic dip €5.00

Wedges-deep fried crispy potatoes with bbq, chilli or garlic dip €3.00

Salads

Garden salads-crisp lettuce, tomato, olives, red onion,
basil and balsamic dressing €5.00

Grilled chicken Caesar salad-grilled chicken on a bed of
garden salad, Caesar dressing and parmesan croutons €6.00

Drinks 1.25 ltr coke/diet coke/fanta/sprite/ €2.00
Cans €085

Spice up your life

We travelled far and side and suffered on your behalf to develop this spicy feast. Warning: Not for the faint hearted.

Mexican Style Pizza

Refried beans, seasoned chicken or spicy beef, diced tomato, onion,
jalapeno peppers, salsa sauce and blended cheese
9"=€8.50 12"=€12.50 16"=€18.50

Fiesta Chicken Pizza

Grilled peppers, tomato, cheddar cheese, roasted chicken, sliced red
onion, black olives and chilli sauce
9"=€8.50 12"=€12.50 16"=€18.50

Indian Style Pizza

Tandoori chicken, tomato, peppers, red onion, coriander and missal
sauce
9"=€8.50 12"=€12.50 16"=€18.50

Thai Style Pizza

Thai lemon chicken, carrots, spring onions, bean sprouts, spicy peanut
and satay sauce
9"=€8.50 12"=€12.50 16"=€18.50

Steak Pizza Surprise

Sliced steak, pepperoni, Italian sausage, blended cheese, garlic, onions,
tomatoes, red sauce and garlic dip
9"=€8.50 12"=€14.50 16"=€21.00

Californian Style

Four Cheese Pizza
Tomato, parmesan, mozzarella, goat cheese, cheddar cheese, oregano,
thyme and pesto sauce
9"=€8.50 12"=€14.50 16"=€21.00

Goat Cheese and Bacon

Bacon, tomato, red and green bell peppers, red onion, mild goat cheese,
mozzarella, pesto and red sauce
9"=€8.50 12"=€12.50 16"=€18.50

Vegetarian Deluxe

Grilled mixed vegetables, tomato, sweet chilli sauce, thyme, oregano,
basil and cheese 9"=€8.50 12"=€12.50 16"=€18.50

American Style



Straight from the adopted home of pizza, where everything's is big including the portions, comes this meaty range of American culinary delight. Eat your way across the good old U.S. of A with our savoury selection of pizza. We did, just to bring you this menu. Be warned thought-this selection is not for the peckish. It's only for those with serious appetites.

Chicken Fajita Pizza

Chicken, red onion, grilled peppers, spicy guacamole sauce and salsa on top
9"=€9.00 12"=€13.00 16"=€18.00

Chicken Philadelphia

Chicken breast, grilled onions, peppers, mushrooms, tomato, red or bbq
sauce and cheese
9"=€8.00 12"=€12.50 16"=€18.00

All Meaty

Spicy beef, pepperoni, ham, sausage, mushroom and onion
9"=€8.50 12"=€12.50 16"=€18.50

Philly Style Pizza

Grilled steak, onions, peppers, mushrooms, tomato, cheese blend and
red sauce
9"=€8.50 12"=€12.50 16"=€18.50

Chicago Supreme

Spicy beef, spicy sausage, onions, mushrooms, peppers, red sauce and
chilli dip
9"=€8.50 12"=€12.00 16"=€21.00

Pepperoni Deluxe

Pepperoni, smokey bacon, tandoori chicken, tomato and cheese
9"=€8.50 12"=€14.00 16"=€19.50

Super Supreme

Salami, ha,, peppers, pineapple, olives, mushrooms and oregano
9"=€8.50 12"=€12.00 16"=€18.50

Traditional Pizza

Once you try one of the old standards, Rebel style, there's no going back to the tepid cardboard excuse that currently masquerades as pizza. This is ham and pineapple, pepperoni and vegetarian with a difference. You might want to call up your other pizza delivery service now, just to say goodbye.

Rosemary Chicken and Potato Pizza

Grilled garlic chicken, rosemary potato, sweet onions, red sauce or
herbed garlic butter sauce. 9"=€8.50 12"=€11.00 16"=€18.00

Mushroom Pepperoni and Sausage Pizza

Spicy sausage, pepperoni, mushrooms, cheese, red sauce and bbq
dip
9"=€8.00 12"=€11.00 16"=€18.00

Bacon, Mushroom and Tomato Pizza

Crispy bacon, mushrooms and tomato base
9"=€8.00 12"=€11.00 16"=€18.00

Hawaiian Supreme

Ham, pineapple, red sauce, cheese, garlic, chilli and bbq dip
9"=€8.00 12"=€11.00 16"=€18.50

Vegetarian Supreme

Mushrooms, peppers, onions, tomatoes, sweet corn, oregano, red
sauce, chilli, garlic and bbq dip
9"=€8.00 12"=€12.00 16"=€18.50

Burning Desire

Tuna, jalapeno peppers, olives, oregano, red sauce or chilli dip
9"=€8.00 12"=€11.00 16"=€18.00

Meal Deals

**For
2**

One 9" cheese & tomato pizza+ 3 toppings

One garlic bread

One box of wedges

Two cans of soft drink

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3**

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Two garlic bread

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Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth School of Speech and Drama Tenth Anniversary

Maynooth School of Speech and Drama celebrated its tenth anniversary with a fabulous end of term play staged last May in The Riverbank Arts Centre, Newbridge. It was the highlight in what has been an exceptionally successful and action packed year for the school.

Last September, the school entered the Scor novelty act. Eight children from the school performed a play, written by teacher Martina Murphy. They succeeded in winning the Kildare final and the Leinster semi-finals. They missed representing Leinster in the All Ireland finals by three points.

Children also entered the Guildhall School of Music and Drama exams in November and all managed to do well. Guildhall exams are the most respected speech and drama exams in the world. Maynooth School of speech and Drama are one of the few schools in the country that offer these exams to students.

In January, the rehearsals for the end of term show began. An Alan Ackbourne play was picked – Ernie and his Incredible Illusions. In preparation for this, the school employed some highly respected workshop facilitators specialising in carnival and dance. These workshops contributed directly to a wonderful carnival scene featuring juggling and stilt walking to the grand finale dancing.

One of the workshop co-ordinators was so impressed with the older children that he asked fifteen of them to participate in the Dublin City St Patrick's day parade. A wonderful day was had by all; exceptional March weather combined with some very curious costumes gave children and teachers alike a day to remember.

And meantime, rehearsals were on going for 'Ernie.' Mad, funny, depressing, hopelessly woeful, blissfully brilliant rehearsals. By the time late April arrived, teachers and students alike hated Ernie with a vengeance!

On May 9th however, all this was forgotten as the children were introduced to the fabulous Riverbank – a lovely intimate theatre built to professional standards. It was a long day as the children had to be at the Riverbank for four o'clock for technical rehearsals until the show ended. They handled it like the disciplined pro's they were. Parents helped out, coming on the busses with the children and one talented parent did a great job on make-up. Aligned to this, our workshop facilitator had given free dancing lessons to some of the kids and with so much goodwill in the air, it just wasn't possible for anything to go wrong.

The night ended on a high. One theatre professional in the audience commented, 'I don't know what yez are doing with those kids, but whatever it is, it's right.'

And so say all of us.



Taking a break from Rehearsals

Community Council Notes July Meeting

The July meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on the 14th July in the Glenroyal Hotel.

There were two new co-options to the Council - Brid Feely, Straffan Road and Zona Christie, Meadowbrook Crescent.

Area Action Plan for Maynooth

On July 23rd the Leixlip Area Committee will discuss the 1st Draft Action Area Plan for Maynooth, if agreed it will go on display in September.

Maynooth Community Council Collection

The Annual Maynooth Community Council Collection will take place on the 11th - 14th September.

Recycling Centre

It was stated that the recycling centre in the public car park is not satisfactory where it is at the moment. It was suggested that it should be moved across from where it is now.

Cllr. John McGinley said that Kildare County Council would inspect it every day, also that there is dreadful abuse at this centre.

Matt Callaghan said that he has been looking after this area for the past month and that the bins are nearly always full. It was also noted that the clothes bin is not Kildare County Council's property.

Community Centre for Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley posted a motion *"That the Community Council look at the possibility of a Community Centre at the Parish Hall site."*

Some people felt that the Parish Hall was redundant and should be used more. However this was said to be untrue. The hall is well used at the moment, also that the Parish Hall is a very valuable asset to the Town.

Peter Connell said that he was informed that a site was offered near the Kilcock Road side. Peter thought it could be of use as a Community Centre, also this area would have to provide own car parking facilities. With the possibility of the Parish Hall being demolished and a new building being put in place it was felt that all concerned groups should meet.

We now have four groups looking at the prospect for a Community Centre in Maynooth. Maynooth Community Council, Maynooth Action Strategy, Maynooth Community Centre Partnership and the Parish Hall Committee.

It was felt that a meeting should be arranged as soon as possible to discuss all these issues.

Festival

Chairperson, Andrew McMullon thanked all involved with the Festival. He said most of the events had been well attended, also that the brochure that went out to all households made people more aware of the Festival.

Andrew said that we need to start work for next years Festival now. There is a full report on the festival in the Newsletter.

Greenfield Residents Association

Matt Callaghan said that trees and shrubs along the Straffan Road had been trimmed, but he said it was not a good job. Also that the yellow box on the Straffan Road at Greenfield Shopping Centre was not long enough. However it was stated by Cllr. John McGinley that the yellow boxes are generally made as wide as the entrance.

Matt also congratulated the Special Olympics Committee and Chairperson, Elaine Bean for a job well done. He also thanked the people who cleaned up the town and has it looking so well.

It was also stated by John McGinley that a skate-board park and children's play ground could be on the agenda if agreed by Leixlip committee.

Tidy Town

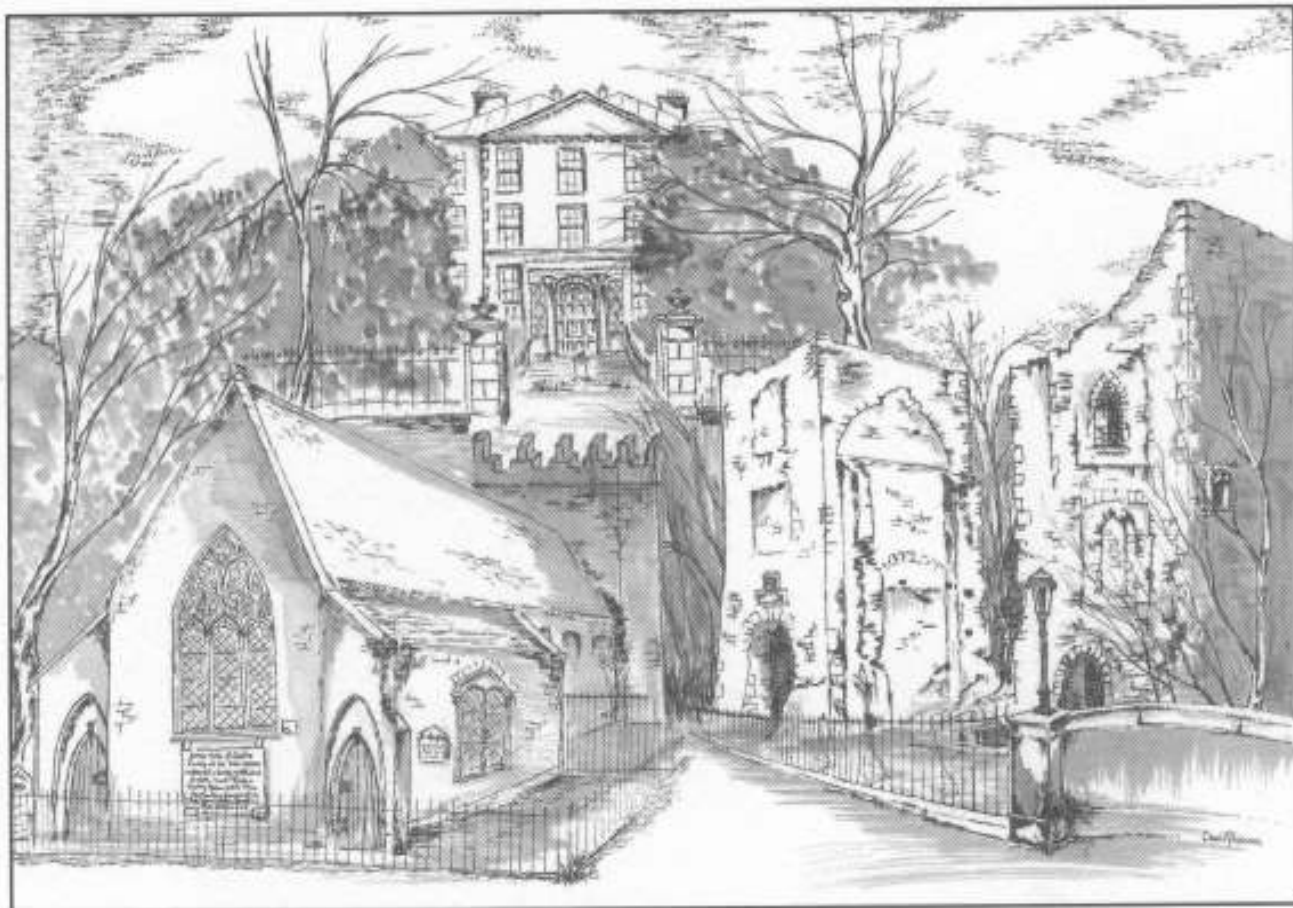
The tidy town committee have gained several new members this has come as a direct effect from the volunteers in the Special Olympics stated matt also.

Local Artist

Local artist Caoilfhionn Murphy has produced a lovely post card depicting local historical buildings Caoilfhionn will be offering these for sale at local outlets.

Next Community Council Meeting will be held on the 8th September in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Marie Gleeson
PRO



Maynooth, Co. Kildare

Features

New Postcard of Maynooth

A new postcard of Maynooth has recently been created by Caoilfhionn Quinlan Murphy. A reproduction of an original pen and ink drawing commissioned for the Brazilian Special Olympics delegation, the card depicts three historical Maynooth landmarks: St. Mary's Church of Ireland, Stoyte House in St. Patrick's College and the Geraldine Castle. The original drawing was presented to the Brazilian team during their recent stay in Maynooth.

The artist, Caoilfhionn Quinlan Murphy, has successfully exhibited at the Castle Keep art group for the past three years. She was the main illustrator for the Book of Maynooth which is on permanent exhibition in the Community Library, Main St., Maynooth. Caoilfhionn also illustrated the recent Maynooth History and Civic Forum publication 'Myth & Memory', the history and story of the graveyards of Maynooth.

The postcard is available for sale in the Maynooth and University Bookshops and Just Gifts.

Useful Tips

Stings

- Insect sting - even multiple stings - are seldom very serious in Ireland. The only notable exception (most often caused by a bee or wasp sting) is an allergic reaction.
- To relieve pain and swelling, apply a cold compress, ice bag or surgical spirit. Calamine lotion may help to soothe the irritation. If the pain or swelling does not go after 24 hours, go and see a doctor.
- Remove the sting by gently scraping it with the dull edge of a knife blade or with a credit card - do not use tweezers.

Stitch in the side

- Breathe deeply in and out to oxygenate your blood and get the cramped muscle working.
- Dig your fingers into the muscle at the point where you feel pain - usually just at the bottom of the rib cage - then massaging the spot by digging and rubbing.
- If the stitch was caused by fatigue, rest is the best cure.
- Mineral depletion is often the problem. Prevent a recurrence by eating a banana or orange and some salt in the morning (for potassium and sodium). Pay attention to your calcium intake; it helps to regulate muscle contractions. Drink lots of water.

Games in the car

- Keep young children amused with a surprise bag of goodies like crayons and drawing paper. Bring trays to balance on knees.
- Make glove puppets out of socks (stick on felt circles for eyes), and play out stories, or 'peek-a-boo'.
- Set competitions to spot things, such as a yellow car or a motorbike.
- Encourage children to count the number of lorries going past: the first one up to 50 wins.
- Play 'I spy', stating whether the object is in or outside the car. (If outside, it has to be continually in view, such as hedges, rather than something which flashes past.)
- Draw up a checklist of sights for children spot, such as a farm, traffic lights or level crossing. They have to tick off each sight as they spot it.
- Make up a sentence with the letters of the car's number plate in front of you, such as BAB - 'Boys are best'.
- Bring a portable tape recorder and record your own songs on it.
- Draw up a list of general knowledge questions and put the children into teams

Lost Luggage or property

- If you leave something on a train, contact your nearest station enquiry office. They will tell you where to go to contact the lost property office. If you discover your loss immediately, they may be able to get staff to collect your property off the train before it reaches its destination and return it.
- If you leave something on a bus, contact the local depot or enquiry office of the company concerned, giving details. They will advise you.
- If you lose something elsewhere, contact anyone who may have seen it and report details to your local police station.
- If you find something on a train or bus, hand it in to staff immediately. If, however, it looks suspicious, don't handle it, but inform staff straight away. If you find something elsewhere, hand it in to the nearest police station and get a receipt. If it is not claimed within three months the police will give it back to you.
- If your luggage is lost in transit when flying, file a Property Irregularity report at the baggage service desk immediately. You will need a signed copy for insurance purposes. Give an address where you can be contacted within a day or two.
- Baggage loss is inevitable sometimes, but following a few simple rules reduces the risk. Use a suitcase, trunk or box that will not break open easily and do not overfill it.
- Lock your case with a combination lock. Put your name, destination address and phone number inside and outside the case, together with flight details (do not put your address on the outside of the case - it invites burglars)
- Remove tags from other flights.
- If you are making a connecting flight, try to use the same carrier.
- Check in early - last-minute arrivals often mean lost baggage.
- Check the terms of your home contents insurance. It often covers you for items lost away from home, but it may not be worth while to claim for small losses. If you buy your tickets with a credit card, baggage insurance be included



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Features

GAA: THE WAY FORWARD

The elimination of Dublin from the qualifiers not only poses the question what next for the blues, but what next for the GAA..

Dublin can have no complaints. They were beaten fair and square and no tinkering with the tactics or team selection would have changed the result. Dublin's problem is deeper than that. There is a lack of basic skills in the team. Gaelic football is all about high fielding, clean possession, quick distribution and the ability to kick the ball from the hand or from the ground accurately, and over a distance. Dublin missed lots of scores against Laois and Armagh because the forwards did not have the basic skills to take the scores.

A lot has changed since the seventies. The influence and dedication of the Christian Brothers in promoting and fostering Gaelic football in the Capital has waned. Many secondary schools previously 100% Gaelic are now running soccer teams. The influence of cable television means that most youngsters in the capital are wearing premier league jerseys. The Dublin jersey is brought out for the summer campaigns usually June to August (when did Dublin last win the all Ireland? It is easy to understand the attraction of the premier league. It offers an aspiration to an exciting lifestyle, glamour and financial reward. The league is continuously promoted on television and in print. The summer campaign of the Dublin GAA football team, although well supported is purely a momentary aberration to many of the team's supporters. We not only have a problem with the lack of basic skills in the team but we also have a problem in harnessing the support and the commitment to Gaelic football by their supporters. This is not surprising, as none of the competing teams in the All Ireland would have a publicity or financial backup that an Aussie Rules team would have in their championship.

Mick O'Dwyer the greatest football manager of all time has repeated time and again that the GAA needs a successful Dublin team. In former years he may have meant in competitive terms only but now it has become a financial imperative. The GAA to its credit has built a magnificent stadium, which stands as a testament to the dedication of its members. The stadium however is costing big time and with the elimination of Dublin will not see a capacity crowd until the All Ireland final in September. This must have financial consequences for the organisation. As a non-profit body with a commitment to advance the Irish nation athletically and socially, head office grants to local clubs for development is a core policy. The bank interest costs on the stadium development is going to effect their ability to continue this programme.

With the financial responsibility of paying for the completion of the stadium and the running costs in future years the GAA has now got to look at how it can

re-organise its competitions to attract maximum attendance's. The recent review body recommendation to have two teams from Dublin is not the way to go. It is a decrease in the number of teams that is required not an increase. We will return to that later.

The authorities should be looking abroad especially to the United States and Australia. Both countries have their own national football game played on an amateur and professional level. The professional code is played to the highest standard espousing all that is best in the national game. We have seen Australians in Dublin with their great catching and kicking skills and the upper body development that comes with full time training. The game at this level is fully supported by marketing, sponsorship and all the publicity that we associate with a premier sport. It also provides the incentive to the thousands of young players to reach that standard so that one day they can enjoy the adulation and financial reward that comes with success at the highest level. It is precisely that kind of motivation that is required to resurrect the game in Dublin.

Rugby union has shown that the transition to the professional game can be achieved. There have been changes of course in the organisation and support base but overall there has been a rise in standards with Munster nearly lifting the European cup

What we could be looking at in 2010 would be a sixteen team All Ireland championship. Weaker county teams would be organised on a regional basis giving players a better chance of competitive success. The teams would have a full time squad of 25-30 players on contracts of say 75000 Euro. The teams would all have a major sponsor and expensive TV rights There would be two competitions, a Cup, on a home and away basis and a league. The teams could be as follows:

North Leinster	East Munster	Derry
Meath	Cork	Donegal
Kildare	Kerry	Armagh
Dublin	West Munster	Mid Ulster
Mid Leinster	Galway	
South Leinster	Connacht	

This list is based on population and the ability of the corporate set up to provide the necessary backing. A major multinational computer firm could support Kildare. Supporters who will lose their county team to a regional one will have difficulties, but one should look at the way the Munster rugby side has drawn support away from the traditional limerick clubs and formed a new and powerful base.

At the end of the day nothing can stay the same. There is a great opportunity for the GAA to move forward. It must provide the incentives, both on the playing and financial side to give the young players a aspiration of playing the greatest field game in the world at the highest professional level.

Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
03/1157	Eileen Neary & Martin O'Rourke	38 Rockfield Green Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	13/06/03	To erect a 1st floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion	38 Rockfield Green Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1160	Laraville Properties Ltd	C/o Manahan & Association Town Planning Consultants 38 Dawson Street Dublin 2	P	13/06/03	To relocate to a new location open space previously designated for 2 approved student apartments and to retain/ amend and complete 2 existing apartments located at present in area designated for open space for 2 approved units and etc	The Roost Public House Main Street and Leinster Street Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1192	Albany Homes Ltd.	The Gables Torquay Road Foxrock Dublin 18	P	18/06/03	For development consisting of alterations to approved layout (Planning Ref.00/2310) to provide 240 no. 2 storey and 8 no. 2 storey plus dormer floor houses, 248 no. 2 no. 3 bed semi detached, 100 no. 3 bed end terraced, 8 no. 3 bed mid terraced etc.	Greenfield Maynooth
03/1204	Ballygoran Developments Ltd	Moneycooley Celbridge Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	08/06/03	For development of a neighbourhood Centre to include: a crèche (289sq.m) at ground & 1st floor & play area (93 sq.m) 3 no retail units (158sq.m) at ground floor, 2 no medical consultants rooms (175 sq.m) at first floor and associated site works	Moneycooley Celbridge Road Maynooth Co. Kildare.
03/1208	Daniel & Catherine Corcoran	11 Rockfield Close Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	19/06/03	To erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion	11 Rockfield Close Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare.
03/1233	Aldi Stores Ireland Ltd	C/o John Spain J. Spain & Associates 56 Fitzwilliam Square Dublin 2	P	23/06/03	For the demolition of existing residential dwelling and the construction of a single storey discount food store with a gross floor area of 1144sq.metres (net retail area 763 sq.m) the erection of a free standing sign along the boundary etc	Kilcock Road Maynooth Co Kildare
03/1259	Patrick & Josephine Moore	Greenvilla Straffan Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	25/06/03	For extension to attic and retention of extension to dwelling	Greenvilla Straffan Road Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1260	Thomas Hoare	Old Carton Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	25/06/03	Sought to (a) demolish existing bungalow (b) erect 2 two storey detached dwelling houses and all associated site development works including new site entrances	Parson Street Maynooth Co. Kildare.

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03/1261	Edward Kehoe	Donoughmore House Pike Bridge Railpark Maynooth	C	25/06/03	For Ref. 99/2056 for a two storey dormer dwelling, waste water treatment plant and a new shared roadway entrance	Pike Bridge Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare.
03/1262	Sally Ann Kehoe	Donoughmore House Pikes Bridge Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	C	25/06/03	For 99/2058 for a two storey dormer dwelling, waste water treatment plant and a new shared roadway entrance	Pike Bridge Rail park Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1269	Lynda Haren	58 Greenfield Drive Maynooth Co. Kildare	p	26/06/03	Sought to erect a dormer style dwelling house and domestic garage, installation of proprietary effluent treatment system and associated percolation pipe network, formation of new recessed vehicular entrance from public road etc.	Barreen Maynooth Co Kildare
03/1275	John Noone	16 Beaufield Avenue Maynooth Co. Kildare	p	26/06/03	Sought for a two storey extension to rear	16 Beaufield Avenue Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1297	Pauline Senchyna	6 The Paddocks Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	27/06/03	For development consisting of change of use of first floor ancillary office to women's fitness facility centre area 132 sq.m. and ground floor entrance hall and toilets 24sq.m.	Block F Unit 13 Maynooth Business Park Moneycooley Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1304	William Tinley	12 Newtown Court Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	30/06/03	Sought for a two storey extension to existing dormer house consisting of 3 no. bedrooms, kitchen, utility room, shower room, dining room, linen store, study and library area	12 Newtown Court Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1313	Gerard Quinn	509 Newtown Road College Lands Maynooth Co. Kildare	O	1/07/03	Sought for erection of new four bedroom dormer bungalow with new site entrance and provision of off-street parking spaces in front garden of house	Eadestown Naas Co. Kildare.
03/1356	Vincent Howley	72 Moyglare Abbey Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	04/07/03	For development consisting of the addition of a sunroom to the rear of the existing property	72 Moyglare Abbey Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1377	Tom Dunne	185 Kingsbry Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	09/07/03	For two storey extension to side and single storey extension to rear, containing bedroom at first floor and extended kitchen/kinning room and utility room at ground floor	185 Kingsbry Maynooth Co. Kildare

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File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
03/1384	Richard Murphy	Fagans Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	10/07/03	For development consisting of the partial demolition of existing main building and the existing single storey shed at rear for the construction of a two storey building and etc	Fagans Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1394	Patrick & Alison Monaghan	30 Rockfield Green Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	11/07/03	To erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion	30 Rockfield Green Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1424	Joe McFadden	Rye Lodge The Maws Kilcock Co. Kildare	p	16/07/03	Sought for 4 bedroom dormer bungalow with garage and septic tank	The Maws Kilcock Co. Kildare.

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Garden Tips For August

First Week: Border Flowers to Plant

By this time of year most of us are viewing our flower borders with a fairly critical eye, noting spaces where improvements can be made, or rearrangement may appear necessary. Many of us, too, have spotted subjects in our friends' gardens that make us rather envious.

So I am going to suggest four flowers that you may not possess which can be ordered now for autumn planting.

The positions in the border can also be prepared now, but don't go digging in a lot of manure, it would be far better to give such material in the form of a mulch after the plants have been set in position.

Now, to give them in alphabetical order, there's an *Artemisia* which is grown for its splendid silvery-white plumes of foliage, 2ft. high. As a backcloth to a deeply coloured flower spike, this is superb. I favour a variety called *Augustifolia*. You may say this is not strictly a flower but I can assure you in appearance it is just as effective as a flower in many cases where flowers are massed the contrast is even more effective than more blossom would be. Far too little use is made of foliage plants in our gardens.

Next we come to *Echinacea Purpurea*, the modern hybrids are really splendid having unique wine coloured crimson flowers, 4-5in. across, that are ideal for cutting. From the shape of the blooms you can see why it is popularly called the purple cone-flower. Three feet high.

Sidalcea, here again you want the modern hybrids which produce flowers in many shades of pink, lilac, etc., in shape very like the poplar mallow, to which it is related. The plants grow about 3ft tall.

Now we come to *Veronica* and what beauty she is! Dainty spikes of masses of tiny flowers, pink or blue mainly. One is as tall as 3½ft (deep blue) while another is only 6in. high (evergreen, pink, good for rock gardens). Another combines silvery foliage with violet flowers in spikes only 9in. high.

Second Week: Geranium Cuttings.

It is now time to take cuttings of the ever-popular geraniums that many of us use in our bedding schemes. These, strictly speaking, should be called zonal pelargoniums, but they are still "geraniums" to most people.

Go over your plants and select those shoots that are sturdy, close-jointed and flowerless if possible. If you have to use shoots which have, formed buds, remove the buds. Cut each shoot, with a sharp razor-blade,

for example, straight across immediately below a leaf joint. Remove the lower leaves. You should then have a cutting 3 or 4 in. long.

These cuttings can then be left overnight on a dry shelf (in the shade) to allow a cork-like skin to form over the cut surface. This helps to prevent the stem rotting before it has formed roots after being potted up. If you do this you do not dip the end in hormone rooting powder before insertion in the potting compost.

Other people prefer to omit the drying period and to use hormone rooting powder, potting up the cuttings immediately they have been prepared. You may like to experiment, doing half the cuttings one way and half the other to see which method gives you the best results.

For the compost, you can use John Innes No.1 or one of the soil-less potting composts. If you wish to prepare your own, use 2 parts of good, fine loam, 2 parts silver sand and 4 parts peat.

The cuttings are inserted for half their length in pots 95 or 6 to 5in. pot, for example) round the edge, or in boxes, sufficiently far apart that their leaves do not touch. Make the cuttings quite firm, pressing the compost round them with the fingers. Moisten the compost, preferably without wetting the leaves, and stand in the shade. At this time of year, I prefer to put them out-of-doors but they can go into the greenhouse if you can give them a shaded place under the staging, for instance. Do not water again until really necessary, but remember that soil-less compost must never be allowed to get really dry.

Tips:

Compost: The volume of waste material from the garden tends to increase at this time and unless diseased is useful for composting. Dry material should be moistened to speed decay, and a dressing of sulphate of ammonia or a proprietary accelerator helps the process.

Stop weeds keep the hoe going on a frequent basis to prevent weeds becoming established and seeding.

Plant seedlings; Seedlings of wallflowers, myosotis, digitalis and the like should be ready for transplanting. Dress the nursery bed with general fertiliser, which can be raked in. Then plant the seedlings 225mm [9in] apart in shallow drills 300mm [12in] apart. The drill will make watering easier until the plants establish.

REMOVE HEADS

Removing the seed heads from bedding dahlias will encourage them to continue producing flowers.

The Festival Ceili Night in the Straffan Lodge



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Maynooth Tidy Towns at Work

Maynooth Tidy Towns

People have been asking us why Maynooth Tidy Towns notes have not appeared in the last two editions of the Maynooth Newsletter – the answer is simple, we have been too busy to write them for the past three months. In order to make up for the absence, we are providing a comprehensive report this month on Tidy Towns activities this summer, together with pictures to prove it. Much positive comment has been made to us about how well Maynooth is looking this year and on how visible our teams of volunteers have been throughout the town. Maynooth Tidy Towns now have a dedicated committee of fifteen people and a multitude of others who have worked with us on projects. This year we made an exceptional effort to support the work of the Maynooth Special Olympics Host Town Committee. In fact, our effort this year owes much to their endeavours as this encouraged us to push out our own boundaries in terms of the projects that we undertook in 2003.

Kavanagh Mills site

Since the closing of this business a few short years ago, this site has deteriorated and become a major eyesore in the town. We approached the site owners Dulcedo Ltd who gave us permission to erect the new façade on the mill building and they agreed to fund the materials. The work was undertaken during the weekend of the June Bank Holiday with voluntary labour. As far as we know this is the first time a hoarding has been erected and artistically decorated in the town. To mention everyone involved would be difficult as far as I can recall six people were involved in building it and up to ten people were involved in the painting and Art Work. Congratulations to all involved.



John, Tony, Mattie, Aidan, & Paul. Building the new facade at Kavanaghs Mill.



Sean Cushen, landscaping outside Maynooth Castle.

Reinstating the area outside Maynooth Castle

This area had become an unofficial parking area with some people even parking on the grass. It was totally unacceptable that this very important historic area in the town centre was let deteriorate into that condition. We looked at this area back in April and considered undertaking reinstatement work only. However, it was clear that more was needed to secure this area as a town centre amenity area. Much positive comment has been made about the work which is not yet complete. There are two people who were central to this project being undertaken this year and must take the credit for its success. Sean Cushen and Mattie Callaghan pushed the plan. Cllr. John McGinley came through with the necessary money from his discretionary funding without which the project could not have been undertaken. Thanks is also due to Moybury Construction for their help in erecting the bollards.



Richard and Joe watering the Hanging Baskets

Maynooth's Floral tribute to our Brazilian visitors

As part of their preparations for the visit of the Brazilian delegation, Maynooth's Special Olympics

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Host Town Committee were responsible for the purchase and erection of the new hanging baskets and flower tubs that are in the Main Street and Straffan Road areas. This initiative has been well received by the people of Maynooth. Maynooth Tidy Towns took over responsibility for them after the Special Olympics and with the help of many volunteers they are being maintained. Special thanks must go to Paul Dowling and the staff of the Larine Court Garden Centre in Maynooth. The centre is responsible for growing the flowers and have helped to maintain them over the summer.

Paul Croghan
Secretary
Maynooth Tidy Towns



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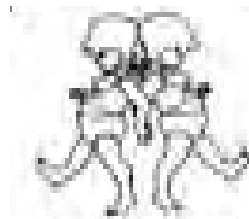
Gerry Mac Cann, leading the painting team putting the final touches to the facade.



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