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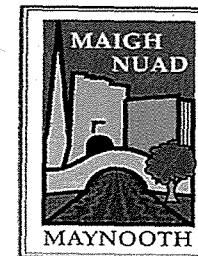
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# MAYNOOTH NEWSLETTER



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*EUGENE  
SIMPLY THE BEST*

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## Community Council Notes December Meeting

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

### Swimming Pool Complex

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

### Harbour Field - Geraldine Hall

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

### Planning Permission

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

### Social Housing Plan

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

### Action Area Plan

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

### Parking at the Station

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

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

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

### Office

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

### Business Park - Pedestrians Crossing

Paul Croghan raised the issue. Paul felt that people

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

### Bond Bridge and Meadowbrook

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

### Beaufield - New Public House

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

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

### Sub Committees - Newsletter

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

### Tidy Towns Committee

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

### Community Games

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

### Festival

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

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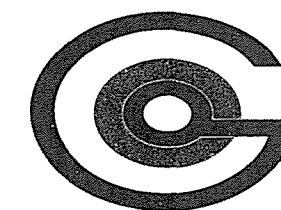
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# Community Council Notes January Meeting

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

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

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

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

## Tidy Towns

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

## Planning in Maynooth

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

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

## Taxi Service

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

## Saint Patrick's Day Parade

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

## Summer festival

This meeting will take place on 16th January 2003. A brief discussion took place on the festival. It is hoped that all intrested groups will attend. The Special Olympics are insterested held this year and that Maynooth are Host Town to Brazil. The feeling of the meeting was that the Festival should have some connection with the Host Town Programme. It was decided to look at this. The issue of approach roads to Maynooth was raised by Marie Gleeson as Maynooth will have the Olympic Torch Run coming through it is vital that approach areas look well. Cllr. John McGinley said he would be meeting with the Gardai about roads.

## Book Launch - *Myth and Memory*

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

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

**Marie Gleeson P.R.O.**



# Appreciations



## Eugene Fitzpatrick

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

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

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

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

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

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

by the family.

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

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

Pius Kelly

## Jim Cullinane

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

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

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

Pius Kelly

**Due to the cost of producing the Newsletter unfortunately we have no option but to increase the price of our advertising from April 2003.**

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# Letters To The Editor

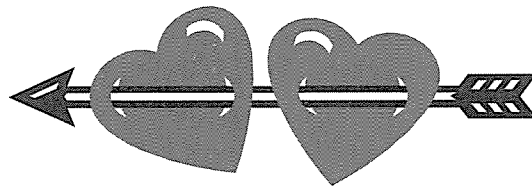
A chara,

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

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

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

Proinnsias Breathnach



## Ladies Football

Maynooth Ladies Senior Football team is currently looking for new players. Training resumes for all senior players on Monday the third of February.

Training will be every Mon and Wed at 8pm in the GAA club, Moyglare Road. New players are always welcome.

Dear Maynooth Councillor,

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

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

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

Reply

Dear Tara,

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

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

Thank you very much for your letter.  
Yours sincerely,  
The Editor

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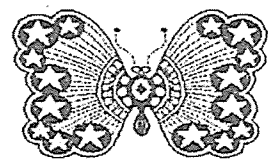
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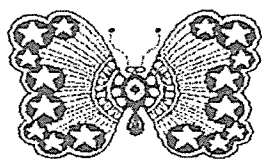
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| 3. Best Band - Perpetual Cup      | 4. Best Marchers - Trophy   |
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| 7. Best Costumes - Trophy         |                             |

Applications with entry fee to be sent to Community Council Office before 2nd March or phone Christina Saults (office hours - 6285922 or 6285053) or John McGinley (6285293 (H) or 7026536 (W) )

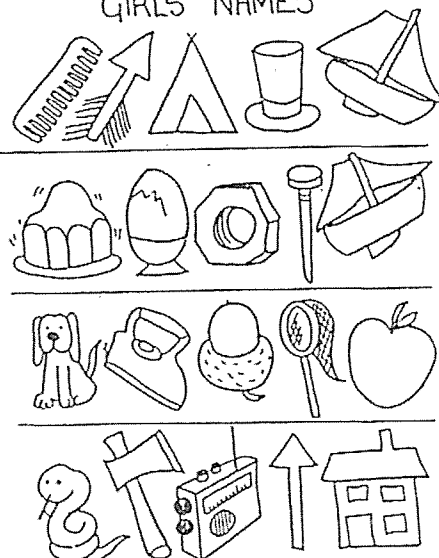




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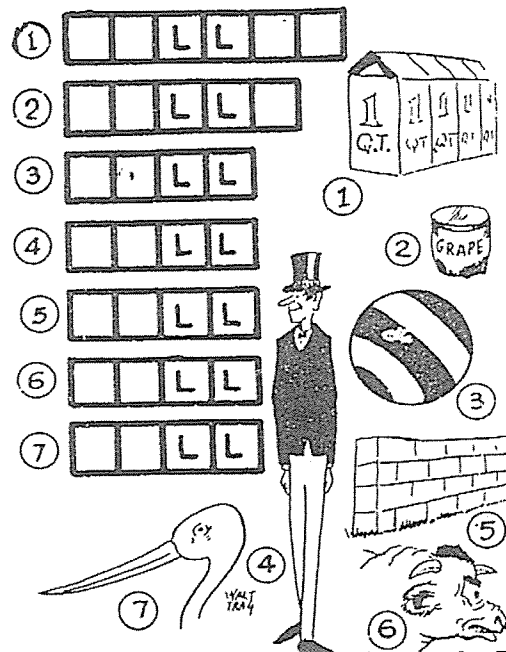
### GIRLS NAMES



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### Finish the words



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5. WALL, 6. BULL, 7. BILL.

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### Saint Brigid a.k.a. Bride

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May St. Brigid bless the house where you dwell,  
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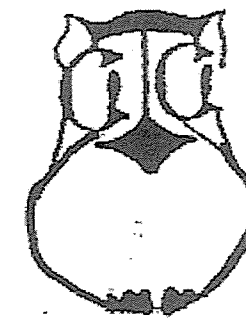
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The Winner of the Christmas Cracker Quiz with the most correct answers is

**Lorraine Rush  
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|----|--|--|
| 1  | 66 is the N of the MB=66 is the Number of the Maynooth Bus |  |
| 2  | 500 R N D  | <u>500 Roman Numeral D</u>                               |
| 3  | C 22 by J H  | <u>Catch 22 by Joseph Heller</u>                         |
| 4  | B to S 1   | <u>Back to Square 1</u>                                  |
| 5  | W S W 3 M A  | <u>When shall we 3 meet again</u>                        |
| 6  | 1956 to S C  | <u>1956 the Suez Crisis</u>                              |
| 7  | 2 3 5 7 F 4 P N  | <u>2 3 5 7 First 4 Prime Numbers</u>                     |
| 8  | G is 1 PC I and 99 PC P                                    | <u>Genius is 1% Inspiration and 99% Perspiration</u>     |
| 9  | 3 L M F S A W  | <u>3 Little maids from school are we</u>                 |
| 10 | 20 B ag F (Gaeilge)  | <u>20 Bliain ag Fás</u>                                  |
| 11 | 9 P in the S S   | <u>9 Planets in the solar system</u>                     |
| 12 | 20 N on a D B  | <u>20 Numbers on a dart board</u>                        |
| 13 | 1759 AGF the GB  | <u>1759 Arthur Guinness founded the Guinness Brewery</u> |
| 14 | A-S-2-B  | <u>At swim 2 birds</u>                                   |
| 15 | GRC the 3D   | <u>Goneril, Regan, Cordelia the 3 daughters</u>          |
| 16 | 4PC on MR  | <u>4 Presidents carved on Mount Rushmore</u>             |
| 17 | 6 P on an IHT  | <u>6 Players on an Ice Hockey Team</u>                   |
| 18 | 24 L in the GA   | <u>24 Letters in the Greek Alphabet</u>                  |
| 19 | 50 Y G J   | <u>50 Years Golden Jubilee</u>                           |
| 20 | A the W in 80 D  | <u>Around the world in 80 days</u>                       |
| 21 | 5C in C  | <u>5 Counties in Connaught</u>                           |
| 22 | 1849 the CGR   | <u>1849 the Californian Gold Rush</u>                    |
| 23 | 54321 LO   | <u>5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1 Lift Off</u>                        |
| 24 | 3 U P is an A in G   | <u>3 under par is an Albatross in Golf</u>               |
| 25 | AAP the 3M   | <u>Athos, Aramis, Porthas the 3 Musketeers</u>           |
| 26 | 130785 LA  | <u>13 July 85 Live Aid</u>                               |
| 27 | E 76 YHCA  | <u>Every 76 years Halley's Comet appears</u>             |
| 28 | RRW the GN 3 T   | <u>Red Rum won the Grand National 3 times</u>            |
| 29 | DPAYE in 1B  | <u>Don't put all your eggs in 1 basket</u>               |
| 30 | 12 AM  | <u>12 Angry Men</u>                                      |
| 31 | 30 QBT   | <u>30 Questions before this</u>                          |
| 32 | EBF5   | <u>Enid Blyton's Famous 5</u>                            |

We would like to thank all those other entrants who took the time and trouble to enter the competition



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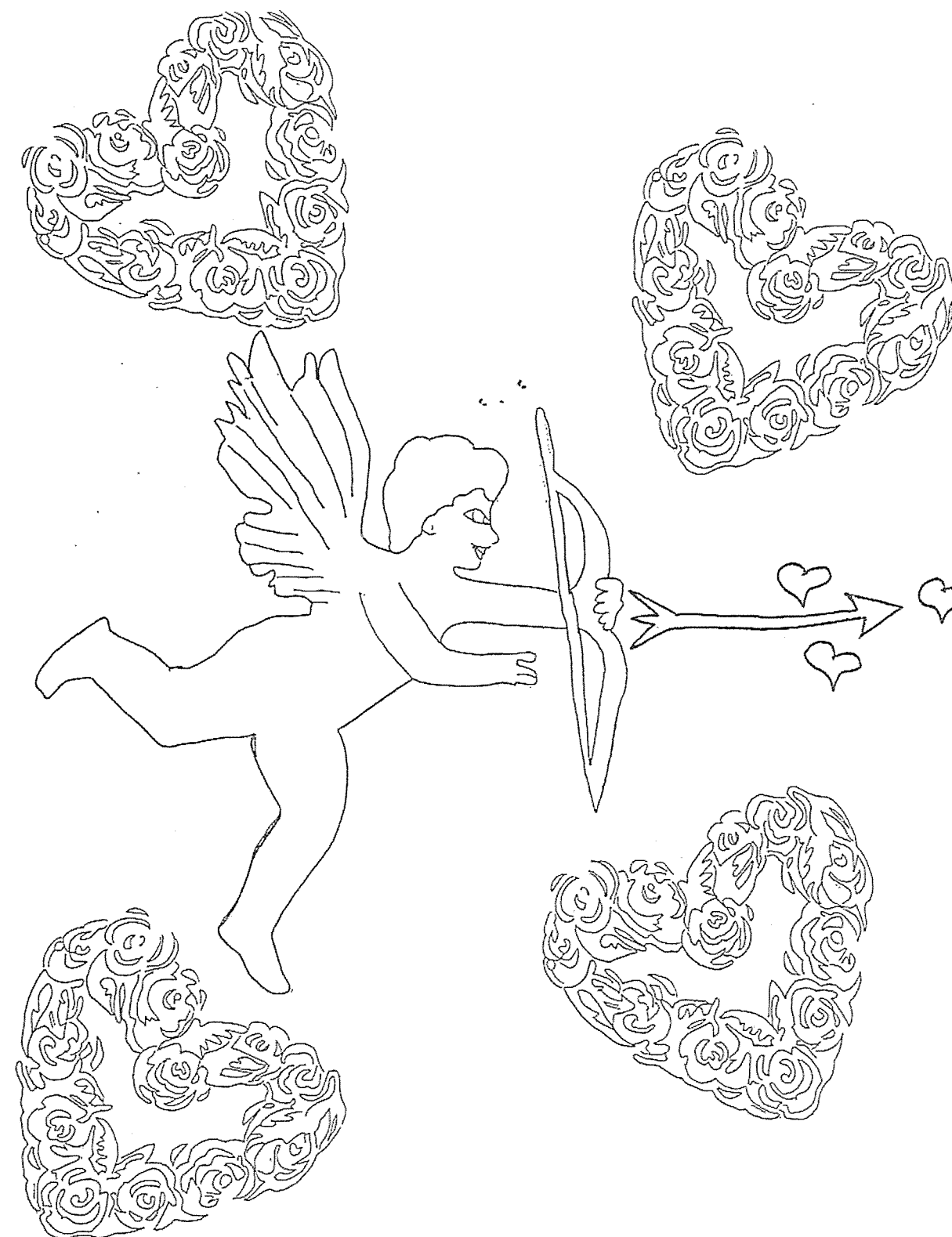
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# Dorins Recipes

## Grilled Pork Chops with Creamed Cabbage

Serves 4

Method:

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

## Beef Stroganoff

Serves 4

Method:

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

## Chicken and Broccoli Bake

Serves 4

1lb broccoli

12oz cooked chicken, diced

1/2 pt water

1 packet cream of chicken soup

1/2 pt cream

2 tsp curry powder

3 tbsp mayonnaise

3 oz grated cheese

3 oz fine breadcrumbs

Method:

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

## Honey Loaf

12 oz self-raising flour

1 level teaspoon salt

3 level teaspoons mixed spice

2 oz candied peel

4 oz soft brown sugar

6 oz clear honey

1/4 pint milk

For the topping:

1 oz lump sugar

Cooking Time:

1 hour 15 minutes

Oven setting:

180c, 350f, Gas Mark 4

Method:

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

## Spaghetti Milanese

Serves 4

10 oz spaghetti

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

1 oz butter

1 onion

1 oz plain flour

1/2 pint water

2 1/4 oz can tomato puree

1/4 teaspoon dried herbs

8 oz ham

6 oz mushrooms

Method:

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

## Tagliatelle with Prawns

Serves 6

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 red pepper, sliced

1 yellow pepper, sliced

2 courgettes, sliced

2 leeks, sliced

3 sticks celery, sliced thinly

2 carrots, diced

2 cloves garlic, crushed

2 beefsteak tomatoes, peeled and finely chopped

5 fl oz fish stock

1 teaspoon dried oregano

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

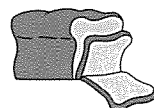
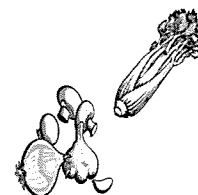
16 oz cooked, peeled prawns

1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil

Oregano sprigs, to garnish

Method:

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



# Dorins Recpies Cont'd

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

## Tomato Broad Beans

Serves 4

2 tbsp corn oil

2 tbsp skinned and finely chopped onion

1 garlic, skinned and crushed

1 1/2 tsp ground coriander

14 oz can tomatoes

1lb shelled broad beans

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Method:

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

## Tropical Baked with Plaice

Serves 4

8 plaice fillets, 4-6 oz each, skinned

2 bananas, peeled and quartered

4 oz fine wholemeal breadcrumbs

2 oz unsalted cashew nuts, chopped

Finely grated rind of 1 lemon

2 tbsp chopped fresh parsley

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

2 eggs, beaten

2 tbsp lemon juice

1 oz polyunsaturated margarine, melted

Banana slices and parsley sprigs, to garnish

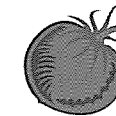
Method:

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

## Pork Nuggets

Serves 4

1 lb lean minced pork



2 carrots, scrubbed and finely grated  
1 small onion, skinned and coarsely grated  
3 oz fresh wholemeal breadcrumbs  
1 oz sultanas, coarsely chopped  
2 tbsp chopped fresh parsley or mint or 1/2 tbsp dried parsley or mint  
1 egg, beaten  
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper  
2 fl oz olive oil  
14 oz can chopped tomatoes  
2 tsp dried oregano  
1 lb wholemeal spaghetti  
Parsley sprigs, to garnish

Method:

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

## Vegetable Rice

Serves 4

1 tbsp corn oil

8 oz brown rice

1 garlic clove, skinned and crushed

1 large onion, skinned and chopped

4 oz celeriac, skinned and grated

14 oz can tomatoes

1 red pepper, cored, seeded and chopped

2 tsp chopped fresh marjoram or 1 tsp dried

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

2 oz roasted peanuts

1 oz raisins, rinsed

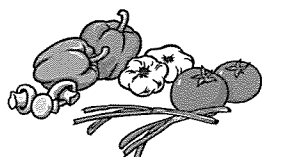
8 oz green beans, sliced

2 tbsp grated Parmesan cheese

Chopped fresh parsley, to garnish

Method:

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





## Features

### EDUCATION AS A HOBBY

Older people can play an important role as teachers or informants, both formally, through planned visits to schools, and informally, through direct contact with grandchildren and other younger people. Everyone, no matter what their age, can take part. Choose what you are interested in and then explore how you can pursue this interest in Maynooth.

### OLDER PEOPLE AS INFORMANTS

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

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

### U3A

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

Tel; 01 475 6989 for more information.

### THIRD LEVEL EDUCATION

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

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

### PLANNING TO STUDY

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

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

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

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

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

### THE APPLICATION PROCESS

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

Unlike the system for school-leavers, however, decisions on a mature student's application are made by the college themselves, and the CAO is involved for administration purposes only. It is advisable to plan well in advance of undertaking study, as the deadline for CAO applications for courses beginning each Autumn is generally February 1st. Applications are considered on a different basis by each institution, but generally a mature student's experience will be taken into account. Applicants may have to attend an interview, provide a CV or portfolio, or even undertake an examination. You could now begin to prepare for 2004.

## Features

### (Education as a Hobby Contd.)

#### FINANCING YOUR STUDY

Part-time and modular courses in Irish publicly-funded third level institutions still carry fees. This is a real disincentive for older learners, many of whom are more interested in flexible and part-time learning than in full-time courses.

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

For more details contact the Higher Education Grants Section of the Department of Education, Tel; 0506 21363 or 01 8734700.

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

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

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

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

Tel; 01 8748444 or your local Social Welfare Office.

Some individual colleges also offer unique scholarships schemes.

### The Duke of Leinster and National Schools

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Signed by )

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

Resident Commissioner for Education in Ireland.

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

It tells us about this Duke and Duchess, and their graves. Some of their fifteen children are mentioned on pages 59-64 and 39-42.

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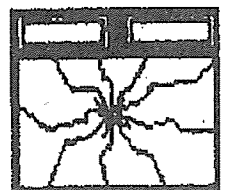


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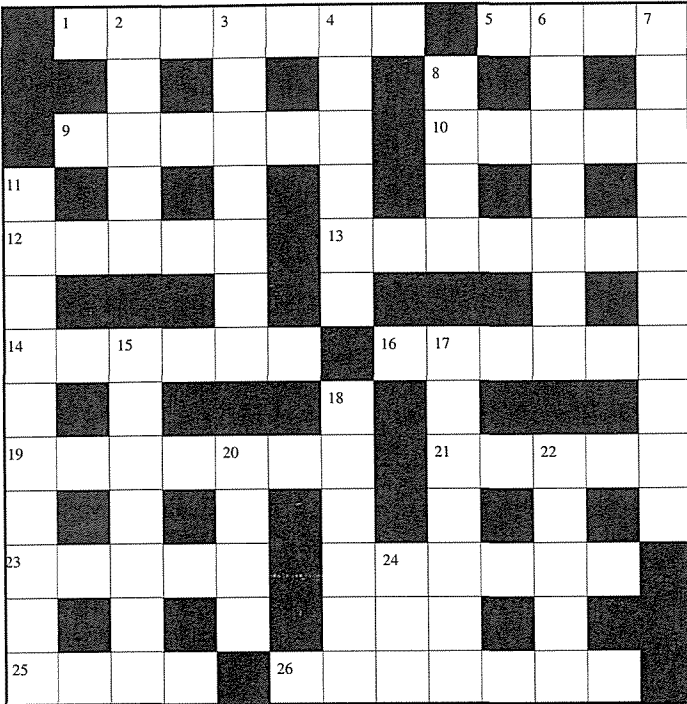
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1. Render unnecessary (7)
8. Corrosive solution (4)
9. Dilute (6)
10. Loathes (5)
12. Shakespeare character (5)
13. Hug (7)
14. Hurry (6)
16. Large ship (6)
19. Novel by Sir Walter Scott (7)
21. Firearm (5)
23. Actor——Marx(5)
24. In arrears(5)
25. Lowest Chessman (4)
26. Toasted teacake (4)

### Down:

2. Freshwater fish (5)
3. Annoying (7)
4. Type of bicycle (6)
6. Economise (3,4)
7. Dispirit, depress (10)
8. Moby Dick captain (4)
11. Christian clergyman (10)
15. Common bird (7)
17. Singers, Fathers\_\_and the Smurfs (7)
18. Arm or leg (6)
20. Batting stroke (4)
22. Partition (5)

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Doodle Box

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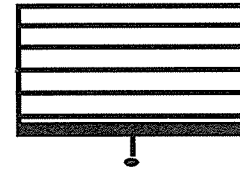
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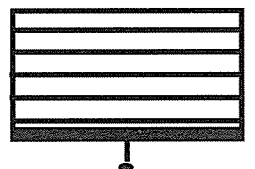
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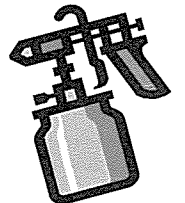
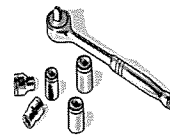
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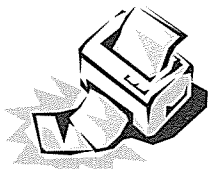
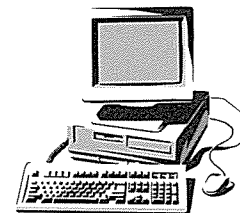
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Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
02/2211	Anne Travers	Johninstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	19/11/02	to build dormer type dwelling, domestic garage and small waste water treatment system on my	Johninstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/2223	Colm Brett	70 Newtown Court Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	20/11/02	for a 1.5 storey dwelling with detached domestic garage and biocycle effluent treatment system	Rail Park Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/2229	Martin Heraghty	123 Castledawson Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	21/11/02	for bedroom extension to front/side of house and erection of new garage to side	123 Castledawson Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/2234	Theresa McHale	Meadowview Taghadoo Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	21/11/02	for dormer bungalow with attqched double garage and septic tank	Taghadoo Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/2300	Sherwood Homes Ltd.	Clifton House Lower Fitzwilliam St. Dublin 2	P	02/12/02	for 8 four bedroom two-storey semi-detached houses including optional kitchen extensions and ancillary site development works on Site Nos 19 to 26 inclusive	Meadowbrook Lawns Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/2302	Emer O'Rourke	Laragh Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	03/12/02	development comprises of one fully serviced four bedroom detached bungalow of one & half storeys above ground level, to accommodate living space in attic, the proposed development is to include a 'Biocycle' waste water treatment	Laragh Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/2343	Manus Moynihan	Clonagh Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	09/12/02	for erection of new dormer bungalow and garage with biocycle waste water treatment system and new site entrance	Clonagh Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/2406	kieran O'Malley	1 The Green Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	17/12/02	to increase the width of the existing driveway/entrance from 2.9m wide to 6.0m wide for the provision of 1 additional off street parking space in addition to existing 1 off street parking space providing a total of 2 off street vehicle parking	1 The Green Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/2491	Mycete Construction Ltd	Bracetown Business Park Clonee Co. Meath	P	20/12/02	development will consist of construction of 538 residential dwelling units, together with three no. local shops (515 sq.m. total) and a creche (495 sq. m) together with site development works, services, vehicular access roads, associated car parking etc	Mariaville Maynooth Co. Kildare
02/2501	Andrew & Angela Lunn	Laragh Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	20/12/02	to demolish an existing house and replace it with a dormer bungalow on site	Laragh Maynooth Co. Kildare

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

List of Creches , Montessori and Playgroups in the Maynooth Area					
Ahern Mairead	14 Parklands Court	Maynooth Day Nursery	Full Day	01/6290518	
Buckley Joan	Maynooth University	Maynooth University Creche	Full Day	01/7083319	
Callaghan Frances	25 Moyglare Abbey	Little School in the Abbey	Playgroup	01/6286577	
Davey Philomena	9 Rockfield Avenue	Phil's on the Avenue	Playgroup	01/6289943	
Ferran Paula	11 Moyglare Abbey	Moyglare Montessori	Montessori	01/6291476	
Hanifan Marion	56 Cluainn Aoibhinn, Rathcoffey Road	Cluainn Aoibhinn Child Care	Sessional	01/6289435	
Hines Roberta	Rowanstown Bungalow, Maynooth	Hines Roberta	Montessori	01/6291309	
Marsh Marie	162 Rockfield Walk	A-Z Montessori	Playgroup	01/6289569	
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Nolan Tom & Karen	Newtown	Little Angels Creche	Full Day	01/6289245	
Regan Sharon/ Yvonne	481 The Crescent, Straffan Road	Kindercrescent	Full Day	01/6290452	
Whelan Anna-Marie	Old Railpark	Early Years Montessori	Montessori	087/6985512	



# Points of View from the Youth of Maynooth

## My Confirmation

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

Conor Bean

## What I Want in Maynooth

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

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

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

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

Thanks for listening

Peter Murphy

## How Maynooth can be Improved

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

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

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

For adults. No cars allowed to drive through or in Maynooth. That would make the traffic decrease and people would be able to get to their jobs faster.

Gareth Corcoran

## How Maynooth Could be Improved and Why I Like it.

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

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

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

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

Tim Quane

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## Points of View from the Youth of Maynooth

### My Activities 20/01/2003

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

### Places I would like to be built to Maynooth

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

### Conclusion

Maynooth is a wonderful town.

Sean Murphy

### The Premiership

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

Emmanuel Ali

### What I think of Maynooth

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

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

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

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

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

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

Philip Corbally

### In a Young Persons Eyes

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

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

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

Stephen Buckley

### My Favourite Sport

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

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

Gerard Bell

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# Points of View from the Youth of Maynooth

## My Newsletter Article

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

**Patrick McCarthy**

## The Environment

I would like if there was a fishing store or hunting and fishing that would do a lot of business and I would be a good customer because I love fishing. I like the bailake down the town beside the Dunboyne Road. Me and friends think it could be built up more and the builders could do more to it. Bond Bridge can be done better because there has been a lot of crashes and pedestrian crashes there. My estate is Meadowbrook Court. It has a stream and a little one at the top of the road. I'm not mad about the estate but it's okay. They are supposed to get rid of the stream but I don't care.

## What I Like

I like quad bikes and dirt bikes, things like that driving around a muddy track at full speed and if I had a motorbike to go to school on it would have to be a Ducati bike fast and powerful. All my friends and me like motorbikes and tuned up cars. In the future I would love a tuned up motorbike anddrive it around Europe. When I have a job I would like to be a carpenter or professional rally driver, if I can't a professional angler.

**Robert Hogan**

## Champions League

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

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

**Sean Durack**

## Maynooth

My name is Justin Cullinane and I live in Maynooth. Maynooth is a pretty big town and around ten thousand people live there. but it is probably the most boring town in I\*reland, the only amusement is the bait lake but not everyone likes fishing. Maynooth needs a public swimming pool, an arcade, a cinema, a quzzar, a bowling alley, a canoe club, a paintball arena, a big shopping centre with most of the above and a cart racing place. Maynooth is also a very historical town and the other amusements could also attract attention to the historical sites like the castle and the two men who killed themselves in the same room after supposedly seeing the devil in the College.

**Justin Cullinane**

## My Soccer Team

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

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# Clubs, Organisations and Societies

## MAYNOOTH HILLWALKING CLUB

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

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

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

Club members are now back in training mode twice a month to build up to attempt the mountain challenges during the year. Plans are afoot to attend such hillwalking challenges as the Blackstairs in May, the Galtees during the summer and the Glover Highlander mountain challenge in the environs of Errigal and Slieve Muckish in September. We are starting off at a gentle moderate pace to encourage our most recent intake to prepare. Our first day out saw twelve in attendance. This is expected to increase as we are getting queries from other clubs and organisations.

Our next Easy event will be on Sunday Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>. With an 8 Kms hike in the vicinity of Lough Dan and Lough Tay. Ascent will be in the region of 500 ft.

For March 2<sup>nd</sup>. We plan an Easy hike on part of the Wicklow Way in the Dublin Mountains environs of Glencullin. This will be an 8 mile hike with ascent in the region of 700 ft.

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

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

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

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

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## (Maynooth Hillwalking Contd.)

Itineraries are subject to change and anyone interested should check beforehand closer to the activity with one of the contact numbers below. Most of our Easy Hiking activities cover at least 8 miles with ascent of up to 1,000 ft. In cases where there would be less ascent we may have longer hikes. Anyone attending our outings can expect to be walking for up to 4 hours and at a reasonable brisk speed ( in the region of 5 kms per hour). Only attempt our outings if you are consider yourself fit enough to maintain this speed and distance. If it is felt that a person would not be able to complete an activity, would delay an activity, or is not properly equipped for the occasion, the activity leaders ruling on the matter will be final. Remember in the mountains in a lot of cases there no quick exit routes back to the cars. Please do not put the leader in the awkward position to have to turn away those who are not properly equipped orwhom he considers are not adequately fit for the event. We have had to refuse to take people in the past and if necessary will do so in the future. Our numbers are not sufficient to support bus transport to our activities so those attending will need transportation. Unless otherwise advised on particular events, out meeting point is in front of the Glenroyal Leisure Club and departures at 9 am. Sharp. There will be no waiting or delays.

### Mountain Safety Note:

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Keep an eye out in future editions for further information.

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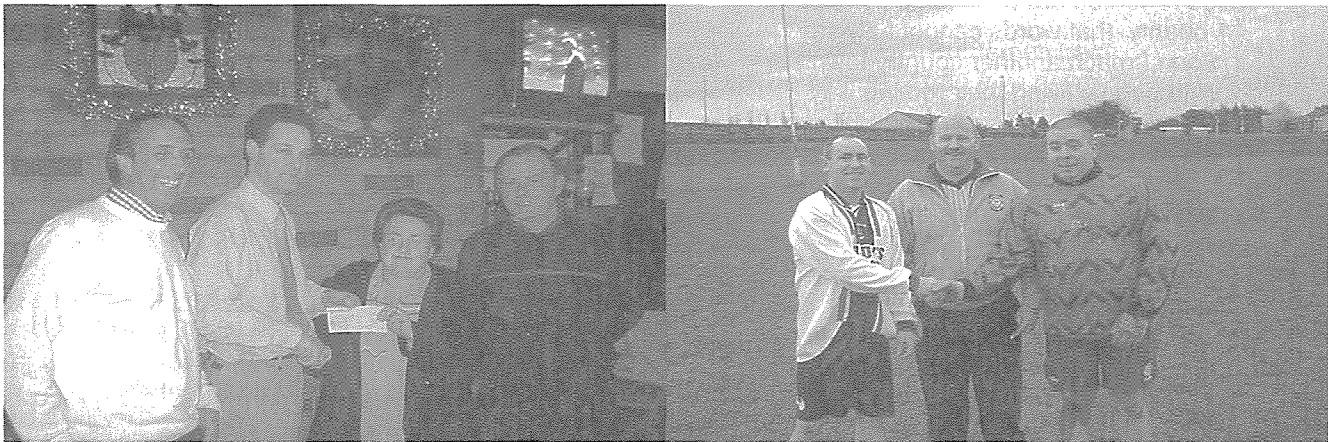


Sport

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



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## Poets Corner

### COUNTRYSIDE

Endless fields in valleys of green  
Many ditches to irrigate the land  
Beautiful landscapes that can be seen  
Painted vividly by the artists hand  
Trees grow tall with little plight  
Woodlands with creatures living free  
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That brings fulfillment to me  
Cattle thrive on the near bye hills  
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I walk along windy roads so long  
Nature and I feeling at its best  
Their is a blackbird in song  
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I love to smell the wild briar rose  
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Soon I reach another country town  
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Where in my mind I long to stay

I gaze at the mountains above me  
A miraculous sight to the naked eye  
Sometimes I wish I could fly away free  
Just to explore its beauty and never die  
Colourful landscapes all to be seen  
Each one unique with its surrounding view  
My countryside is always in my dream  
Where I was once reared and grew  
I feel the atmosphere in my heart  
Of my country culture so dear  
It is of all this I never part  
Forever I wish to be always there  
PATRICK MURRAY



Farewell I say to you my friend  
Now that you are passed away  
My thoughts for you will never end  
As we are all destined to meet some day  
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### THIS ENCHANTING LOVE

A cry of want from a lonely heart  
Deep in passion with a love so pure  
This enchanting ecstasy that never will depart  
To achieve your dream a lot to endure  
I stare into this ladies lovable face  
Then sense the anguish her hearts desire  
A modern lady of the human race  
With a hot love just burning like fire  
Such joy of wealth this woman gives to me  
Enriches me with her beautiful wanting eyes  
A moment of intense pleasure for all to see  
Knowing that she is number one with all the boys  
I know her love will guide my way  
This love that will never falter or fall  
May her presence be forever more to stay  
To enrich our love forever more to call  
PATRICK MURRAY

### CAFE CAPERS

Feeling the pain of aching feet  
MUMS AND DADS ARE IN RETREAT  
Sitting down for light relief  
In the cafe on Main Street

Shopping bags in the way  
Tiny tots go astray  
Fresh ground coffee beans  
Smiling couples in their teens

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

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

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## Poets Corner

### That Time of Day

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

DC

### A BACHELOR'S SOLILOQUY!!!



TO WED OR NOT TO WED  
THAT IS THE QUESTION  
WHETHER 'TIS BETTER  
TO REMAIN SINGLE  
AND DISAPPOINT A FEW WOMEN  
FOR A TIME  
OR MARRY  
AND DISAPPOINT ONE WOMAN  
FOR A LIFE TIME.

Apologies to Prince Hamlet,  
Hamlet (William Shakespeare)

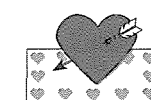


### To the future

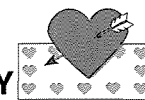
Think not on yesterday, nor trouble borrow,  
Or what may be in store for you tomorrow.  
But let today be your incessant care.  
The past is past, Tomorrow's in the air.  
Who gives today the best that in him lies  
Will find the road that leads to clearer skies.

Anon.

### WITH LOVE FROM WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE



### ST. VALENTINES DAY



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

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

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

But remember;  
"The course of true love never did run smooth"  
Lysander, A Midsummer Nights dream

Shakespeare said in his will in 1616  
"I give to my wife my second best bed"  
Who got the first best bed?  
What did Mrs Shakespeare say?



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General Tips



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Art History Lecture Series

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

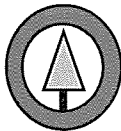
Maebh O'Regan, Ph D., lecturer in art history in the National College of Art and Design, presents a series of lectures examining European painting across the centuries, with diverse subjects from the role of the studio in the artist's work. 17th Century genre painting (particularly the work of Vermeer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

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

Lorraine Daly

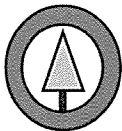
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## Features

### February murder – murder in Swords 1939

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

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

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

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

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

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

were arguing about a spilt bucket of water.

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

Some of the neighbours testified as well; one man insisted that he heard an argument between Monaghan and Miss McEvoy but after hearing a struggle he ran away. He saw the body the following day but he ran away and simply went to work. Further testimony placed Monaghan, in his black coat, at the lane that evening. He had his bicycle with him again. His brother Colum was questioned at the trial, he said that they walked home from the pub at 6.10 p.m. but when he, Colum, went home, Patrick went down the lane. A witness testified that he heard Colum and Patrick arguing later.

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

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

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

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

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

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### Early Irish Society

(Contd. from November Newsletter)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The female of the species is generally regarded as

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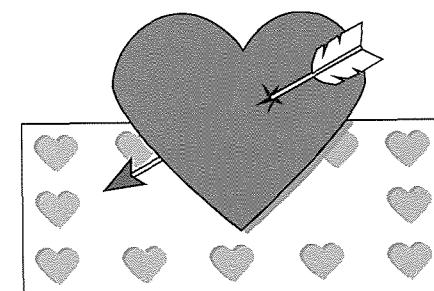
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being much less dangerous than the bull but even she is said to be liable to temperamental outbursts when she has given birth. Again she is exempt in this instance and no fine is outstanding. The owner is also exempt if a cow suddenly goes mad for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

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

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

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## Book Reviews

### THE ELYSIUM TESTAMENT by Mary O'Donnell

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

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

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

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

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

"The pool was deserted, silent save for the glugging of green water into the overflow holes, and the squabbling of jackdaws outside. My heels cracked and my toes clung to the board, tense as a hen's claws" p.108.

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

Patrick Devaney

### The Outsider by Penelope Williamson

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

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

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

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

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

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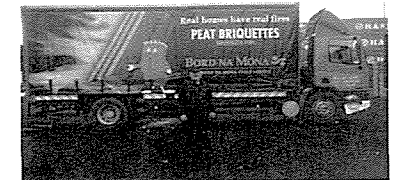
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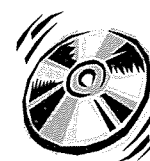
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## Features



### GARDENING TIPS



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

#### The Flower Garden

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

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

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

#### The Vegetable Garden

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

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

#### House Plants

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

#### Sowing Seeds

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

#### Some February Plants in Flower and Vegetables in Season

##### The Flower Garden

Aconite  
Christmas Rose  
Crocus  
Cyclamen  
Iris  
Snowdrop

##### The Ornamental Garden

Clematis cirrhosa  
Dogwood  
Daphne nezereum  
Witch Hazel  
Honeysuckle  
Magnolia Viburnum

##### Vegetables in Season

Artichoke, Jerusalem  
Brussel sprouts  
Cabbage

## Clubs, Organisations and Societies

### Mahe School of Irish Dancing

#### Background Information on the School

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

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

Catherine Maher TCRG, ADCRG

### Maynooth Flower & Garden Club

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

President - Felicity Satchwell.

Chairwoman - Imelda Desmond.

Vice Chair - Mary Cleary.

Honour. Secretary - Marguerite O'Brien.

Assistant Secretary - Felicity Satchwell.

Honour. Treasurer - Mary Mc Inerney.

Assistant Treasurer - Ann Weller.

Competition Secretary - Mary Doyle.

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Sales Table - Carmel Owens, Eileen Burns.

Charity Table - Maureen Fagan.

Plant Sales - Amanda Harris.

Tea Hostess - Ann Mc Stravick, Rosemary Smyth.

Raffle - Tara Mc Keirnan.

P.R.O - Moire Baxter.

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

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

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

Members Competition is -

"Spring " a landscape exhibit.

Plant Competition - 6 Snowdrops.

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

Moira Baxter P. R. O.

#### Maynooth Newsletter

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

Any of the above can be submitted to our office at

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### Citizen's Information Centre.

#### Question

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

#### Answer

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

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

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

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

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

Further Information available at 01- 6285477.

#### Question

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

#### Answer

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



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### (Maynooth Citizens Information Contd.)

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

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

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

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

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

#### Question

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

#### Answer

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

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



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

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

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

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

### Question

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

### Answer

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

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

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

Hospital Category	Private	Semi-private	Day-care
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These charges are additional to the public hospital statutory in-patient charge given above.

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

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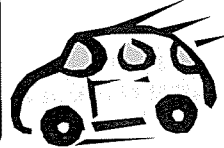
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## Maynooth Golf Society

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

1st Overall	Emmett Savage	37 pts
2nd	Barry Desmond	35 pts B9
3rd	Fintan Gannon	35 pts B6
4th	Norman Kavanagh	35 pts
5th	Steve Greenwood	34 pts B9
6th	John Byrne	34 pts
7th	John Tiernan	33 pts B9
Front 9	P. Breatnach	17 pts
Back 9	Sam Feeney	18 pts
Nearest The Pin	John Tiernan	
Nearest The Pin	Steve Greenwood	
Longest Drive	Terry Moore	
Twos Clubs	Barry Desmond	
	Steve Greenwood	
	John Saults	

### Golfer of the Year

Barry Desmond

### Senior Golfer of the Year

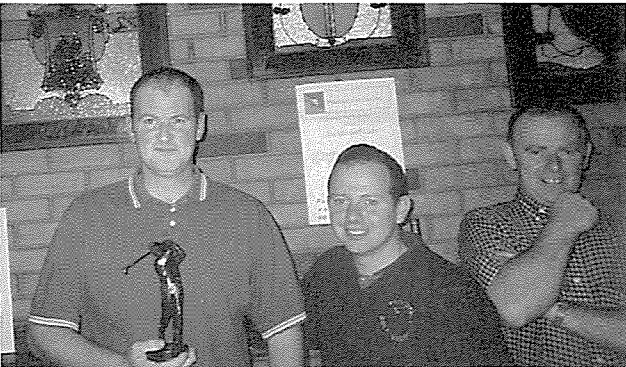
Gerry McTernan

### Match Play Winners

Barry Desmond & Ray McTernan

### Runners Up

John Tiernan & Alan Kelly



## Maynooth Irish Countrywomen's Association

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

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

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

Dinny Breen and Eugene Fitzpatrick were prayerfully remembered.

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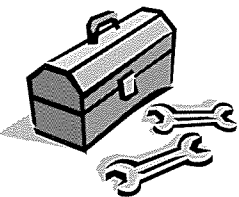
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## The Maynooth Geraldine Festival

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

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

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

## SURVEY FORM

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

Event	very interested	interested	not really interested
7-a-side soccer tournament			
Poetry reading and music night			
Old Folks night			
Go-carting			
Art Exhibition			
Table Quiz			
Mr and Mrs			
Barges on Canal			
Steam Train			
Carnival			
Treasure hunt on bicycles (children and parents)			
Walking Event			
Person of the Year			
Duck Races			
Kayaking			
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Gymkhana			

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# Maynooth Tidy Towns

As you already know Maynooth will be playing host to Brazil and a number of other delegations for the Special Olympics this year. Maynooth Tidy Towns is committed to work with the local committee in dealing with improving the image of the town. While Special are specialising on flowers and bunting we are dealing with the underlying state of the town. As a way of prioritising the tasks that need to be undertaken between now and May, we have listed the top 30 tasks that need to be addressed.

No	Details	What needs to be done	By date
1	Weeds on verge of Straffan Road ( EG. Outside Carton Court estate)	Cleared away and sprayed	1/4/'03
2	Triangle area at the corner of the Celbridge Road/ Straffan Road at traffic lights	Cleared away and planted	1/5/'03
3	Area of trees behind Straffan Road wall bordering the Harbour Field near bus turning point	Litter Cleaned up	25/5/'03
4	Graffiti on road signs up at the motorway junctions/ around the town	Cleaned	1/5/'03
5	Litter in the Harbour area	Regular Clean up	25/5/'03
6	Geraldine Hall and Grounds	Cleared up	1/5/'03
7	Curate' House and Grounds	Cleared up	1/5/'03
8	Weeds and litter in the Railway station	Cleaned up	15/5/'03
9	Black and yellow railings in the station need painting	Painted	1/5/'03
10	Old Straffan Road walkway	Cleared up	15/5/'03
11	Carton Avenue entrance	Cleared up	1/5/'03
12	The Mart and especially the verge outside where the Special Olympics sign is	Cut and Cleared	1/5/'03
13	Ground around Maynooth sign near Westside waste	Cleared and cut	1/5/'03
14	Weeds in side streets off Main Street	Cleared up	15/5/'03
15	Dirty(blue) litter bins that need to be cleaned	Cleaned	1/5/'03
16	Moss gathering on the paving stones in the Square	Cleared up	1/5/'03
17	Grease and oil spills on Main Street footpath particularly near fast food outlets and Taxi offices	Cleaned up	1/5/'03
18	Paint worn off cycle path etc on Main Street	Repainted	1/5/'03
19	Litter stuffed in between the timber seats in Main street (Should be removed)	Cleaned up	15/5/'03
20	Weeds at base of trees in Main Street	Cleaned up	1/5/'03
21	Badly kept road verge to the Maynooth sign on the Convent Lane/Dunboyne Road area	Cleared and cut	1/5/'03
22	Large Pound /Small Pound Park( Mill Street)	Cleared and cut	1/5/'03
23	Kavanagh's Mill ( particularly a close up of the mill building as distinct from the offices)	Boarded up	1/5/'03
24	Litter in grass verge along Moyglare Road	Cleared up	15/5/'03
26	Signage poles in Mill Street and elsewhere showing the paint chipping off them	Repainted	1/5/'03
27	Area outside the castle where the grass is all torn up	re-seeded and protected	1/5/'03
28	Weeds on the Rathcoffey Road verge/Parson Street	cleared and sprayed	1/4/'03
29	Grass cutting in public areas as per list submitted to Kildare County Council	Kept cut to mulch quality	Ongoing
30	Litter management /control and Recycling point management	Daily control	Ongoing

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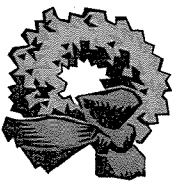
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### Handball Christmas Tournament 2002

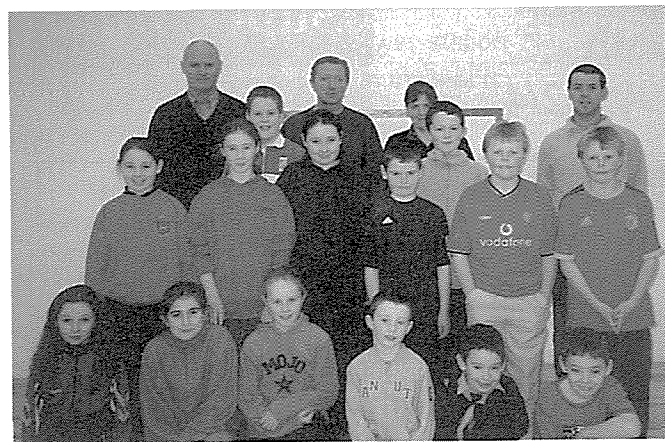
The Junior Christmas Tournament took place on Wednesday evening 18th December. A total of twenty two players took part and we had a first class tournament.

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

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

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

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



Christmas 2002  
Handball Tournament Participants



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



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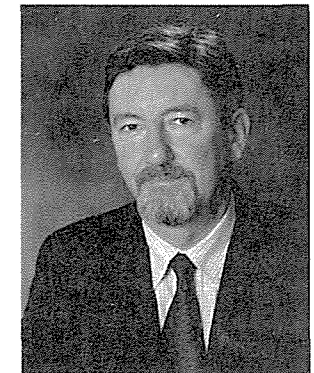
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## Party Political

### Maynooth Labour News



Emmet Stagg T.D.



Cllr. John McGinley

#### Major Development Proposed for Moyglare Road, Maynooth

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

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

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

#### Meadowbrook Link Road/Bond Bridge

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

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

**Bond Bridge Construction Project:** Tender enquiry documents are due to issue in early January. It is the Councils intention to begin work on the Link Road and the Culvert Scheme next April/May and on the Bridge Construction Project next June/July.

#### Barrett's Roundabout on Straffan Road/M4

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

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

## Party Political

(Maynooth Labour Notes Contd.)

### Yellow Boxes for Main Street and Mill Street

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

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

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

### Taking Housing Estates in Charge

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

### Safety Measures Required on Celbridge Road, Maynooth

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

"That the following works be carried out on the Celbridge Road, Maynooth in order to improve safety for pedestrians:

- 1 Erect traffic route standard public lighting from the Gael Scoil to the junction with the Straffan Road (the civil works for the lighting was carried out 18 months ago when the new footpath was constructed).
- 2 Lay a footpath from the corner on the Railpark side, opposite the Maxol Station, to the bus stop at Railpark (50m length).
- 3 Extend the footpath on the Laurence Avenue side down to the Straffan Road junction.
- 4 Erect Barriers at the pedestrian exit from the Maxol Station and at the pedestrian exit directly opposite at Railpark, in order to prevent children from running directly on to the road.
- 5 Trim the trees at the junction of the Celbridge Road/Straffan Road junction from top to bottom in order to increase the amount of light. (They were trimmed at road level last September).

### Westside Waste, Leixlip Road, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley asked, at the December Area Committee Meeting, for a report to be presented to the January Meeting of the Area Committee on how the Council propose to encourage Westside Waste to relocate in accordance with Clause 3.2.6 of the Maynooth Development Plan.

### Appeal lodged in relation to Three Storey development on Nun's Field

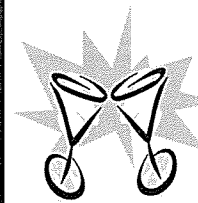
Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John Mc Ginley have lodged observations with An Bord Pleanala following the appeal by Glenmoy Developments Limited against Kildare Co. Council's decision to refuse planning permission for 128 two bedroomed apartments in two and three storey buildings at Dillons Row, Maynooth, on lands formerly known as the Nun's Field.

38 of the dwellings are to be provided in 3 two storey blocks of which two are to the rear and side of the existing senior citizens bungalows at Nagle Court. In their appeal the developers state that the second storey of these blocks will contain bedrooms and that this does not cause a problem of overlooking. They also suggest that they would move the block at the rear eastwards away from the senior citizens bungalows. Deputy Stagg and Cllr. Mc Ginley have called on An Bord Pleanala to insist that these buildings be reduced to one storey to prevent overlooking of the senior citizens bungalows.

Two three storey blocks are proposed which will overlook Pebble Hill Housing Estate and the Presentation School. The appellants intend to partially reduce the block overlooking Pebble Hill and state that the three storey block overlooking the school is complimentary to the Presentation Convent. Deputy Stagg and Cllr. Mc Ginley have indicated that these blocks should be reduced to two storey to prevent overlooking and to also ensure that the three storey element is not an imposing feature when viewed from Carton Avenue. They also state that the Presentation Convent is a considerable distance from the three storey block and as such could not be described as complimentary to the old Presentation Convent (Now Charter House).

Deputy Stagg and Cllr. Mc Ginley also criticised the large number of same type apartments proposed (all 2 bedroom). If An Bord Pleanala were to allow them to be built in this old residential area it would not benefit the local community as those residing in such apartments tend to be very mobile and do not get involved in local community affairs. The provision of a mix of standard housing with apartments would give some balance to these proposals.

Deputy Stagg and Cllr. Mc Ginley are hopeful that Glenmoy Development Limited's appeal will be rejected by An Bord Pleanala.



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### RECENT DEATH

**Murray Thomas Edward (The Big T)**

Brisbane Australia, formerly of Dublin Road, Maynooth, passed away on 9th January 2003. Age 79 of beloved husband of Oonagh, much loved father of Adrian, Tosh, Noel, Lenny and Micca, loved and respected father in law, grandfather, sadly missed by all family and friends.

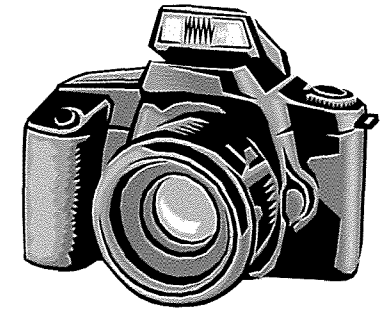
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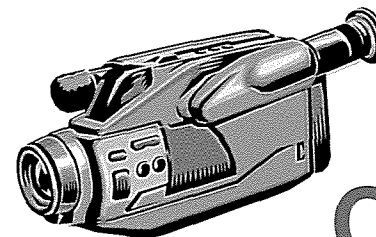
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