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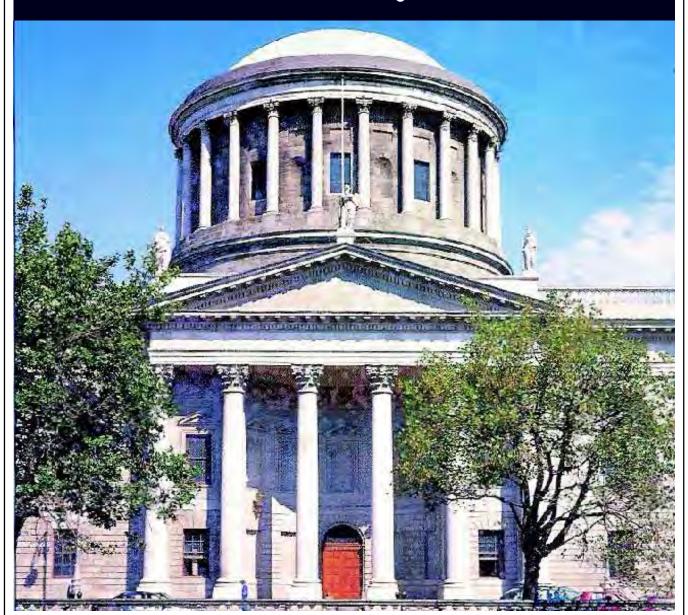


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<u>Editorial</u>

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

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

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

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

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Community Council Notes June Meeting

The June meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on the 9th June in the Glenroyal Hotel. New members of the Council - Mary McGinley, Greenfield Estate, Belinda Walsh, Moyglare Abbey, Kate Dempsey, Moyglare Abbey and Robert Wilson, Kingsbry.

Festival

Chairperson, Andrew McMullon told the meeting that brochures to include a short history of Maynooth Community Council would be going out to all households. It was noted that there are 8 teams entered for the 7-a-side and that matches will start on June 23rd in the Harbour Field.

Tidy Towns

Paul Croghan said that their committee are very busy now. They have done a huge amount of work around the Castle and College entrance. He thanked John McGinley for his support. Their collection on the weekend of the 6th, 7th and 8th June went very well. He thanked all involved with the collection.

Summer Project

Claire O'Rourke said that registrations will take place on the 1st July in the ICA Hall and the project will start on the 8th July.

Maynooth Community Centre Partnership

Ann Burns told the meeting that their group are very interested in getting a community centre for Maynooth. She said MCCP were interested in the Doyle's land for the centre and swimming pool (if Maynooth get it). They are looking for information about getting funding from the lotto, also to meet with Kildare County Council. Cllr. John McGinley said levies could be raised from further developments. Ann said they would be having a fund raising event during the Festival.

Maynooth Action Strategy

Muireann Ní Bhrolchain and Tom McMullon attended the monthly meeting of M.A.S. They have agreed to attend meetings on an ongoing basis. They felt that both Maynooth Community Council and M.A.S. are looking for the same things for Maynooth. it was also noted that work on Carton Avenue is nearly completed. Tom said the Castle should be used more by local people. It was also noted that Gerard Howard Williams is working very hard on this project. A Heritage Centre was proposed.

Geraldine Hall

Cllr. John McGinley said that the Geraldine Hall is now nearly in the hands of Kildare County Council, also that it is a protected building. However John told the meeting that it is now time for a definite plan for the Geraldine Hall. The hall could be of great use to the people of Maynooth. We must decide what we want. Maynooth Community Council represents the people of Maynooth and he hoped that a Draft Proposal Plan would be ready soon. It was proposed that Maynooth Community Council be the anchor tenants. Also there are a huge number of groups that would benefit including a theatre which would be of great benefit to

the community. Both Cllr. Senan Griffin and Cllr. John McGinley agreed that private development will take place in the harbour area, so we should have a plan in place and with development we could get something done. Cllr. Senan Griffin said that ∈450,00 raised from levies for development of children's playground like the one in Newbridge. Cllr. Senan Griffin said that finances for the Geraldine Hall should come from the €450,000 raised from Levies for development. Senan said it is very important that we have definite ideas and recognise our primary needs. Groups like Senior Citizens, Toddlers Group would benefit greatly from a centre here. Ann Burns said that M.C.C.P. have met with most local groups and they felt that Doyle's was the most suitable. However, it was stated that Maynooth could support the two centres with the one in the Harbour more suitable for groups like Senior Citizens, Toddlers Group, Scouts etc. However Paul Croghan raised the important issue that the building is still not secured. He said we may not have a heritage building if it is left as it is.

Post Primary School - New Principal

Congratulations were extended to Senan Griffin at the meeting. Secretary, Muireann Ní Bhrolchain wished him the very best in the new position. Senan said he hoped to maintain the standards set by Tom Ashe and Sean Ashe. He said he looked forward to the support of parents and students alike. Also he was only a phone call away if anybody had a problem.

Castledawson

Castledawson Residents Association raised the issue of further development and looked for support from Maynooth Community Council. It was noted that Maynooth Community Council were against further development in this area until all flooding problems are solved. It was also noted that this could take up to 2 years to sort out. It was decided to support Castledawson.

Laraghbryan Cemetery

Dominic Nyland told the meeting that Cemetery Sunday Mass has been postponed. He said they had trouble meeting with K.C.C., and the gardai. He said the condition of the cemetery is dreadful and he hoped K.C.C. would be cleaning it as soon as possible. It was also noted that K.C.C. will be banking areas vacated.

Festival Launch

Andrew McMullon thanked all for attending. He thanked the organising committee. He thanked the following people for their support and sponsorship. Michael Sullivan, Tesco's, John McGinley, L.S.Autos, Muireann, Claire O'Rourke, office staff, Band Hall Committee, Peter Hussey, John Tiernan, Caulfields, Declan Kennedy, Bradys, Louis Fitzgerald, The Roost, Martin Brady, Leinster Arms, Ray Grehan, Glenroyal Hotel.

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Special Olympics

Congratulations were extended to the Special Olympics Committee. Both Tom McMullon and Paul Croghan wished the committee well with the events for the week and also noted the hard work involved. Muireann Ní Bhrolchain wished all the local athletes the very best, John Paul Sherry, Michael Cronin, Grace Flatley, Mark Buckley, Niall Gilleen and Paddy Gennigan. Marie Gleeson thanked the Community Council for their best wishes for the Host Town Programme. Put this with the Community Council Notes

The Newsletter would like to acknowledge the letter from Ann Kelly regarding the history of the Newsletter. We would also like to pay tribute to the work of her father, the late Ted Kelly, on this publication from the time it was first published in 1969 up to the late eighties when the Community Council took over production of the magazine.

Next Meeting 7th July in the Glenroyal Hotel. Marie Gleeson P.R.O.

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Ted Connolly

Most families in Ireland are run fairly well to routine: get married, have children, work, educate them, see them get jobs - everyone happy, no problem. There are exceptions to the rule and Ted's family would be one of them.

Ted was born on the 14th April, 1929, into a family of nine other children at Convent Lane. Maynooth, or indeed the rest of Ireland,. Ireland was not very prosperous at that time so the chances of richness were very slim. They were totally shattered when in 1933 Ted's father died. Left with no option, their mother Annie had to put some of her children into care. So started Ted's excursion through life. To us who have lived ordinary family lives Ted's history is very different.

Ted was sent to the Sisters of Charity in Drogheda in 1934. At the age of 4, a very traumatic move for a child. His memory of that institution is very mixed. Some of the nuns were very kind but as usual some were right bitches. Ted was there until he was 10, then worse was to follow. The sisters did not keep anyone over that age so he was sent to Artane.

Anyone who read Patrick Tougher's book "Fear of the Collar" may have a little insight into the life in Artane but Ted had it first-hand.

The Newsletter would not print some of the words Ted uses to describe this kip. His mildest word on the place is "prison", where punishment was dished out at random and for no reason. You were lashed just for the pleasure of those perverts dishing it out. Ted did not encounter any of the perversions that we read so much of now but he thinks they got their thrills from just beating kinds.

Ted was assigned to the cobbling shop where along with mending shoes and harnesses he also had to make the straps used by the punishers.

At 16 years of age Ted was taken, if that be the operative word, by a cobbling family in Tullow, Co. Carlow. I suppose it was the nearest thing to slave trade as we have seen in Ireland. For two years he worked about fourteen hours a day for 5 shillings a month. This is now 32c, so that was a good month's salary.

Army Days

After two years of close enough to torture he absconded and joined the Irish Army on St. Patrick's Day 1947. After 6 months training in the Curragh he was transferred to the Hibernian School in the Phoenix Park. This barracks was later to become a hospital for the Gardaí. Ted kept himself to general army duties so his trade from Artane and Tullow were forgotten. Then through a list of barracks, Cathal Brugha, Portobello, Griffith on the South Circular and Gormanstown. Ted was sent to the Curragh for the 'fifties' internment. He was not too pleased to be guarding fellow Irishmen interned without trial but that was his job.

The Congo

In early 1960 the army looked for volunteers to go to the Congo for the U.N. Peace Keeping Force. Ted was one of the first to put his name in so on the 28th July 1960 he and his companions from the 32nd Battalion of the Eastern Command headed off. After a series of flights they landed in Goma. Their duty was to get refugees to safety from the Baloobas in the jungle. Three days and three nights of train travel through the jungle to their destination where they met up with Belgian, French, Dutch, British and even Indian soldiers.

The main danger according to Ted was the poisoned arrows but they thwarted many threatened attacks by giving the native their sandwiches. Being cannibalistic, it was easier to give them your food than be their goodies, later batallions found out to their folly.

On returning after six months Ted believed the greatest enemy in the Congo were the mosquitos; the danger of malaria was very high. He returned to general duties at Clancy Barracks in Islandbridge where he spent two years. Next stop was Collins Barracks, again for six months.

Ted applied again for overseas duties. He thought the Congo was a bit more exciting than square bashing in Collins. He was refused on health reasons. Now fed up with the job, he decided to retire.

Ted returned to maynooth and worked for 8 months at the mart. He then moved to O'Reilly's Garage for a while washing and polishing cars.

Next move was his best. He got a job in Kavanagh's Mills and for the first time in his life he though he was getting a fair deal. Working for a descent family and getting good wages and most of all respect he spent a very happy twenty two years.

Ted retired in May 1995 and has since enjoyed many a pint in the local hostelaries until his recent illness.

Ted will be greatly missed by his family and many friends, young and old.

Presentation to John Paul Sherry

The friends, family and neighbours of Special Olympian John Paul Sherry got together this month and made a presentation to John Paul on Laurence Avenue. They also erected a banner at the entrance to the estate wishing him luck. He will be competing in three of the swimming events in the Games and he and his mother were very excited at the prospect. The presentation was organised by Tom Purcell and many of the neighbours turned out to watch.

To add to the local excitement, John Paul was interviewed by Des Cahill during the opening ceremony! We would like to wish John Paul and all our Maynooth Olympians the best of luck and may they enjoy the games.











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Maynooth Summer Project



Once again its that time of year when you see those bored faces looking up at you wondering why the summer holidays are so long. The solution to your problems is here. The Maynooth Summer Project runs for a two-week period in July and caters for children between the ages of 7 and 12. The project is run entirely on a voluntary basis so if you wish to become an adult leader or a member of the committee the option is always there, why let the children have all the fun! This year we have a great mix of both local and away activities, from trips to chocolate factories where you get to make your own chocolate to discos in the local Glenroyal Hotel. So if you want to take part come to the registration day in the ICA Hall, Harbour (Opposite Health Centre) on Tuesday 1st July 2003. For more Details contact Madeleine at 01 6286443 or Paula at 01 6285810.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

WEEK 1 DAY	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	MEETING PLACE	ACTIVITY/ VENUE
Tuesday	1st July	10.30-12.30	I.C.A. Hall	Registration Day €3 — €7 Family
Monday	7th July	11.00-3.30	Greenfield Shopping Centre	Fort Lucan €8
Tuesday	8th July	2.00-4.00	I.C.A. Hall	Bingo €2
Wednesday	9th July	11.00-4.00	Greenfield Shopping Centre	Bowling Tallaght €6
Thursday	10th July	12.00-4.00	Greenfield Shopping Centre	Play Barn €8
Friday	11th July	2.00-4.00	I.C.A. Hall	Quiz €2

WEEK 2 DAY	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	MEETING PLACE	ACTIVITY/ VENUE
Monday	14th July	11.00-4.00	Greenfield Shopping Centre	Picnic Newbridge House €5
Tuesday	15th July	11.30-4.00	Greenfield Shopping Centre	Bowling Blanchardstown €6
Wednesday	16th July	2.00-4.00	I.C.A. Hall	Bingo €2
Thursday	17th July	2.30-4.30	Glenroyal Hotel	Disco €3
Friday	18th July	1.00-5.00	Greenfield Shopping Centre	Chocolate Factory Make your own sweets €13

If you are available to help out during the Project please give your name on Registration Day. The Summer Project is run entirely on a voluntary basis.

This year registration day is Tuesday 1st July at the I.C.A. Hall between 10.30 and 12.30. All children must be 7 years of age on or before 1st July 2003. The Registration Fee is €3 per child or €7 per family.

- 1. Booking for all away events must be made and paid for on Registration day.
- 2. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian on Registration day.
- 3. On all trips, children must bring sufficient food for the day and rainwear.
- **4.** Parents, please put suntan lotion on the children where necessary.
- 5. At some events children will be allowed to spend a small amount of pocket money.



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Maynooth Taekwon-Do School Re-opens

The Maynooth Taekwon-Do School re-opened for training back in February under new Instructor Stephen Doyle 5th Degree Black Belt. Taekwon-Do is a Korean Martial Art first introduced into Ireland just over 30 years ago by Grand Master Rhee and, with the help of Master Robert Howard and the Republic of Ireland Taekwon-Do Association (est. 1972), has spread throughout Ireland. Today, Taekwon-Do has become one of the most popular martial arts in the world because anyone, regardless of age, sex, and size, can benefit from it's training, and the RITA instructors are proud to continue to teach authentic Taekwon-Do as taught by the founder General Choi Hong Hi.

The 16th of May saw both Old and New students grading for the first time under Mr Doyle. The grading is an examination of the student's technique and of their knowledge of Taekwon-Do. This exam must be passed before the student moves to the next belt level.

The Maynooth Taekwon-Do School train in Riverstown Hall, NUI Maynooth every Wednesday and Friday from 7-9pm.

New adult and junior members are always welcome.

Contact Stephen at 01-4625252 for details.



Maynooth Golf Society

Our last outing was to Hollystown Golf Club on Friday 13th June and the following are the results:

2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th	Tom O'Haire Mick Flynn (Snr) Tom Flatley Gerry McTernan Barry Desmond Michael Flynn (Jnr)	38 pts (B.9) 38 pts 38 pts 35 pts (B.9) 35 pts 34 pts
7th	Mick Fahy	33 pts
C===4 0	John Malan	40
Front 9	John Nolan	18 pts
Back 9	Pa Conway	19 pts
Two's Clubs	Michael Flynn (J	Jnr)

Next outing Vice-Presidents (Paddy Foy) to Craddockstown on July 4th.



John Nolan, Mick Fahy & John Finnerty

Maynooth Town Football Club Weekly Lotto Results

4-May-03	2,8,9,27	€1,500	Lauren Branagan	Mattie Carroll	Willie Saults
11-May-03	3,6,7,21	€1,575	Ollie Durack	Fitzer	Tony c/o Brady's
18-May-03	7,8,11,19	€1,650	Liam Bowe	A. Tighe	
25-May-03	11,12,24,27	€1,725	J. Condron	M. Dignam	Fitzer
1-Ju-03	8,16,22,24	€1,800	Ciara O'Donnell	Pat Harty	John O'Burke



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Maynooth Community Games

Despite showery weather on Friday 23 May, plenty of boys and girls turned up at the G.A.A. grounds to participate in the local events.

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who competed in the U6 tiny tots race. WELL DONE!

Results as follows:

Event	Position	East	West
Girls U8 60m	1st	Sarah Curran	Eleanor Geraghty
	2nd	-	Sarah O'Leary
	3rd	-	-
Girls U8 80m	1st	Sarah Curran	-
	2nd	-	-
	3rd	-	-
Girls U10 100m	1st	Elaine Kelly	Ciara Brennan
	2nd	Niamh Kearney	Niamh Kearney
	3rd	Katie Curran	Katie Donnellan
Girls U10 200m	1st	Elaine Kelly	Ciara Brennan
	2nd	Niamh Kearney	Niamh Kearney
	3rd	Katie Curran	Anna King
Girls U12 100m	1st	-	Karen Feehan & Caoimhe Brennan
	2nd	-	Aisling O'Leary
	3rd	-	Caoimhe Brennan & Karen Feehan
Girls U12 600m	1st	-	Caoimhe Brennan & Karen Feehan
	2nd	-	-
	3rd	-	
Girls U14 100m	1st	Alison McAuliffe	Aisling Farrell
	2nd	-	Jennifer Feehan
	3rd	-	Elaine Houlihan & Claire McNamara
Girls U14 800m	1st	Alison McAuliffe	Jennifer Feehan
	2nd	-	Elaine Houlihan & Claire McNamara
	3rd	-	-
Girls U16 100m	1st	Michelle Roche	-
	2nd	-	-
	3rd	-	-
Girls U16 1200m	1st	-	-
	2nd	-	-
	3rd	-	-

Maynooth Community Games (contd...)

Girls U13 Walking Race	13 Walking Race 1st		Elaine Houlihan (Joint 1st)
	2nd	Karen Feehan	-
	3rd	Anna King	-
Girls U14 Long Puck	1st	Niamh McAuliffe &	Aisling Farrell (Joint 1st)
	2nd	Elaine Houlihan	-
	3rd	Claire McNamara	-

Event	Position	East	West	
Boys U8 60m	1st	Matthew Melia	Tadgh Forde	
	2nd	-	Sean Kearney	
	3rd	-	Seóirse Murray	
Boys U8 80m	1st	Matthew Melia	Tadgh Forde	
	2nd	-	Seóirse Murray	
	3rd	-	Patrick O'Connor	
Boys U10 100m	1st	-	-	
	2nd	-	-	
	3rd	-	-	
Boys U10 200m	1st	-	-	
	2nd	-	-	
	3rd	-	-	
Boys U12 600m	1st	Rory Kearney	Ciaran Kearney	
	2nd	Johnny Curran	Josh Gunn	
	3rd	-	Cian Egan	
Boys U14 100m	1st	Emmanuel Ali	-	
	2nd	Christopher Reilly	-	
	3rd	-	-	
Boys U14 800m	1st	Emmanuel Ali & Christopher Reilly	-	
	2nd	-	-	
	3rd	-	-	
Boys U16 100m	1st	-	Naoise O'Cearuil	
	2nd	-	-	
	3rd	-	-	
Boys U16 1500m	1st	-	Naoise OCearuil	
	2nd	-	-	
	3rd	-	-	
	1st	Ailbhe Lenehan	Lisa Mahon	
	2nd	Michelle Dolan	Niamh Donaldson	
	3rd	-	Karen Feehan	

Maynooth Community Games (contd...)

Event	Position	East	West
Boys U13 Walking Race	1st	Rory Kearney	Christopher Geraghty
	2nd	-	-
	3rd	-	-
Boys U14 Long Puck	1st	Rory Kearney	Sean Higgins
	2nd	-	Mark Donnellan
	3rd	-	Josh Gunn

Well done to all the boys and girls and good luck to all in the County Final in Newbridge on 4th and 5th July.

Swimming:

On Saturday 31st May, swimming manager Jim Fleming took a mini bus load of boys and girls to the County Final in Athy. A great day was had by all.

Medal Winners:

Maynooth East	Gold	Shane Monaghan	U8 Freestyle
	Silver	Sean McKnight	U10 Freestyle
	Silver	Gavin Doyle	U14 Freestyle
	Bronze	Tim Quane	U14 Freestyle
	Bronze	Justin Cullinane	U14 Breaststroke
	Gold	Claire Cowhey	U14 Freestyle

Maynooth Squad Boy's U13:

Gold: Gavin Doyle

Kevin Cowhey Tim Quane Justin Cullinane Sean Barrett.

Sub:

Maynooth Girls Squad:

Susan Fay Karen Feehan Elaine Houlihan Niamh Donaldson



Maynooth West	Bronze	Karen Feehan	U12 Breaststroke	
	Silver	Elaine Houlihan	U14 Freestyle	
	Silver	Jennifer Feehan	U14 Backstroke	

Good luck to Shane, Claire and the boys' squad in Mosney in August. Many thanks to Jim for all his help coaching and looking after the boys and girls.

Maynooth Community Games (contd...)

Gymnastics:

Well done to Juliet Cunningham, Maynooth East U12 and Niamh Feeney U8 Maynooth East who completed in the County Finals in Newbridge on Sunday 1st June. Well done girls.





Niamh Donaldson, Susan Fay, Karen Feehan & Elaine Houlihan

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03/962	Vincent Howley	72 Moyglare Abbey Maynooth Co. Kildare	0	20/05/03	For new sunroom extension to rear	72 Moyglare Abbey Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/994	National University of Ireland Maynooth	National University of Ireland Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	26/05/03	Sought for change of use from residential accommodation to general office accommodation	Kiltegan House North Campus N.U.I. Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1027	Paul Mayock	Nephin House Baltracey Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	29/05/03	Sought for dormer style bungalow and septic tank with effluent treatment system in lieu of previously approved single storey bungalow and septic tank with effluent treatment system (PI, ref, 00/1799) on revised site	Baltracey Maynooth Co Kildare
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03/1059	Dermot O'Neill	Pebble Hill Lodge Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	30/05/03	Sought for the demolition of a two storey end of terrace building facing onto Main St. Maynooth, comprising 2 retail units on ground floor and residential/office use on 1st floor and also demolition of 2 outbuildings comprising outhouses etc.	Kelly's Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare
97/808	P. Brady	Desking Draughting Services 5-9 Terenure Place Dublin 6 W	Е	03/06/03	Demolition of stores at rear of clockhouse, and demolition of No. 1 Courthouse Square and change of use of same from storage/residential to public house, as permission is sought for ground and first floor bars and basement storage areas. Also a store	Doctors Lane No. 1 Courthouse Square. Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1112	Brian & Sharon Cosgrave	345 Rockfield Green Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	09/06/03	To erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house with provision for window to front of dwelling house replacing existing garage doors	345 Rockfield Green Maynooth Co. Kildare

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03/1113	William & Angela Dunne	34 Rockfield Green Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	09/06/03	To erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion and also to erect a single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling house	34 Rockfield Green Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1114	Patrick & Julie O'Dea	45 Rockfield Court Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	09/06/03	To erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion and also to erect a single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling house	45 Rockfield Court Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1133	Helen Byrne	Railpark East Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	11/06/03	Sought for a development consisting of a bungalow, garage, and treatment unit	Railpark East Maynooth Co. Kildare
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Woodlanders with Michael Cronin

Michael Cronin represented Ireland at Pitch and Putt at the World Special Olympics in Ireland in June 2003. Neighbours who gathered on Woodlands Green on a gloriously sunny Saturday evening to fete Michael and his parents Breda and Fionnan presented Michael with a suitably inscribed crystal vase. He joined his teamates at Celbridge. Congratulations to the Cronin familly - Michael, Breda, Fionnan. Michael's sister Georgina is a beautiful June bride. Pauline McCarthy's huge GOOD LUCK MICHAEL banner was admired



Left to right: Shay O'Connell (Chairman Residents Association), Jo O'Connell, Michael Cronin, Pauline McCarthy, Irene Matthews, Breda and Fionnan Cronin

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I start to believe that coffee mornings with friends are things of the past but the event, which happened at Greenfield Shopping Centre on May 28, was really special. For community residents of Maynooth, for Leona Caulfield and her friends and for all those who decided to support her by coming to her coffee morning.

Leona Caulfield, who has been working in the Donovan's Londis for two years as a general assistant on the shop floor, is well known to many people in our town. She is always welcoming to the customers and

her fellow workers, and during her working with us Leona made friends with many.

It was not an easy decision for her to participate in the Special Olympic Games but thanks to her family and friends she made up her mind and enrolled for Pitch & Putt.

The coffee morning kindly assisted by the staff of Londis was really an event – everybody was welcome to have tea or coffee, enjoy hot bakery food and those who made a donation had a chance to win a lotto with fancy prizes.

Leona Caulfield greeted her friends from Leixlip, Celbridge, Maynooth and Lucan. She was helping to pour tea and coffee, asking customers to join her and support her for the Special Olympics. It was indeed her day – the day full of gladness, friendship and hope.

The most unexpected result of the day caused the donations, which totalled a surprising 2239 Euro and were all given to the Special Olympics Fund

It was truly a special morning. Not because it was somehow connected to the Special Olympic Games. Not because it was about something that was done and commemorated. It was so special because it gave a chance to show what is the Irish hospitality, spirit of voluntarism and how we keep our hearts open for the special people.

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Come to Dinner with Andy Mac

Summer Lunch Party for 8

Asparagus with Herb and Nut Butter Baked Salmon and Dill Hash Browns Strawberry Cream Crowdie

Shopping List

40 asparagus spears
1 lemon
20z hazelnuts
Bunch of fresh chives
Bunch of fresh parsley
1 small bag of breadcrumbs
2lbs of waxy potatoes
1 red onion
1 bulb of garlic
2lb fillet of salmon
Carton of eggs medium
Bunch of fresh dill
Small bag of medium oatmeal
2 cartons of double cream
3 punets of strawberries

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4 Large red peppers

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How to get ahead

The day before: Prepare the salmon ingredients. Prepare your tossed salad but do not mix together.

On the day: Make desserts and chill blanch and char grill asparagus. Bake the hash browns and roast the peppers. Make the herb and nut butter.

Cooking for more or less

This easy delicious menu works perfectly, whether you're cooking for an intimate party for 4 or a larger gathering. To serve four halve the amount of ingredients. To serve 16 or 24 double of multiply by 3 only the main course is baked differently as follows:

For 4 halve the ingredients in the main recipe and bake in the oven for 10-12 mins. In 3½ inch metal rings *double the main recipe for 16 and for 24 multiply by 3.

Fry the potatoes in batches. Grease 3 baking trays. Divide the mixture into 24 and spoon onto the trays and bake for 10-12 mins. They will not be perfectly round but they will still look pretty.

For larger parties you can hire glasses such as wine, pint glasses, etc.

Wine choice

For the starter I'd choose a light fruity chardonnay For the main course a Chilean sauvignon blanc with a crisp dry hint of elderflower.

Asparagus with herb and nut butter Prep time 15 mins/cook time 18 mins.

40 asparagus spears
Juice of ½ a lemon
3 tbsp. of olive oil
8oz of unsalted butter
2oz of hazelnuts (roughly chopped)
2 tbsp of chopped fresh chives
2 tbsp of chopped fresh parsley

Trim the asparagus and if necessary peel away the woody ends.

Put lemon juice in a large pan of salted water and bring to the boil add the asparagus and cook for 2-3 mins. Until tender. Drain and plunge into ice-cold water to arrest the cooking. Drain the asparagus again and pat dry and brush with olive oil. Heat a griddle pan over a high heat and cook asparagus in batches for 1-2 mins. turning once. Melt butter in a small saucepan, increase heat and add nuts and cook for 2-3 mins. until the the butter foams and nuts are lightly browned. Remove from heat and cool slightly add herbs and seasoning. Arrange asparagus on a serving platter with the warm nut butter on the side with breadsticks.

Andy's Tip:

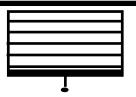
Char-grilling adds extra flavour as well as being attractive to look at, but the asparagus will be equally delicious if it is simply blanched and it can be served warm or cold. You can buy breadsticks in any good supermarket or you can simply serve with toasted garlic bread.

Baked Salmon and dill hash browns Prep. Time 1 hour/Cook time 25 mins.

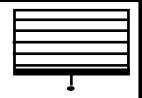
30zs of breadcrumbs
2 tbsp olive oil
2lbs large waxy potatoes (cut into 1cm dice)
1 red onion finely chopped
2 garlic cloves crushed
2lbs salmon fillet skinned and cut into 1cm dice
2 eggs lightly beaten
2 tbsp chopped fresh dill

Preheat oven to 200°C/400°F/Gas 6. Spread the breadcrumbs in an even layer on a baking sheet and put into the oven for 10 mins. until golden and crisp. Cool. Meanwhile heat oil in a large frying pan and panfry the potatoes with garlic and onion for 10-15 mins. until potatoes are golden drain on kitchen paper and cool put breadcrumbs potato mixture, salmon, eggs and dill into a bowl and season toss together well.

Spoon the mixture into into a 9 inch lightly round tin and bake in the oven for 20-25 mins. until golden in colour. Run a kitchen knife round the inside of the tin to loosen. Cut into 8 wedges. Serve with a tossed mixed salad and roasted peppers. **Contd...**



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Andy's tips:

Make the potato and onion mixture the day before and cool. Cut up the salmon and add to the potato cover and chill next day add the toasted breadcrumbs, eggs and seasoning continue for the receipe. This dish is **unsuitable for freezing**.

Strawberry Cream Crowdie Prep. Time 30 mins.

7oz of oatmeal
1 ¼ pints of double cream
6 tbsp of whisky
40z of caster sugar
1 ½ lbs strawberries

Preheat grill to high. Spread the oatmeal in an even layer on a baking sheet and toast for 1-2 mins keep an eye on the oatmeal as it browns very quick. Leave to cool. Whisk the cream until soft peaks form. Fold in the cooled oatmeal, whisky and sugar into the cream reserve enough strawberries for decoration divide the remaining between 8 glass tumblers and top with the crowdie. Chill until required.

Andy's Tip:

When selecting the strawberries choose even size small fruit. These will fit into the glasses more easily. You can make this dessert with any fresh fruit that you like or you can even mix the fruits, nectarines and the strawberries go very well together.

Roasted Red peppers with garlic Prep Time 10 mins.

Cook Time 20-25 mins.

Preheat oven to 200°C/400°F/Gas 6.

Cut 4 large red peppers in half lenthways and deseed then cut in half again place in a roasting tin with 4 garlic cloves cut in half. Toss in small amount of oil and roast. This can be served with main dish with a tossed mixed salad.

Andy's Questions

Q.1 I made meringues last week and they went flat and sticky and I was told that I should have made them in a copper bowel. Where did I go wrong and is it true about the copper bowl?

Well the most common problem with meringues is under whisking. If you do not incorporate enough air to support the weight of the sugar meringues will sag and the sugar will seep out during cooking. Make sure you whisk the egg whites hard until they hold hard peaks. If you think that they are hard enough hold the bowl over your head and if it does not fall then it is ok. You can add your sugar and no you do not have to use a copper bowl, any bowl will do as long as it is big enough to allow you to whisk in plenty of air and that is grease free.

You can ask Andy any question, just forward your question to the above.

Next month I will be showing you an Irish style lunch for 6.



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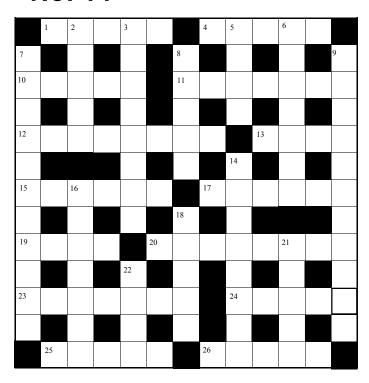






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Entries before: 12th July 03

- **4.** Pounce (5)
- 10 Leslie — Gigi actress (5)
- 11 Swift running animal (7)
- 12 Outbreak of disease (8)
- 13. Reed instrument (4)
- **15.** Bargain for (6)
- 17. Capital of Croatia (6)
- **19.** Similar to (4)
- 20. Storyteller (8)
- 23. Formal speech (7)
- 24. Type of brooch (5)
- 25. Its Now or- - song (5)
- 26. Convenient (5)

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- 2. Composer of the opera Aida (5)
- 3. Clemency (8)
- 5. Period of time (4)
- 6. The Hunt for Red ---, film (7)
- **7.** Fast– pedal (11)
- 8. Pungent (5)
- 9. One wheeled vehicle (11)
- 14. Actress - Routledge (8)
- 16. Confidential (7)
- **18.** Star of True Grit (5)
- 21. Shy (5)
- 22 Sunny (4)

CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS NO 13

Across: 1. Oregano; 5. Menu; 9. Summit; 10. Stamp; 12. Rodeo; 13. Cordite; 14. Inhale; 16. Access. 19. Include; 21. Susan;

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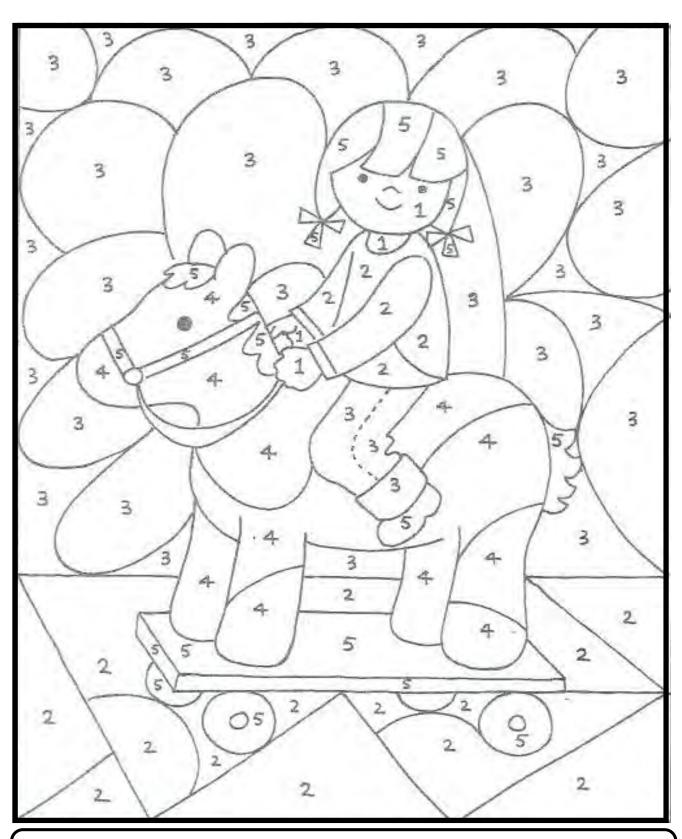
Darragh Lynch



Shane Fagan

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AGE: 12

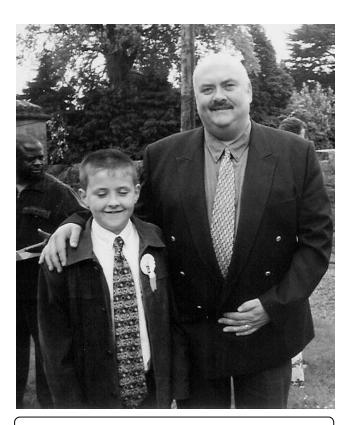
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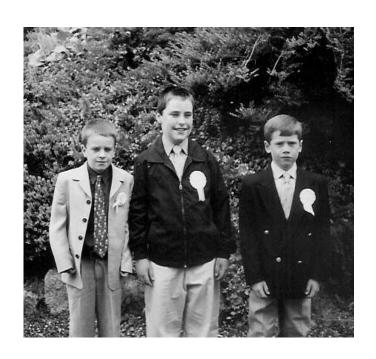


Brian Penny, his granddad and brothers James & Daniel



Martin Stephen Stokes

Seán Lamb



Patrick Murray, Neil Delaney & Caelan Donnan



Shane Keogh

Features

What happened to Yale Drew? Conclusion of the actor and the coroner

Last month we saw how evidence against Yale Drew was growing and that he was a serious suspect in the brutal murder of Alfred Oliver. At the coroner's enquiry, he was more than willing to give evidence and swore on the Bible. He was an imposing figure with his long, curly hair. He gave evidence that tallied with the statements that he had made to the police already. When the evidence against the actor increased — there was a rising tide of hostility against him in Reading. But as the evidence in his favour mounted public opinion also changed in his favour.

The chief witness who testified for him, apart from his landlady, was the second butcher's assistant, Alfred Wells, from the shop near Cross Street. He had gone to the police at 8.30 p.m. on the evening of the murder to report a man acting suspiciously. He had seen him on a number of occasions during the day; the first time was at 7.30 a.m. when he was having his breakfast at the Welcome Café in Cross Street. He said that the man came into the café and he was wearing a blue suit and brown shoes. This was very similar attire to that of Yale Drew. The man asked him where the lavatory was and he told him. Wells said that he spoke with a strong Geordie accent which he himself recognised as he came from Tyneside. He said that it could be mistaken for Scottish, Irish or even American by those who were not familiar with it.

The coroner, John Martin, suggested that Wells had not gone to the police at all and that he was in danger of committing perjury. Wells reiterated that he had gone to the police and made a statement, adding that they did not appear very sharp! This did not go down well as can be imagined!

The police were asked to search through their documents - Mr. Burrows said that if a statement were made they would have it. Wells said that the policeman to whom he made the statement was in court he was called to testify. He could not remember Mr. Wells at first. Then Wells reminded him that as he was giving his statement, a man came in and told the police that he knew a woman who said that she knew who the murderer was. This jogged the policeman's memory and he recalled the statement. A search was made again through the documentation and it was found - clipped to another piece of paper. The wording was nearly the same as the evidence just given by Alfred Wells; he strongly maintained that the man he saw in the café was not Yale Drew. Wells also mentioned a mannerism that this man had; he rubbed his hand across his face, brushing his head upward from his forehead. Everyone was struck by the similarity to the information given by Mrs. James about the man she saw outside Oliver's shop. One thing was sure however, Yale Drew was in bed at 7.30 a.m. on that morning. His counsel, Mr. Fearnley Whittingstall, smiled with relief. There was a definite change in the atmosphere in court.

More evidence in his favour was offered; another

boarding house owner said that she saw Yale Drew openly cleaning his jacket with fluid, probably to remove greasepaint. He stayed with her in Maidstone. It was established that he had no need to steal; both his accounts were very much in credit. If he had needed a loan he could get it from his friends, Mr. and Mrs. Lindo. They ran the touring company and they were friends for years. The theatre company also had a good summer. No one would testify that Yale Drew was either a heavy drinker or violent. On the contrary, he was very gregarious and friendly. The inquest closed with the verdict 'murder by some person or persons unknown'.

Supporters of Yale Drew surrounded him afterwards and celebrated. The butcher's assistant, his Geordie accent and his insistence on sticking by his statement had saved Drew from possible trial for murder! In the intervening period it was said that he aged about 10 years. One journalist commented that he looked like a man who had been through an 'emotional wringer'. The case sparked off debate in Parliament and eventually in 1953 the Coroner's Rules were laid out giving the proper methods of procedure and defining the scope of any inquest.

But who killed Alfred Oliver? The real murderer was never found. This was one case that Jim Berrett did not solve.

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Federation of Local History Societies Seminar



Left to right: John Duffy, Rita Edwards (Chairperson, Maynooth Local History Group),
Maeve Mulryan-Moloney (Federation of Local History Societies),
Roddy Hegarty (Federation of Ulster Local Studies), Jim Herlihy and Sean Collins.

The Federation of Local History Societies celebrates twenty-one years in existence. it is the umbrella body for more than one hundred Local History Societies (www.localhistory.ie). The Federation originated in Kilkenny Archaeological Society in 1982. It received much encouragement from the Federation of Ulster Local Studies, launched in 1974, when the County Donegal Historical Society invited Ulster Local Historical Societies to come together. Both Federations deal with matters of mutual interest, share expertise, exchange visits, provide mutual assistance and support, and influence heritage legislation.

The Federations came together recently at Maynooth for a joint seminar on Policing: North and South, 1800-1922. The weekend began with an address by Commissioner Pat Byrne. Jim Herlihy, Historian County Cork was joined by John Duffy Curator of the Garda Museum in Dublin, by Hugh Forrestor Curator of the Police Museum in Belfast, and by Sean Collins a former Mayor of Drogheda, as speakers, during an interesting weekend of lectures and discussions. An exhibition of items from both Museums showed aspects of policing in

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Features

Poets, druids and early Irish poetry

When the Irish began writing in Ireland, the *file* (poet) is the most important literary figure; the druid and bard remain in the background. The *file* is also referred to as *éces* (learned man). The druid has disappeared into the background for the most part although they appear sporadically in the sagas. The *file* may have taken over some of the duties, privileges and responsibilities of the druid but the process is obscure. In the Ulster Cycle Cathbad the druid appears in many of the tales. He prophecies Deirdre's future in the tale *Longes Mac nUislenn* (The exile of the sons of Uisliu): ... a woman, fair, tall, long-haired, concerning whom champions will contend, concerning whom high kings will ask.

Her scarlet-red lips will be About her pearly teeth – Against whom high queens will be jealous, Against her matchless, faultless form.

Cathbad also appears in *Táin Bó Cuailnge* (The Cattle-Raid of Cooley) and it is he who is given the honour of naming Cú Chulainn after he kills the hound from which he is named. Secondly Cathbad prophecies that any warrior who takes arms on a particular day will be famous forever in Ireland. Cú Chulainn hears this and follows the advice. He takes arms and the chariot and horses of the king, Conchobar.

F. Kelly writes of the druid in his book A guide to early Irish law. He mentions that in the 6th century First Synod of Saint Patrick oaths were sworn in the druid's presence. By the time the law-texts are compiled (7-8th centuries) the druid are considered severely; the text Bretha Crólige (The judgements of blood letting) says that the druid, along with the satirist and the brigand, was not entitled to sick-maintenance except at the level of a bóaire (a small farmer). However, the druid is included in the list of second level honorary personages in another law text. But we know very little about the position of the druid in early Irish life although there are some indications that they were considered dangerous: an 8th century hymn asks God to protect the reciter from druids, blacksmiths and the spells of women. They are mentioned in connection with love potions and are said to have recited spells and satire while standing on one leg with one arm lifted up and with one eye closed. This is called corrguinecht (heron or crane killing apparently). (Incidentally, the god Lug and his Fomorian ancestors notably use the exact same stance. The Fomorians were reputedly one-eyed, one-legged and one-armed. One of their leaders, Balor, was killed by Lug with a shot from his catapult as he put out his one eye and also destroyed the Fomorian army ranged behind him.) Another law text, Bretha Nemed (The Judgements of Nemed) states that a druid can ensure victory for the weaker side in battle.

The druid has captured the modern imagination and there are many 21st century druidic groups and ceremonies but they bear little or no resemblance to their Old Irish ancestors. There has also been a resurgence of interest in spells and magic and the two have become intertwined resulting in the publication of many spurious accounts and books on the subject – therefore *caveat emptor*, buyer beware!

Christianity was particularly severe on druids and more favourable to the *file*. Thus the *file* survives when the druid does not. *File* originally meant 'seer' and his responsibility was far-ranging in comparison with the modern day poet, he was capable of prophecy as we shall se along with his functions as chronicler, eulogist and satirist. He was the Old Irish equivalent of the Public Records Office, recording genealogy, history and saga.

Eoin MacNeill said that the *file* succeeded the druid; this would no longer be the accepted canon, he says: 'The *fili* were in unbroken succession from the druids, no longer calling themselves druids, because when Christianity prevailed, druidism fell into disrepute'.

It is also the view of Myles Dillon and Nora Chadwick, 'The poet (*fili*) seems to have inherited much of the prestige of the druid of pagan times. His duty was first to praise his patron, but also to preserve his genealogy, to be learned in history and literature, and to be master of the craft of poetry.'

By the time written history appears, the poet is the primary man of arts. He is at the top of the social structures, on a level with the king (and the bishop). They put themselves forward in the stories instilling fear and dread into the reader/listener. Aithirne is one of the first poets who is mentioned in the texts. The story Talland Étair (The siege of Howth) tells of his powers and his ability to terrify. Aithirne attacks Leinster and they defend themselves against him. The Ulstermen come to protect Aithirne and he is driven into Étar at Howth. During the tale the king Eochaid mac Luchta who is one-eyed gives Aithirne his single eye when the poet threatens him. God restores the sight of both eyes as a reward for his sacrifice. Aithirne is also one of the few children who spoke before birth - this being an indication of his future abilities. He casts a spell from his mother's womb and she asks for a drink of ale but really it is the child who is looking for it. She is refused three times. Aithirne casts a spell and the ale breaks through hoop of the vessels.

Fergus Kelly discusses the poet in the aforementioned book as well as giving a short piece on the female poet and the illegal satirist. From the evidence it appears that praise and satire were two of the main responsibilities of the poet; the references in sagas and laws are legion.

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Features

Poets, druids and early Irish poetry Contd...

The early Irish were obsessed with honour and honour price as we have seen in the articles on early Irish society. The term *lóg enech* (literally the price of face) has been noted and explained before. This was not reserved for the earlier period and the English writer Stanihurst describes the Irish as being 'greedie of praise and fearful of dishonour'. Furthermore, the author Tomás Ó Criomhthainn says in his autobiography *An t-Óileánach* that he would leave his day's work to listen to the island's poet rather than be satirised by him!

Poets are reputed to kill by satire — the Annals of Ulster say that the then chief poet of Ireland Cúán hua Lothcháin who was murdered in Tethba in 1024 satirised his killers and that their bodies rotted within an hour. This was done by means of the *firt filed* (poet's spell). This belief lasted beyond the earlier period as well; in 1414 the Annals of Connacht say that the lord lieutenant, John Stanley, died as a result of a poets spell. After the 16th century English sources have many accounts of the alleged powers of Irish poets to 'rhyme to death' men and animals (rats in particular). What a useful talent today! Blemishes could be raised upon the face of the object of satire — a visible manifestation of guilt.

The poet should also stay with the king to protect him from sorcery and he could perform prophecy in three different ways. These skills are described in an old law text and also in the text called the Triads of Ireland as (encompassing forosna knowledge illuminates), teinm láeda (breaking of marrow) and dichetal di chennaib (chanting from heads). The first mentioned is the poet's ability to prophecy in verse and we will see instances of this later. There is a strong pagan resonance to these references but the practice known as glám dícenn is even more sinister. The law on the organisation and order of poets describes the ability of the poet to bring about the death of a king who has offended him. This is done by sticking thorned sticks in a clay effigy while chanting satirical verse.

For further information on some of the above see F. Kelly, *A guide to early Irish law* (Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies, 1988) and F. N. Robinson, *Satirists and Enchanters in early Irish literature* (New York, 1912).

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Garden Tips For July

BIENNIALS

Now is the time to sow seeds, of the Biennials such as Canterbury Bells, Brompton Stock, Wallflowers, Forget-Me-Nots, etc. That will be planted out in beds in the Autumn serve as a back-cloth for the spring bulbs as both should bloom more or less at the same time

You need a seed-bed in a good site away from overhanging trees, where the soil can be lightly forked and raked down to a fine tilt. If it seems rather dry, Water it thoroughly overnight, before sowing the seed. No fertiliser should be needed with ground in good heart as we do not want to produce rapid, sappy growth.

Make shallow drills and sow the seed sparingly. The seedlings should not need to be thinned out but should be transplanted singly as soon as they are large enough to handle conveniently so that each grows into a sturdy bushy plant by planting-out time, September or early October.

There are a number of improved varieties in most catalogues to choose from so make a careful selection of those that appeal particularly to you such as, Verbascum, a type of mullein, which can b obtained as yellow flowers on silvery spikes, Arctic Summer or as large-flowered hybrids in various shades from creamy white to rose-mauve, Canterbury Bell which ranges in colour from to pink, lavender and blue.

Brompton Stocks which include all the Canterbury Bell colours of slightly different shades.

When Brompton Stock seedlings are being planted out discard all the dark-green-leaved ones, as they produce single flowers. Keep only the light-green ones, as they are the doubles.

In colder districts Brompton Stocks are best wintered in a cold-frame and planted out in the beds in March.

Parsley

Parsley is a herb that is often required in the kitchen in winter and spring, when there isn't any in the garden. This need can be overcome by sowing some now. You don't even need a space in the vegetable plot for it, you can use it as an edging to the flower border as its foliage makes it a very attractive plant.

If the border has had manure or compost dug in already this is ideal as parsley likes rich, deeply cultivated, soil. Just rake the surface fine and smooth and sow thinly half-an-inch deep.

The seed is one of the slowest to germinate, often taking five or six weeks before appearing. This process can often be speeded up by soaking the seed in warm water for 24 hours before sowing.

When the seedlings are large enough to handle comfortably, thin them out to 6 in. apart. Given sufficient space in this way to develop fully, they will make nice bushy little plants forming a pleasing edging and at the same time producing plenty of the foliage so useful as a garnish and as flavouring for various dishes.

Few people seem to know that the stalks, chopped up, add a pungent flavour to fish, meat and sauces. In the second year, the roots also can be used, chopped up or grated, to add a parsnip-like flavour to such dishes.

There are several outstanding varieties of parsley on the market now. For flavour, one called French is recommended, while a newer one called Green Velvet, which has great cropping potential, is considered better than Moss Curled which we all used to grow. The variety which probably stands the winter better than any the is Asmer New Dark Green Winter. Also winter-resistant is a new variety called Bravour. This one, like another called King of the Parsley's (a very dwarf king), is specially recommended for those people who wish to store some for future use in their deep freeze.

A small packet, costing a few cents is quite sufficient for most families as it will sow a row 3ft. long.

Tips:

Thinning: Rows of seed sown in June will need thinning. Carrots, beet, turnips, lettuce and the like will be ready. Water after thinning, to settle those left back in place and avoid a check.

Harvest Herbs: Foliage of many herbs is now in its prime, and can be gathered for storage.

Prune Wisteria: Wisteria have done well this year, and this season's lateral shoots can be cut back to 15cm (6in) now and then taken back to two buds in December.

Buy Cabbage: Obtain cabbage seed for sowing later in the month or in early August, to provide crops next spring.

Keep Cutting: Sweet peas throw a mass of flowering stems. More are encouraged if flowers are cut regularly.

Azalea Cuttings: My Indian azaleas are plunged outside for the season and are growing away well. I'll be taking cuttings which, when set in a shaded cold frame, should root within the month.

Lift Onions: Autumn-sown onions can be lifted when growth is complete and the bulbs are ripe. Allow to dry before storing in a cool and airy place.

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Maynooth Gaelic Football Under 14



Maynooth Under 14s found it very difficult when they were placed in the A league of a very competitive Feile A competition. The league consisted of Celbridge, Leixlip, Clane, Kilcock and eventual winners Confey. Despite the poor results, trainers Dennis Dempsey and Kieran Finnegan are encouraged by the commitment shown by the whole team. Indeed five members of the team were recently called up for Kildare U14 trials. They were Alex Cash, Peter Warren, Joey Glynn, Sean Durkan and Thomas Donnelly. Peter Warren and Sean Durkan have now become members of the panel for the forthcoming Leinster Championship. Hopefully they can represent the club as well as Karl Ennis (brother of Pascal) and Paul Flood who are on the Kildare Senior Panel. The trainers would like to thank Colm Cushe who has refereed some of their games at short notice and Dominic Nugent who makes sure the pitch is available. Well done to all involved in the very successful Feile competition. The huge effort put in by the organisers certainly paid off.

The U14 football team have enjoyed playing recent challenge games against Straffan, St. Kevins, St. Margarets (Dublin). The U14 Summer League B has begun and the team have games against St. Laurences, Suncroft, Geraldines Leixlip and Sarsfields. All teams are played home and away. The trainers would like to see more support from the parents. After all everything is done on a voluntary basis so all support is noticed and appreciated. The following is a record of all games played since March:

Competition Under 14 Football Feile A.

Leixlip 5-7 Maynooth 1-3, Clane 6-11 Maynooth 0-2, Celbridge 7-11 Maynooth 0-2, Maynooth 1-5 Kilcock 7-10

Challenge Games

Straffan 3-8 Maynooth 1-7, St. Kevins 1-5 Maynooth 4-7, St. Margarets (Dublin) 2-9 Maynooth 2-5

Competition Under 14 Football League B

St. Laurences 1-7 Maynooth 3-7, Suncroft 0-6 Maynooth 1-12, Maynooth 1-3 Leixlip 3-9, Maynooth 2-12 Geraldines 0-12, Maynooth 2-10 St. Laurences 2-5.

Team Panel:

Ciaran Egan, Danny Finnan, Sam Hare, Chris Moynan, Dara Walshe, Peter Warren, Joe Dempsey, Thomas Donnelly, Sean Durkan, Joey Glynn, Cormac O'Reilly, Alex Cash, David Sidney, Graham Kenny, Rian Byrne, Sean Barrett, Keith Leonard, Ben Finnegan, Mark Browne, Michael Brennan, Sean Moore, Owen Curran, Francis McDonald, Conor O'Brien, David O'Grady, Michael Fahy, Owen McNutt.

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Maynooth Flower & Garden Club

In February issue of Maynooth Newsletter I listed the committee for 2003. Due to an error, I omitted to name a vital person on this committee—Jo O'Connell. Jo is our artistic and computer expert, she has at each meeting very informative and artistic news notes for everyone. Included are dates of forthcoming events, garden visits, lectures, also all information on club events. Jo also prints the notices for our monthly meetings. Apologies Jo for omitting your name in February. No events in club during July and August. So we wish all happy holidays and see you in September.

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Maynooth BNS Production of Smike

Smike

Maynooth Boys' National School has just finished it's run of the musical "Smike". The show, which is a musical version of Charles Dickens' Nicholas Nickleby, was presented in the Parish hall from July 5th to 7th.

The show involved over 100 of the boys in the school ans some of their friends who were playing the female parts. The show tells the story of a new teacher, Mr. Nicholls, in a very unfriendly school called Dotheboys Hall. He has to study the book Nicholas Nickleby and decides to turn it into a musical. The boys travel back in time to the school and meet Mr. Squeers, the horrible headmaster and his wife, Mrs. Squeers. The children are kept in terrible conditions and don't have enough food to eat and sleep 30 to a bed. Mr. Nicholls helps the boys to overthrow the horrible Squeers family and the boys in the school return to the present time.

The show was the most ambitious one the Music Club have attempted and in the opinion of this reviewer it was their most successful. Many in the audience commented on the professionalism of the cast who had learnt many pages of difficult dialogue and had

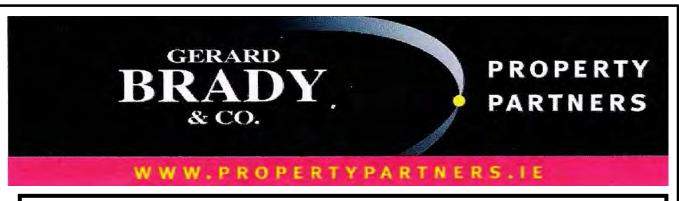
complicated dances and songs to learn. The costumes and sets were first rate and were produced in the school by the boys with the help of some enthusiastic parents. There is no doubt that the six months of rehearsal were well spent and the countless hours of effort the teachers put into the show were obvious in every scene. It seems the Music Club gets better with each show.

A huge "Well Done" to all those involved and we can hardly wait for news of their next production.

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Question

I understand that there has been a change to the income-disregard in the means test for the Carer's Allowance. Can you please give the details?

Answer

Yes, you are correct. The weekly income-disregard for people on Carer's Allowance has increased by €19 for a single person and €38 for a couple.

Carer's Allowance is a means tested payment from the Department of Social and Family Affairs for carers who are looking after certain people in need of full-time care and attention. The person must have so severe a disability as to require continuous supervision and frequent assistance throughout the day in connection with their normal personal needs and to require the care for at least 12 months. A carer will normally reside with the person being cared for, but a non-resident carer may qualify for the allowance. A carer receiving the payment can work for up to 10 hours per week, providing they get approval from the Department. Since April 2003, the weekly income disregard has increased from €191 to €210 for a single person and from €382 to €420 for a couple.

The Carer's Allowance payment is made up of a personal rate and extra amounts for child dependents. The maximum personal rate is €129.60 (€147.80 if aged 66 or over). If caring for more than one the maximum rate is €194.40 (€221.70 if aged 66 or over). Carer's Allowance recipients are paid an annual Respite Care Grant at the start of June. For 2003 the grant has increased from €635 to €735. Those caring for more than one receive an increased grant of €1,470.

To apply for Carer's Allowance you must complete application form CR 1 which is available from your local Social Welfare Office, Post Office, LoCall Leaflet Line:1890 202325 or from the Social Welfare Services Office, Government Buildings, Ballinalee Road, Longford. Tel:(01) 7043000 or (043) 45211

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Question

Friends of ours recently purchased some selfassembly furniture. However, there were no instructions in English with the furniture and they were unable to assemble the furniture correctly. They have contacted the furniture shop but they are not satisfied with the response. What are they entitled to?

Answer

Following recent legislation the furniture shop is liable for the inappropriate instructions and your friends are entitled to look to have the furniture repaired or replaced if appropriate, or to look for a price reduction or a refund.

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- The liability of retailers in relation to incorrect installation of goods even when the goods are installed by the consumer following inappropriate instructions.
- The right to written guarantee at the time of purchase with details on how to make a claim under the warranty, the duration of the guarantee and the territorial scope.

Your friends should inform the furniture store of the change in legislation and of their rights under the legislation.

Further information on the Directive is available from: The European Consumer Centre, 13A Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin 1. Tel:(01) 8090600

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Answer

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- Social Welfare Office.
- You should apply on a Form 12A for a 'Certificate of Tax Credits and Standard Rate Cut-Off Point' to your employer's tax office. You can ask your employer for the application form and the address of the tax office. If your employer does not have a Form 12A, you can get one from any tax office or by telephoning LoCall 1890 306706

To ensure that your employer and tax office have time to have everything sorted out before your first payday, it is advisable to do all this as soon as you accept an offer of a job (even for part-time or holiday employment). The tax office will then forward you a detailed statement of your tax credits. Your employer will also be notified of your tax credits.

Your own personal circumstances dictate the amount of tax credits you are entitled to and therefore how much tax. All workers have tax credits - for example, a single person has a Personal Credit of €1,520 and a PAYE Credit of €800 in the tax year 2003. If you are single your tax is calculated on your gross pay at 20% of your earnings below €28,000 and at 42% of the balance. This gives you your gross tax liability. Your tax credits are then subtracted from this figure and the remainder is the amount of tax you will apy. The tax you pay is spread over the tax year so that you receive approximately the same wages each week.

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Question

We are going to France in August. Our 16-year-old son who is included on my passport is also coming with us. Should he have a separate passport?

Answer

Yes, he will need to have a separate passport. Children under 16 may have their names included on a parent's passport or they may get a separate passport, but children aged 16 and over need separate passports.

If they are under 18 years of age, parental consent form, PAS M, signed by both parents or guardians is required to get a passport or to have their names included on a parent's passport. All applications, whether or not a previous passport was held, must be accompanied by the long form of the Birth Certificate (or and Adoptive Certificate) showing the names of the parents.

Children under 18 may apply for a three-year passport (€12) or a standard ten-year passport(€57)

Application forms including PAS M, are available from all Garda stations. They are also available from Post Offices showing the ServicePlus logo as they provide a 'Passport Express' service. The 'Passport Express' service costs €5.40 and guarantees receipt of a passport with 10 working days where applications are completed correctly with proper documentation.

Ordinary postal applications for people living in Clare, Kerry, Limerick, Tipperary or Waterford should be sent to the:

Passport Office, 1 a South Mall, Cork Tel:(021) 494 4700 or LoCall 1890 426 900 Applications for people living elsewhere in the State should be sent to the :

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Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Laraghbryan Golf Classic

On Friday 6th June, the Laraghbryan Cemetery Association held its third annual Golf Classic at Kilcock Golf Club. It was very well attended with 18 teams playing on the day. Unfortunately we had four teams who could not make the day in the end. We would like to thank Kilcock for putting the course at our disposal for the day and, also to the catering staff who provided the golfers with a fabulous steak meal afterwards. The course itself was in very good condition, obviously helped by the great warm sunny day we had.

We would like to thank everyone who played on the day and especially the businesses and individuals who sponsored teams, tee boxes and holes on the day. Without that much needed sponsorship and support it would be very difficult to run what turned out to be a very successful day. Thanks are also due to the very hard working committee who went out to get these sponsorships. We must also say a special word of thanks to **Carton House Golf Club** who once again sponsored the overall prize of a fourball at their splendid facilities and we hope that the winners will enjoy their day.

The funds raised over the last three years have given the committee the opportunity to have work continued on the restoration of the old historic church ruin in the cemetery in conjunction with Kildare County Council and the Office of Public Works.

The presentation of prizes were held that night in Maynooth GAA Club to whom we must say thank you for allowing us the use of their facility. The following are the prize winners:

1ST (62.8) L.Farrelly, B.Desmond, J.Nolan.

2nd (63.4) B.Dempsey, H.Carty, E.Dunne 3rd (63.7) D.Heffernan, M.Ryan, M.Boden.

4th (66.4) T.O'Connor, S.O'Groarke, M.Hegarty 5th(66.7).....J.Mc Elligot, L.Ayres, J.Fleming.

Nearest the Pin: S.Durcan

Longest Drive: (12th) G.Brabston.

(15th) D.Murray

We hope that everyone enjoyed both the day and night and, hopefully we will see all of you again next year.

For and on behalf of The Laraghbryan Cemetery Committee

Laraghbryan Cemetery Sunday will take place on Sunday 13th July at 3pm



Barry Desmond, Liam Farrelly & John Nolan Winners of Laraghbryan Golf Classic



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MAYNOOTH HILLWALKING CLUB

During the month of June the club was kept busy, with a visit to the Blackstairs for the mountain challenge of 26 kms / 17 miles and ascent of 4,800 ft. members of the club completed the event in atrocious conditions of wind and rain. Congratulations to those A number of others with injuries who finished it. completed the first half of the hike to Sculloge Gap. Our Easy Hike to Howth under perfect conditions attracted 18, of whom 9 attended our event for the first Two of these have subsequently taken out time. membership and have attended more challenging of the The events since. view blooming rhododendrons was breathtaking, with multiple colors of the flower in full bloom. They were at their best the day we saw them, but alas, we will have to wait until next year to be able to experience that sight By the time we complete our trek along the Grand Canal from Sallins to Hazelhatch on Saturday 14th June, this article will have gone to the printers. By the looks of things there is a lot of interest from non-members. If all those who have made enquiries travel with us we will have a good turnout.

For Sunday 22nd June (mid summer) we have planed a Hike taking in the length of the newly restored St Kevins Pilgrim Route which runs from Hollywood to Glendalough via the Wicklow Gap, a distance of 26 Kms. We have interested non-club members meeting up with us and completing the second half of this hike across the Wicklow Gap to Glendalough.

July will see a number of moderate and harder hikes planned, but these are restricted to club members. If anyone is still out there who wants to return to the pastime or wants to get out into the fresh air for the summer, it is still not too late to join. Unfortunately, due shortage of leaders there are no planned easy hikes at this stage for the month of July. There are no organized hikes planned for August unless there is demand. Groups of members will make arrangements to head of rambling to new areas and check for new routes, which will be programmed later into our activities calendar.

<u>Alzheimer's Respite Care, Kildare Branch -- Sponsored Walk, -- Sunday, July 20th.</u>

For anyone wishing to complete an Easy hike of either 5 or 7 miles in a beautiful area why not support the Alzheimer's Respite Care, Kildare Branch on their Third Annual Sponsored Walk. This is a very worthy cause, which can benefit greatly by your support. Taking place on **Sunday July 20**th next a sponsored walk organized by Shay Hendrick of Celbridge will take place in the picturesque vales of Glendalough.

In the past this event has been very well supported by the people of North Kildare. Shay has managed with the support of friends and colleagues this year to be in a position to make available a free bus to Glendalough for anyone interested in supporting this The bus will depart from the front of the Glenroyal Leisure Club, Maynooth at 9 am . People from Celbridge who are interested will have a bus available from the front of the Mucky Duck at 9.15 am. In Clane a bus will collect those interested from the front of the RC Church, Main Street, at 9.40 Buses will depart from Glendalough at 6 pm am. sharp to return the weary walkers home. should be plenty of time for a ramble around the sites of Glendalough, take in a bit of sun, enjoy an ice cream or something stronger (like a cup of tea??). Why not pay a visit to the Interpretative Center and attend the audiovisual show and a guided tour of the Monastic city. Book as early as possible as these tend to fill up very quickly Remember Shay and his colleagues have managed to provide free transport so why not go along and give a donation to the cause or better still obtain a sponsorship card from the under mentioned sources and help support the Alzheimer's Respite Care, Kildare Branch in your own little way. Anybody interested in sponsorship cards should contact:-

Frank Dunne's, Electrical shop, Celbridge. Shay Hendrick, Celbridge, Home No **6272583** or mobile **087-1276021**. Tony Leech, Celbridge, mobile **087-2392913** Sean Byrne, Celbridge, mobile **086-1617092** Martin Byrne, Maynooth, mobile **087-7996532**

This should be a very pleasant, interesting and enjoyable day out particularly for anyone not familiar with Glendalough and its environs. There are a number of additional visits and sights in the area that can be taken in after the walk.

Anybody wishing to make their own way to Glendalough and support the event can do so and meet with Shay at 1045 am. The walks commence from the Glendalough Hotel Car Park at 11 am. Why not bring a picnic basket with you and enjoy it afterwards. There are many facilities around for picnickers. Shay tells me there will be a certificate and a tee shirt for everyone who supports the day.

In case you missed last month's edition I have included the information again. If you attend either the Sponsored Walk or the hike along the pilgrim route the information might interest you. You can pick up further details on your visit to Glendalough. Duchas has planned a series of lectures on environmental matters and Special Interest Walks at their centers in the Wicklow Mountains National Park in Glendalough. They are also organizing Wednesday morning and afternoon Guided Nature Walks around Glendalough.

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MAYNOOTH HILLWALKING CLUB Contd...

Also for the budding artists out there they have an "Art in the Park" programme for 7-13 year olds from July 16^{th} 2-4 pm.. Advanced booking is necessary for these sessions. A Number of workshops are also planned on environmental matters. Details on all of these are available from The National Park Education Center at **0404-45656** (Mon – Fri- 9.30 – 5.30), and The National Park Information Office at **0404-45425** (open 7 days a week 10.00-6 pm.).

Please note that weather conditions may restrict our club activities. Itineraries are subject to change and anyone interested should check beforehand closer to the activity with one of the contact numbers below or by e-mail. Most of our Easy Hiking activities cover at least 8 miles with ascent of up to 1,000 ft. In cases where there would be less ascent we may have longer hikes. Anyone attending our outings can expect to be walking for up to 4 hours and at a reasonable brisk speed (in the region of 5 kms per Only attempt our outings if you are consider yourself fit enough to maintain this speed and If it is felt that a person would not be able to complete an activity, would delay an activity, or is not properly equipped for the occasion, the activity leaders ruling on the matter will be final. attending should ensure they have sufficient food and water to meet their needs for the event. generally stop for 45 mins for lunch. Depending on weather it may be longer or shorter. Remember in the mountains in a lot of cases there are no quick exit routes back to the cars. Please do not put the leader in the awkward position to have to turn away those

who are not properly equipped or whom he considers are not adequately fit for the event. We have had to refuse to take people in the past and if necessary will do so in the future. Our numbers are not sufficient to support bus transport to our activities so those attending will need transportation. Unless otherwise advised on particular events, our meeting point is in front of the Glenroyal Leisure Club and departures are at 9 am. Sharp. There will be no waiting or delays.

Mountain Safety Note:

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

Keep an eye out in future editions for further information.

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- Try to determine what your pet has swallowed.
 The container's label may list an antidote.
- Call your vet immediately. If you can't reach him, call a veterinary hospital.
- Let your pet drink as much water as it wants.
 However, don't give it anything by mouth if it's unconscious or convulsing.
- When you go to the vet, take the toxic substance and any packaging that has a label. If you don't know what the animal has swallowed, take any suspect material – loose pills, solvents, pesticides. If your pet has vomited, take a sample

Splinters

- Use a magnifying glass to help you find a small splinter, then remove the splinter with tweezers and cleanse the area with salt water.
- If the splinter resists, soak the wounded area in warm water and dry; then dab on some glue and gently press on a bit a gauze. When it's dry, peel it off; the splinter should come with it.

Spiders

- You don't have to kill a spider when you see it. Spiders in Ireland are harmless to human beings. Remove a spider from a bath with a cardboard tube it will crawl into the tube, because spiders like the dark
- Spiders are among a gardener's best friends. If you see a large spider on your wall, don't harm it; capture the creature in a wide-mouthed jar or yoghurt pot. Then release it in the garden, where it will make a meal of flies, aphids and other such pests.

Punch Bag

- For a lightweight punch bag, put a football or volleyball into the waist section of a pair of sturdy nylon tights and knot the waist, Using the legs, tie it to a hook.
- For a heavyweight bag, stuff a duffle bag or

heavy-duty laundry bag with rags or laundry and hang it securely from a beam or firmly mounted ceiling hook, or use a tightly rolled foam mattress.

Contact lenses

Many soaps leave an oily film on your hands that transfers to your lenses when you touch them. To check how oily your soap is, run a finger down a mirror after washing your hands. If your finger leaves a streak, use a different soap before handling your contact lenses.

LOST LENS If your contact lens falls on the floor, darken the room and sweep a torch or a small lamp slowly and methodically back and forth across the area. The lens will glint in the beam, even if it has fallen into a pile rug.

Coffee stains

To remove a coffee stain from washable fabric, try one of these methods.

- Soak in a warm biological detergent solution if the fabric is suitable, then wash as usual.
- Rub the stain with a bar of white household soap or a commercial stain remover and then launder.

If the fabric is not washable, sponge the coffee stain with laundry borax solution (1tbs/15ml to 18floz /500ml of water), then blot dry. If the stain remains, apply a 50-50 solution of glycerine and water, leave for an hour, then sponge with water.

Sunburn

- For quick relief, take a cool oatmeal bath, then smooth on a thin layer of a soothing moisturising lotion-do not use oil in any form. Apply cool compresses made of crushed ice, or a packet of frozen peas for 10-15 minutes several times a day.
- To prevent dehydration, drink lots of nonalcoholic liquids.
- To relieve general discomfort, take aspirin or paracetamol.
- Wear loose clothes and cover up. Don't expose the affected area to the sun before all the symptoms have gone.

Caution: If you feel intense pain or if you have blisters, swelling or fever, do not apply any creams or lotions to the skin. See a doctor as soon as possible.

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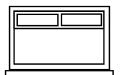
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Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

McGinley and Stagg Object to 3 and 4 Storey Apartments on Former Pitch & Putt Course:

Cllr. John McGinley and Deputy Emmet Stagg have made a submission to an Bord Pleanala in support of Kildare County Council's original decision to refuse planning permission for 3 three storey and 5 four storey blocks of apartments on the former pitch and putt course on Dunboyne Road, Maynooth.

The Council's refusal was appealed on 29 April by Tony and Tom Bean and as one of the original objectors to the proposal Cllr. McGinley and Deputy Stagg have exercised their right to comment on the appeal.

Cllr. McGinley stated that the main concerns about the proposal can be summarised as follows:

- The 3 three storey and 5 four storey blocks of apartments will have a detrimental effect on residents of Leinster Cottages which border the site. From their cottages and rear gardens their existing pleasant environment will be destroyed by such large structures which will dominate the skyline. The view of the Lyreen River which has existed for 200 years will be blocked.
- The same blocks will cause overlooking and consequent loss of privacy for residents of Leinster Cottages.
- Pound Park is a passive recreational area and the 8 blocks as viewed from this area will again dominate the skyline and will be visually obtrusive.
- The 200 year old Leinster Cottages form part of the Architectural Conservation Area of the Town of Maynooth, as such the historic core. The proposed blocks will destroy this area rather than enhance the character of the area
- The density of the proposal at 26 dwellings to the acre is excessive and does not conform with the Residential Guidelines because of the adverse impact the proposal will have on the amenities of existing residents and the fact that the proposal does not enhance this historic area.

Cllr. McGinley and Deputy Stagg concluded their submission by stating that the proposal, in the heart of old Maynooth, represents unacceptable development and called on An Bord Pleanala to uphold Kildare County Council's original rejection of the proposal.

Bond Bridge/Meadowbrook Link Road

Cllr. John McGinley was advised at the Leixlip Area Meeting of the Council on 5 June that the recommendations on the awarding of contracts for both the Meadowbrook Link Road and Bond Bridge would be going to the County Manager for approval in two weeks time. Hopefully the long wait for the commencement of work is over.

Discretionary Grants

Each County Councillor was allocated €40,000 of Discretionary Grant Funding for use this year. Cllr. John McGinley has allocated his €40,000 as follows:

- €15,000 for a new footpath from the Straffan Road junction to the bus stop at Railpark on the Celbridge Road.
- €11,800 for the installation of new public lighting along the Celbridge Road from opposite house No.1 Laurence Avenue up to the Gael Scoil.
- €4,000 for a second fence at Beaufield.
- €2,000 for proper landscaping at Beaufield

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- €900 for potted beach plants to be planted between the fences at Beaufield
- €3,600 to the Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee for the erection of timber bollards at the green areas outside
 the Geraldine Castle so as to prevent cars from parking on the greens
- €2,700 to complete the reconstruction of the footpath at Double Lane.

Provision of Bus Bays at the Girl's School

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

"That the provision of bus bays at the Presentation Primary Girl's School, Maynooth be put in place without any further delay."

As a result of the motion Council officials advised Cllr. McGinley at the Area Meeting on 5 June that the land transfer from Charter House (to make space for the bus bays) was practically completed and that they expected to have the bus bays in place before the school opens in September.

The external landscaping at the entrance to the Lime Walk Avenue can then proceed. This work is an integral part of the Carton Avenue Redevelopment Project and will enhance the work nearing completion inside the gates.

Development Contributions Scheme to Fund Social Infrastructure Projects

Cllr. John McGinley's motion "That a scheme of development contributions, as required under the Planning and Development Act 2000, be prepared for the general Leixlip Electoral and that these contributions be set at an appropriate level per dwelling in order to fund social infrastructure such as a swimming pool complex, community centre and playgrounds for the area. Furthermore, that the proposed scheme be advertised and that the public be given eight weeks to make submissions before the Manager prepared a report for decision on the scheme by the members." was agreed unanimously at the Leixlip Area Meeting on 4 April. Cllr. McGinley was given the following update at the Area Meeting on 5 June:

"Views of members noted. Preparation of overall Development Contributions Scheme for the entire County is currently under consideration and the issue will be progressed in this context."

Cllr. McGinley expressed his outrage at this ignoring of the members wishes. He was supported by all of the other Councillors in his views that one scheme for the entire County was nonsensical and it appeared to him as if the Manager was only interested in a development scheme to fund roads and other civil infrastructure. Cllr. McGinley stated that it was the wish of the Leixlip Area Committee that a development contribution scheme to fund social infrastructure in the area be put in place without any further delay and that the money accumulated be ring fenced for use in the towns of Maynooth and Leixlip only.

As the Manager is obliged by law to have such schemes approved by the full Council by March 2004 the Area Committee Members decided to send Cllr. McGinley's motion to the full Council for it's consideration. It is of course open to other Area Committees to decide what development scheme is appropriate to their area and under the Act the Council can adopt as many different schemes as it wishes.

Buckleys Lane Improvements

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

"That the potholes on Buckley's Lane, Maynooth, be filled in and that the road be properly surfaced with tarmac in the interest of safety."

Cllr. McGinley was advised at the June Area Meeting that the work would be done as soon as possible.

Traffic Calming in Housing Estates

There are requests for traffic calming schemes for seven different locations in Maynooth. Councillors were advised at the June Area Meeting that the Council have only €65,000 for traffic calming in the entire County and that only a small amount of the requests can be met from this small budget. The recommendations on what schemes will proceed will be going to the County Manager in mid June. Cllr. McGinley expressed his total dissatisfaction with the miserly amount being spent as €300,000 was allocated for traffic calming at budget time. Council officials stated that the €300,000 was conditional on €235,000 coming from the Dublin Transportation Office (DTO) and that the DTO have stated that they are making no funds available to Kildare County Council this year. This is yet another cut back from this Government of cut backs.

Taking Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV's) out of Maynooth Main Street

As a result of Cllr. McGinley's motion the Council has agreed to erect experimental signs at Kildare Bridge on the Dunboyne Road and at Blacklion Road junction with the Leixlip Road. These signs will direct HGV through traffic to the INTEL Link to the M4 rather than through the Main Street.

Provision of Bus Shelters in Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley has again written to CIE asking them to provide bus shelters at the following locations:

1. Opposite the Glenroyal Hotel Complex on the Straffan Road

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- 2 At Joe Buckleys Shop on Main Street
- 3 At O'Neill Park opposite TESCO

Temporary Accommodation Request for Maynooth Post Primary still under examination.

Deputy Emmet Stagg again questioned the Minister for Education in the Dáil in relation to the provision of two prefabs at Maynooth Post Primary School to relieve overcrowding in the school.

Despite the fact that the request is for prefabs and was submitted 3 months ago, the Minister stated in his response that officials in his Planning and Building Unit are currently examining the application and a decision will be conveyed to County Kildare VEC as soon as possible.

It is astounding that having drop kicked the extension plans for the school into touch the Minister and his officials are now delaying the sanctioning of the prefabs.

Deputy Stagg will continue to pressurise the Minister for as long as it takes to get the required sanction.

Just under €2 Million Euro spent on restoration of Maynooth Castle – but that's the end of it.

Deputy Emmet Stagg again raised with the Minister for the Environment the unacceptable decision by the Government to cease the restoration works on Maynooth Castle.

The Minister advised Deputy Stagg that €1,967,406 was spent on the restoration of the Castle and "This programme of works is now complete".

It is typical of this Government not to finish the job they started. Phase 1 of the restoration works involved the development of the ground floor vaulted areas for exhibition purposes together with access to the first floor and the provision of small scale guide and visitor facilities. Phase 2, which was dropped by the Government, would have seen the provision of a roof on the Keep of the Castle and an auditorium.

With an investment of €2 million already made in the Castle it makes no sense not to proceed with Phase 2 so that the full potential of the Historic Castle could be achieved in terms of visitor numbers.

It seems the Government has no problem in finding €3 million to buy Countess Markievicz's old home in Sligo but when it comes to Maynooth Castle the shutters are put up on extra funding.

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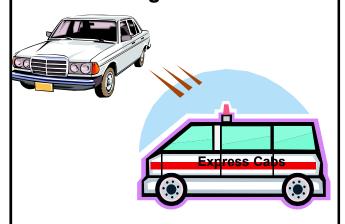
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Fianna Fail Political Notes



Candidate for local elections.

The Maynooth Cumann has chosen Brid Feely to stand for the local Elections due to take place in 2004. The Cumann is delighted to have candidate of Brid's calibre and hope that over the coming months there will be ample opportunity for the residents of the Town to meet with her. There is a full article on Brid elsewhere in the Newsletter.

Visit of Minister John O'Donoghue to Maynooth on 8th April 2003.

The Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann were delighted to be able to organise the visit of Minister John O'Donoghue to a variety of venues in Maynooth on Tuesday 8th April. As the current incumbent in the Ministry of Sports Tourism and Arts it was particularly relevant that several current projects in the Town would be acknowledged directly by the Minister's visit. The first stop for the Minister was to the Carton House Golf Club. This fledgling premier golf facility were delighted to have the Minister present to participate in the official announcement of the relocation of the headquarters of the Golfing Union of Ireland (GUI) to a new home on the Carton House Golf course. The relocation of the GUI to Carton is a major coup for the Management of Carton and also a great benefit to the Club and members. The New GUI headquarters will house not only the administrative functions of GUI also a Golf Museum, and a Golf Academy which will create a great deal of publicity and interest in both Carton and Maynooth. Mr Brian Finn, President GUI, Mr Lee Mallaghan, and Mr Conor Mallaghan of Carton House Golf made the official joint announcement. Amongst the other attendees were Willie Coonan, Men's Capt., Pat Cox, Ladies Capt., Stephen and Deborah Mallaghan and members of the Maynooth Cumann. Minister O'Donoghue then travelled to the Maynooth GAA club on the Moyglare Road. Here he received a colourful and enthusiastic reception from the many

Young Footballers and Hurlers. With such a large group of players greeting the Minister there was hardly time for many speeches but the club were delighted to explain to the Minister their plans for the expansion of the club's facilities. Key in these plans was the expansion of current indoor facilities including a multi-purpose hall, gym and meeting rooms. Although not on display the plans for additional playing pitches were discussed and welcomed.

The final leg of the minister's visit was to the Glenroyal hotel. Here Minister O'Donoghue was delighted to officially pen the brand new Leisure Centre. This building now houses a new 20mt pool revised reception area an enlarged aerobics area and state of the Art Gym facility. There was an official unveiling of a plaque to commemorate the opening and a walk around to inspect the fine work done in providing a welcome expansion of the popular Leisure Centre.

The Minister then addressed a gathering of representatives from many of the local sports, arts and tourism groups.

Concluding his visit, the Local Cumann had a private meeting with the Minister at which issues of concern in relation to the Ministers office were raised.

Brian Lenihan Public Meeting Monday 14th of April.

On Monday 14th April Junior Minister Brian Lenehan attended a public meeting in the Glenroyal Hotel. Minister Lenihan addressed the attendees on a range of issues relating to his portfolio and other issues of interest. There followed a questions and answers slot in which the Minister was questioned on issues relating to services and facilities for youth, concerns relating to the increased incidence of underage drinking, the use of Shannon as a stop over for American armed forces and issues relating to the declining numbers of visitors to Ireland as tourists.

Carton Avenue.

As the works in Carton Avenue come to conclusion there was an opportunity to have Minister McCreevy visit with members of the Cumann on Friday 25th April. There have been significant renovations carried out to the footpath and trees in the Avenue and apart from having to the re-seed the grass areas; the Avenue looked much improved. The Minister was delighted that he had been able to help in bringing about the works and he complemented all of the various people involved in the project on the enhancement of a much-used public space. A number of issues remain to be completed and judging by the numbers of people out walking on the day of the Minister's visit the Avenue has been a very worthy project.

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Fianna Fail Political Notes Contd.)

Post Box on Main Street

Many people may not have noticed the recent blocking up of the Post Box outside of Supermac's. Following on from complaints in relation to the capacity of the box to cater for its popularity and the fact that on many evenings it has been so full that post has dropped back out on to the footpath, An Post have taken the extraordinary stance of blocking the box without notice and against the wishes of the many users of this facility. An Post were requested to improve the collection frequency or the size of the box to cater for it's usage, however they were unable to facilitate either option and now appear to have closure as the only solution. We are asking that this is reversed and the problems properly analysed and resolved to allow this box continue as a posting point for the Main Street. We continue to pursue this matter vigorously.

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Maynooth Chiropractic Clinic

The Maynooth Chiropractic Clinic is proud to tell the people of Kildare about an exciting new piece of equipment now in use at the clinic. The 'Insight Millennium Subluxation Station' is the latest technology in the detection and monitoring of spinal problems. Chiropractic spinal lesions, called subluxations, are misalignments of the spine. They are associated with nerve irritation and muscle spasm. The 'Subluxation Station' scanner detects areas of the spine emitting excess heat (associated with nerve irritation) and areas of increased muscle activity (associated with muscle spasm). The patient not exposed to any radiation discomfort. Furthermore, the procedure is excellent



for discovering problem areas not associated with pain, which are very common. Apart from the aches and pains that usually bring patients to a chiropractic clinic, subluxations can create a more devastating affect on our general health. If spinal misalignments interfere with the flow of information along a nerve, the organ that nerve goes to cannot function properly. This can result in a wide variety of health problems (such as indigestion, breathing problems, altered sensation in the limbs).

The clinic is now offering free weekly classes about chiropractic and your health. For people who attend these classes they can have a free spinal scan to check the health of their spine (normal value 30 Euro).

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Jim Cullinane

Jim Cullinane, Kingsbry, Maynooth, formerly Ballymaloe, Cork, died tragically January 12th 2003. Florence and children Emma, Ross, Justin and Owen, mother Joanie, brothers, sisters, mother-in-law, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law and extended family of the late Jim Cullinane wish to thank most sincerely those who sympathised with them and those who travelled long distances to attend the removal and funeral and those who sent mass cards, sympathy cards, floral tributes, phoned and called to visit both homes and numerous kind gestures of sincere friendship and kindness, all much appreciated.

We would like to thank Fr. Fitzgerald, Fr. Kelleher, Cloyne clergy, Cloyne choir and organist. In Maynooth we wish to thank Fr. Sean Ryan, Aideen Flood, Pat Devine, and sacristans and alter boys from Maynooth and Cloyne.

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Thank you also to Noel and Anna-Marie O'Brien, Jim Wheelan, Jimmy Lee and Bill Casey.

Finally, a special note of gratitude to all our families, great friends and good neighbours for their thoughtfulness and continued support.

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