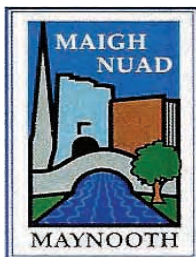


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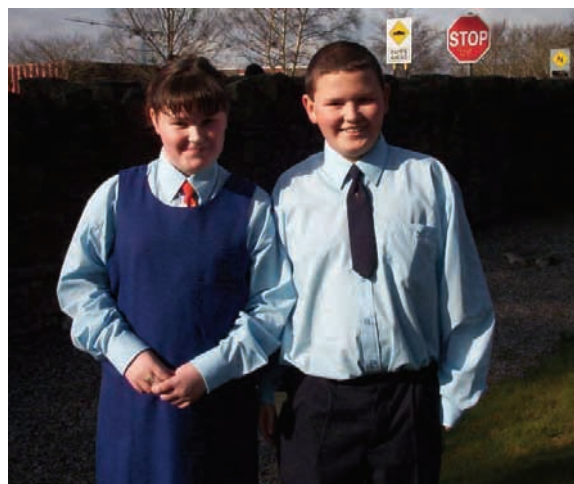
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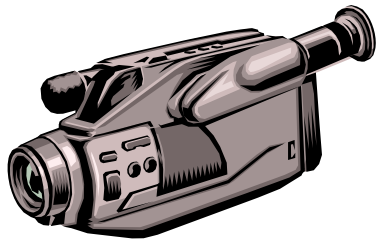
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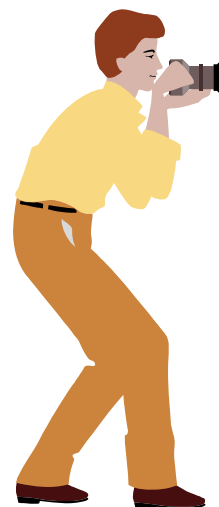
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10th March at 5 p.m.**

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notes to us at maynoothcc@eircom.net**

Editorial

As we go to print it is uncertain as to what will happen between America and Iraq. The weapons inspectors have been given more time but that is fast running out again. It appears that some extra efforts are being made by Iraq to respond to their requests but the talk of war continues. Saturday the 15th saw the biggest march in Dublin since the late 70's when the PAYE workers crowded the streets. There was a wide range of opinion reflected by the marchers; seasoned campaigners walking with those who had never before taken to the streets. Old and young, families with small children, students and political parties chanted good-humouredly as the march crawled from the Garden of Remembrance to Dame Street. There was a certain carnival atmosphere to the event with Mary Coughlan, Christy Moore and even Shane McGowan joining their voices to those of the protesters. The reaction of the Government to the numbers involved was diverse to say the least with the Taoiseach saying that they spoke for him and the Tánaiste maintaining that many of them were anti-American. Unfortunately, the diversity of opinion is reflected in the unpleasant split between America and some European states, France in particular.

We would like to welcome the fact that the work for Bond Bridge and Meadowbrook Link is finally put out to tender. The document is published inside. However, the chairman of the old Bond Bridge committee has expressed concern at the erection of traffic lights on the bridge and the intention to build a footpath. It is feared that this could become a permanent fixture and the work will be delayed. We hope that his fears are unfounded and we will be watching with interest.

We would like to thank the Bookshop for sponsoring the prizes for the crosswords for the last number of years. Their support is greatly appreciated.

The Newsletter would like to wish good luck to those workers in the Community Council office who are leaving shortly: Dorin Goyvaerts, Annette Foran and Niamh Holland. We would like to thank them for their participation in the project and to wish them the best in the future.

It is with sadness that the Newsletter heard of the death of Eoin Byrne recently and we would like to sympathise with his family. Eoin served the community at all levels and the Community Council in particular when he led the St. Patrick's Day Parade every year.

It was disappointing for the Editorial Board to note that we had no response to the little questionnaire that we put in the last magazine in regard to the Festival and the events that people would be interested in. Indeed the response to the crossword is also very poor.

We would like to remind our readers again that the parcel post section of the An Post has moved to the Business Park beside the Motorway. We would like to wish them well in their new premises.

Finally, celebrate our patron saint, put in a float or attend the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Have a lovely day and let's hope the weather is fine.

Community Council Notes February Meeting

The February meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on the 10th February in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Tributes were paid to the late Owen Byrne at the February meeting.

Vice-Chairman, Tom McMullon remembered Owen with great fondness. He said he had known Owen for many years. He said he was a gentleman and got things done. He was involved in so many events that went on in the town. Owen had always led the St. Patrick's Day Parade which he did with great dignity.

Cllr. Senan Griffin said that Owen worked excessively hard for anything he believed in.

Cllr. John McGinley said that Owen led the St. Patrick's Day Parade with great dignity and will be a great loss to Maynooth.

Matt Callaghan said that he received an award from Owen on behalf of the Tidy Towns and Owen was in full attire for which he felt very much honoured.

Many tributes were paid to Owen. There followed a minute silence.

Maynooth Community Council Elections

There will be full Council elections in April. This is a reminder to all interested in getting involved in Maynooth Community Council. It is very important that all groups and Resident Associations have a representative on the Council.

The Council is as strong as its members, it is important to have a wide range of people and groups represented.

It is through the Community Council that your views can be heard.

Maynooth Community Council over the years has helped groups establish themselves and form their own committees like Maynooth Action Strategy, Community Games and Maynooth Community Centre Partnership.

There will be applications forms available in the office and also in this issue of the Newsletter.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Cllr. John McGinley said that all is going well and that the Narraghmore Pipe Band will also attend this year. The Special Olympics will also have a Samba Band in the Parade. Again he is appealing for more bands to come along to the Parade.

Sub-committees

Maynooth Community Centre Partnership

Ann Burns asked what was happening with the Action Area Plan at the moment. She said they are now looking at something smaller than first expected, also that they would like to know what is happening about the pool for Maynooth. Maynooth getting a swimming pool would effect their plans for a Centre.

Cllr. John McGinley said that Doyle's land, 50 acres, would be the only place big enough to accommodate the Centre. He also said that Doyle's land and the Harbour Field would come under the ownership of Kildare County Council shortly.

Ann felt that they need to know what is happening about the pool, as the issue seems to be up in the air at the moment.

Cllr. Senan Griffin said that Kildare County Council had taken on consultants and that submissions from groups and the people of Maynooth are being looked at.

Tidy Towns Committee

Paul Croghan remarked on the new seats in the town and that they look very well. He said he had raised the issue of 30 black-spots that needed looking at, also the area in front of the Castle.

Cllr. John McGinley said this area should be pedestrianised. Also the dreadful state of rubbish left at Carton along the Leixlip Road it was stated that Kildare County Council will deal with it. It was also stated that there was an application for a licence for a landfill site at Laragh.

Community Games

Matt Callaghan told the meeting that the winter programme was up and running.

Traffic Problems

Hugh Gallagher, Chairperson, raised the issue of heavy traffic in Maynooth. He said the new Leixlip Interchange now open should help bring heavy traffic out of the town. It was suggested that a sign should be put up at the Blacklion Road to bring heavy traffic out to the Interchange and if this does not work to ask Kildare County Council to put a full ban on heavy traffic coming through the town. It was agreed to write to Kildare County Council to put up the sign.

It was also noted that traffic lights were all over the place for two days during the month of February. It was also stated that there was no gardai presence, also that people had to drive to Tagadroe to get out of the town. Hugh said that on such occasions people should be more respectful of other people.

Town Council Status

Again it was agreed to write to Minister Cullen regarding Town Council Status for Maynooth. Cllr. Senan Griffin said that Shannon and Leixlip were the only new Town Councils set up in years.

Sunday Opening - Chemists

Richard Farrell raised the point about Sunday morning opening. It was decided to write to the Chamber of Commerce.

Festival

Just a reminder. There is a survey form in the Newsletter. You are asked to express your interest in the events listed and return it to Unit 5, Newtown Shopping Centre, Beaufield.

Next meeting of Maynooth Community Council till take place on Monday 10th March in the Glenroyal Hotel.

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Community Council Elections

Elections for the new Community Council take place in April 2003. There are 73 seats to be filled with a nominee from the Student's Union. Co-options may take place after the first meeting.

Election arrangements

The number of Council places per electoral area is based on a rough ratio of 100 voters (from the Electoral Register) per Council member.

Electoral Areas

1. Town Centre (5 seats)

The area bounded by Bond Bridge, Mullen Bridge, Blacklion, Kildare Bridge (Dunboyne Road) and the Parish Church

2. Railpark/ Straffan Road including the Crescent (1 seat)

3. Castle Dawson (2 seats)

4. Lyreen Park/Nagle Court (2 seats)

5. Parson's Hall (2 seats)

6. Pebble Hill (2 seats)

7. Railpark Estate (2 seats)

8. Greenfield Estate (5 seats)

9. Carton Court (2 seats)

10. Kingsbry (5 seats)

11. Greenfield Lane/ Greenfield Phase 1 (1 seat)

12. Greenfield phase 2 (1 seat)

13. Greenfield Phase 3/private sites (1 seat)

14. Beaufield (3 seats)

15. Meadowbrook (4 seats)

16. Cluain Aoibhinn (2 seats)

17. College Green (2 seats)

18. Moyglare Road/Moyglare Meadows/Moyglare Village (4 seats)

19. Moyglare Abbey (2 seats)

20. Newtown/Woodlands/Ashley Court (2 seats)

21. Newtown Court (2 seats)

22. Parson Street/Parson Lodge/Court (2 seats)

23. Silken Vale (2 seats)

24. Castlebridge (1 seat)

25. Parklands (5 seats)

26. Rockfield (5 seats)

27. Outlying Area A (1 seat)

including Carton Demesne, Old Carton, Catherinestown, Kellystown, Blakestown

28. Outlying Area B (1 seat)

including Windgates (east side of Straffan Road), Toolestown, Corbally, Griffinrath, Moneycooley, Ballygoran

29. Outlying Area C (1 seat)

including Rowanstown, Dowdstown, Taghadoe, Toolestown (west side of Straffan Road), Windgates (do), Newtownmacabe, Rooks, Smithstown, Johninstown, Graiguesallagh, Cowanstown, Kealstown, Graiguelin, Derrinstown, Donaghstown

30. Outlying Area D (1 seat)

including Timard, Laraghbryan East/West, the Maws, Ballycurraghan, Treadstown, Cormickstown, Crinstown, Laragh Demesne

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2003

Election Schedule

Nominations

The Nomination Form is included in this issue of the **Newsletter**.

Extra forms may be obtained from the **Community Council Office, Unit 5, Newtown Shopping Centre, Beaufield, Maynooth**.

All nominations should include the signature of the nominee signifying her/his acceptance of the nomination.

All nominations to arrive at the Community Council Office by **Thursday 17th April at 5 p.m.** Any resident over 18 is eligible for the election and to vote.

Voting

If elections are required, voting papers will be distributed to all eligible households between **Tuesday 22nd and Thursday 24th April**. Votes will be collected the following week, if they are not collected they may be brought to the Community Council office. All votes must be returned by **Friday 2nd May**, they will be counted on **Saturday 3rd May**.

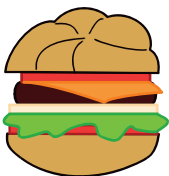
Counting will be done by neutral volunteers under the supervision of outside scrutineers. For single area electoral areas, the single transferable vote method of counting will be used (as in by-elections to Dáil Éireann). For multiple-seat areas, each voter will have as many votes as there are seats available, with the candidates obtaining the most votes being elected, as appropriate.

The first meeting of the new Council will take place on Monday 12th May. This will be an AGM including the election of new officers for the Council.

Notices will be sent to all councillors.

There will be an informal meeting beforehand - councillors will be notified in advance.

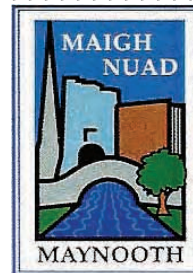
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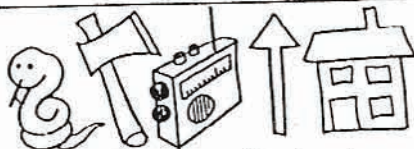
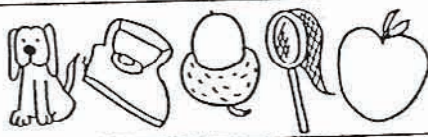
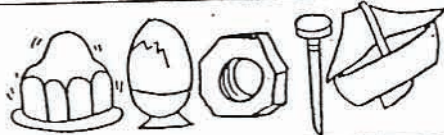




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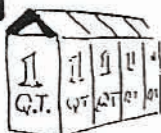
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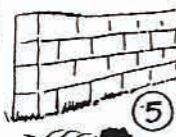
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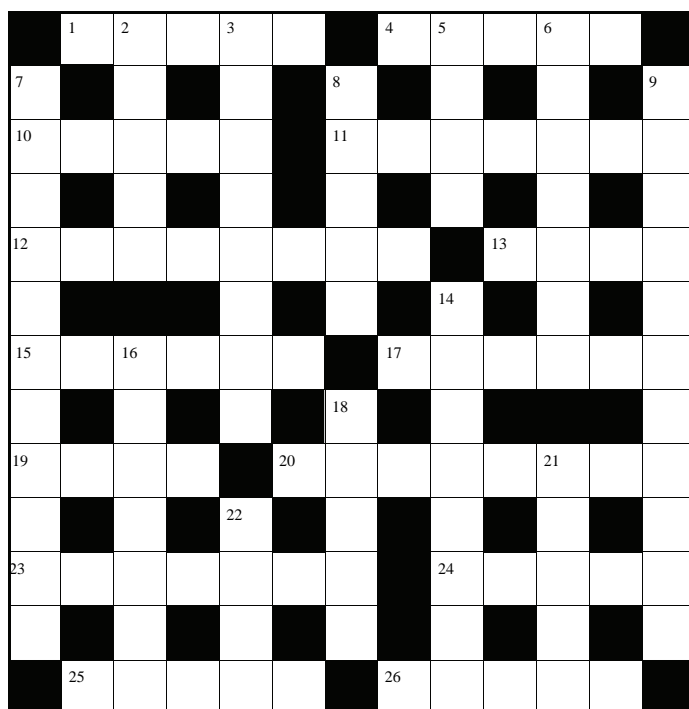
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Crossword

Crossword No: 9



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1. Not Expensive (5)
4. Embarrassment (5)
10. Swarm (5)
11. Gangster.
12. Expert in languages (8)
13. Friend (4)
15. Root vegetable (6)
17. Quarrelled (6)
19. Ancient Peruvian (4)
20. Supermarket cash desk (5-3)
23. Or fence {anag} (7)
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3. Sufficient (8)
5. T ramp (4)
6. Water US actor (7)
7. Island republic, Capital Manila (11)
8. Accumulate (5)
14. Three-wheeled vehicle (8)
16. Discreet (7)
18. Robber (5)
21. Port of southern Japan (5)
22. Dingy (5)

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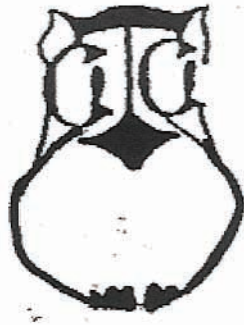
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Socrates Grundtvig 2 Learning Partnership

Grundtvig 2 European learning partnership funded through Leargas and European Funding to promote *Lifelong learning for people with and without disabilities*. We have two partners in Austria, two in Germany and two in Slovenia. This provides an opportunity for sharing our experiences in Adult Education and Training. It allows people with and without disabilities to learn together and from each other. Also, it provides an opportunity to learn about different customs, language and cultures.

Over the two years of the project there will be six European meetings and St. John of God Kildare Services will be hosting one of these meetings in October 2003.

In November 2002, the Irish contingent travelled to Austria for our first meeting with our European partners. We have just returned from our second meeting in Slovenia. In the next edition of the Newsletter we will let you know how we got on and what we learned from our trip.



**Claire Murphy & Maria Slattery
in Slovenia**



Darragh Moore & Family

40 Irish leaders participate in Environmental Day hosted by Intel Ireland.

Intel Ireland hosted an environmental awareness day for the Common Purpose organisation's Matrix programme. Common Purpose is a registered charity whose aim it is to facilitate the sharing of learning's across public and private sector organisations. The Matrix programme, run annually for 40 senior leaders, takes place in one-day slots over a period of a year.

The environmental day consisted of a variety of speakers addressing the group as well as practical community visits to see environmental practices in action. The group was first addressed by Ken Macken, Regional Licensing Manager, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Ken outlined environmental responsibility from global to individual perspectives. He also explained the history of the EPA and the role it plays in licensing and monitoring various industries.

Intel Ireland showcased its own world-class environmental management system as the primary corporate case study on the day. Mark Rutherford, Intel Ireland's environment manager made a presentation detailing Intel's overall philosophy towards the environment and specifically Intel's environmental management systems.

The group then broke into 4 smaller groups of 10 and went out into the community to see community case studies firsthand. The first group visited the Glebe Montessori School who are participating in An Taisce's Green Flag project. The group on this visit were greeted by the students lined up in the main corridor of the school ready to explain the differences that they had made to the school, i.e. significantly reducing waste by changing packaging on lunches, keeping the school tidy, recycling batteries and cans and reusing cartons, containers etc. for arts and crafts. The students led by principal, Frances Kellegher, explained that they were recently informed by An Taisce that they have qualified for a Green Flag for successfully completing the first section of the programme. After the visit, members of the Matrix group were in absolute awe of the work and effort that had been put into achieving the Green Flag by this small school. Some even commented that they felt 'comforted in the knowledge that the next generation has such a keen interest in helping the environment'. Another group of Matrix participants met with Paul Kelly, convenor of the Leixlip Town Council subcommittee, LIWI (Leixlip Integrated Waste Initiative). Paul explained the aims of LIWI and the achievements the group had made in the areas of segregated waste collection, its annual 'Broomsday' and the promotion of compost bins.

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The third group met with Paul Croghan from Maynooth Action Strategy Group to review the work on the Lime Avenue project. The Matrix group were most impressed with the level of research and co-ordination that went into devising and funding this worthwhile restoration project which is due to be completed in March 2003.

The Final group met with Anne Morrissey of the residents' group KIWI (Kilcock Integrated Waste Initiatives). The Matrix visitors were surprised to hear what a small group of enthusiastic residents could achieve by themselves. Anne explained about their fundraising to increase awareness, their promotion of recycling and composting and the lectures, which they run. Her report of the success of the communal wormery was really enjoyed by the Matrix group.

One of the participants commented, "What really struck me was the amount of money, time and effort that's being spent on waste management by companies like Intel and voluntary groups. If everyone puts in such an effort then it would be a very successful venture."

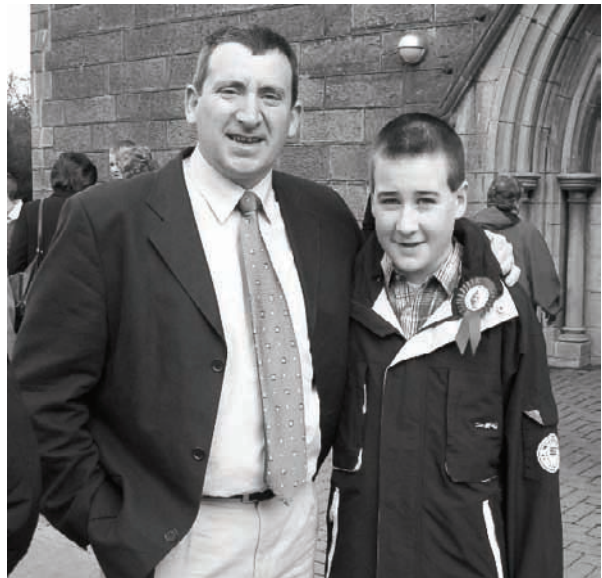
Participants on the current Matrix programme include leaders from AIB, Bank of Ireland, Department of Education and Science, Department of Health and Children, Department of Justice Equality & Law Reform, Department of the Taoiseach, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, Barnardos, National Maternity Hospital, St. James's Hospital, St. Patrick's Institution, Ulster Bank Group, Vhi Healthcare, Coyle Hamilton Ltd Insurance Brokers, Irish Life & Permanent plc and IBEC to mention a few.

The Matrix programme is a powerful educational experience that brings together leaders from all sections of society. They are people who would not normally meet. They are people who are very different from each other, whose experience of society is varied, who are enterprising and who are building powerful reputations in their fields and communities. The programmes' aim is to improve the capacity of leaders to lead, and for leaders and their organisations to work more effectively together. The programmes expose leaders to common interests, collective purposes and new opportunities. To find out more check out <http://www.commonpurpose.ie>.

**Karina Howley,
Media Relations Manager,
Intel Ireland.**



***Justin Cullinan with his mother Florence
and his brother Eoin***



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Features

1Early Irish Society

(Contd. From February Newsletter)

This month we celebrate the feast of our primary saint, Patrick, Pádraig, on the 17th March. The story is fairly familiar to all of us but many myths have attached themselves to his coming to Ireland over the centuries. His writings are the first documents that come down to us from the early period when the Irish had not yet taken to the pen instead of their oral transmission. His are also the first Latin documents that have survived; in much later manuscripts let it be said. He does not mention the shamrock or getting rid of the snakes or the Pascal fire. These are elements of his life that appear at a much later date. In fact, Patrick tells us very little about himself and is short on detail of all kinds in his writings. This can be very frustrating for the researcher and many different interpretations and theories have been put forward over the centuries. Even his earliest biographers did not necessarily agree on their political agendas.

We do know for a fact that a missionary was sent to Ireland by the Pope Celestine. This is mentioned in Continental sources but, whatever the reason; he only lasted a year in the country and returned home. He is said to have been sent to the Irish who believed in Christ; thus indicating that there were Christians in Ireland before Patrick's arrival.

He was brought here by an Irish raiding party who had travelled to Roman Britain to search for slaves. Slavery was a commonplace in early Irish society until the twelfth century at least and Dublin became one of the main centres of European slavery. Slaves were also an essential part of this society and they were utilised to build a complex and relatively affluent organisation.

We know relatively little about the lives of ordinary people in early Ireland. They rarely appear in the sagas and the laws, genealogies and annals seldom make any mention of their lives or even their existence. The capture of Patrick highlights an activity that must have been relatively common in all countries at the time. Slaves provided a cheap form of labour from abroad and indeed from within the native society itself and there is sufficient information to give some indication of what their work would have been in early Ireland. Apart from raiding parties, slaves were provided by prisoners of war and those who could not pay their fines. They had absolutely no rights within society being unable to swear an oath or make a contract and the master can treat him as he wants. There is no protection from brutality or death.

The Old Irish word for a male slave is *Mog/Mug* and it appears at times in personal names such as *Mog Nuadat* (slave of Nuadu) and *Mog Corb* (slave of Corb). The female equivalent, *cumal*, is used commonly over centuries as a unit of currency. In the historical period, the word is used as a general currency with the understanding that no actual slaves are handed over; but originally this must have been the case. Certainly, some Welsh texts talk about male

and female slaves being paid for certain legal offences. In one case it is said that either a male or female slave could be paid so that the value is seen as being more or less equal. There is the odd mention in Irish sources as well; the well-known medical legal text *Bretha Déin Chécht* (Judgements of Dian Cécht) says that a male slave should be the fine for injuring a king in the temple. The famous king of *Emain Mhacha*, Conchobar mac Airt, had an honour-price paid of 50 male and 50 female slaves.

Although the Vikings introduced currency on their arrival in Ireland and used it for a period of time, barter was the common method used in society until the arrival of the Normans. Therefore the term *cumal* usually applies to a unit of currency that can be paid in gold, land or silver. With the plethora of references to currencies and equivalents, it is difficult to ascertain the actual price of a *cumal* in relation to other units or currency. Figures seem to indicate that a *cumal* is equivalent to approximately 3 cows but there are conflicting references as well. The word is also in general usage as referring to a value, a payment or a fine. The picture is quite confused, particularly in the law texts.

Young slaves of both sexes commonly herded animals, as Patrick himself did. Our second saint, Brigit, is said to have been the daughter of a female slave and she is treated as a slave by her father Dubthach for whom she herds pigs. She is not alone in literature to be described as the offspring of a lord's slave. The famous pre-historic king of Ulster *Niall Naígiallach* (Niall of the nine hostages) is famously the son of a foreigner, Cairend, who was his father's second wife. The first wife treated her abominably and his life was in danger from a young age. Despite the fact of having four older brothers who would also be entitled to the kingship, Niall overcame all the difficulties to succeed his father, against the natural order that would bar his entry to this office.

There is ample evidence that there were relationships between slaves and free persons. If a man makes pregnant a slave belonging to someone else, the man must arrange for the rearing of the child. If a free woman has a child by a male slave she alone is responsible for the rearing of the baby. It is clearly stated that the son of a slave woman cannot become a lord because he will be flawed like his mother. But historical evidence does not always agree; although there are few references in historical times to the sons of female slaves who become kings there is one that stands out. The twelfth century text, the *Banshenchas* (Lore of Women), says that Cres, a *cumal* of the Uí Mhaine married Muirchertach the king of Cenél nEogain of Ailech and her son, Flaithbertach (+1036) became king. But this is exceptional.

Adult slaves did most of the heavy work on farms and in the households of the better off and the women would have been involved in milking, churning and providing grain for baking bread. Both saga and law texts mention their use of the quern, kneading-trough,

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the sieve and the kneading-slab. They also worked with the water-mills after their introduction in the early Christian period.

It is clear then that up to and including the twelfth century, the use of foreign slaves was relatively common in Ireland. Under Patrick's influence there was a somewhat enlightened attitude to slavery in the early church. Early Christian texts legislated against the use of female slaves for sex and if she became pregnant she was to be freed. Patrick himself mentions the dangers to female slaves who embraced the faith. But this attitude changed with the passage of time and the Church employed slaves themselves.

Another method was the slavery of certain of the native population. In the case of those who could not pay fines, as mentioned above, one of the methods of recouping the debt was to enslave the individual. The possible alternative was the execution of the culprit. In the case of a victim of serious crime who survives, he alone makes the decision as to what will become of the non-paying culprit. Slavery was also an alternative to the death penalty. The economic considerations were considerable as society would benefit further from enslavement rather than execution.



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The Gordon Bennett Centenary Festival

2003 marks the centenary of the Irish Gordon Bennett Race which was held on a closed circuit course around counties Kildare, Laois and Carlow on the 2nd. of July 1903. This was a landmark event in international motorsport and has been widely accepted as the ancestor to modern Grand Prix racing.

To mark this historic event a Festival will take place from 31st May to 2nd. of June next with events taking place in Athy, Carlow and Portlaois.

Two of only three of the original Gordon Bennett race cars which survive to this day will be present. The Napier driven by Selwyn Edge in the 1902 race in France is being brought from Wales by its current owner Johnny Thomas whilst Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, Patron of the Festival, will bring the 1903 Napier which was driven by Charles Jarrott.

Many other race and rally cars, marking a century of motorsport in Ireland and Kildare in particular will be competing in the various events over the weekend.

A WebSite has been set up for the Festival. You can get further information as well as a brief history of the Gordon Bennett races from there. The address is <http://www.gordonbennett.ie>.

Don Foley,
Webmaster, Gordon Bennett Festival.



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Dorin's Recipes

Escalopes of Salmon with tomato and cumin sauce

Serves 4

2 large potatoes, about 1lb 2oz,
peeled

4 tablespoons double cream

2 oz butter, diced

Freshly grated nutmeg

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

9 oz cherry tomatoes

5 tablespoons olive oil, plus extra for serving

1/2 teaspoon cumin seeds

2 courgettes

Few sprigs of thyme

4 fresh salmon escalopes, about 5 oz each

To garnish: fresh basil leaves or baby spinach
leaves, deep-fried

Method:

First make the potato puree. Boil the potatoes until tender, drain well and return to the pan over a low heat to dry them off. Mash the potatoes until smooth, then beat in 3 tablespoons of the cream, half the butter, and nutmeg, salt and pepper to taste. Set aside and keep warm. To make the sauce, puree the tomatoes in a liquidizer or food processor, then pass through a sieve, rubbing through with the back of a ladel. Heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in a saucepan and fry the cumin seeds for 30 seconds. Stir in the tomato puree and simmer for about 10 minutes or until reduced by half. Beat in the remaining cream and butter, season and set aside. Slice the courgette thinly. Heat 2 tablespoons of the oil in a frying pan and saute the courgette slices with the tips of the sprigs of thyme and a little salt and pepper for 2 minutes. Heat the remaining 2 tablespoons of the oil in a nonstick frying pan. When hot, add the salmon and cook on one side until well browned, about 3 minutes. Turn carefully and cook the other side for 1-2 minutes. season well and keep warm. To serve, reheat the sauce and add a little extra olive oil to thin it slightly. Make a ring of courgette slices around each plate, spoon the potato puree in the centre and place a salmon escalope on top. Spoon over the sauce and garnish with deep-fried basil or spinach leaves.



Deep-Fried Camembert

Serves 4

2 whole Camembert 9oz each, not too ripe

2 eggs, beaten

4 oz dried breadcrumbs

8 oz apricot jam

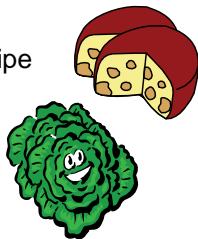
Juice of 1/2 lemon

Vegetable oil for deep-frying

Salad leaves for serving

Method:

If the Camembert is not the kind which has already been cut into sections, cut each cheese into six equal portions. Put the beaten eggs into a bowl, and the breadcrumbs in another. Dip the pieces of Camembert into the egg, then into the crumbs, to coat them evenly. Repeat the process so that they are really well coated. Chill them in the refrigerator for at least 30



minutes. Put the apricot jam into a saucepan with the lemon juice and melt it over a very gentle heat.

To serve, heat the oil for deep-frying. To test that it is at the right temperature, dip the end of a wooden chopstick or wooden spoon into it: the oil should bubble immediately. Carefully lower some of the pieces of Camembert into the hot oil and fry for 4-5 minutes, until they are crisp and golden brown. Remove them with a slotted spoon and drain on crumpled kitchen paper. Keep them warm while you fry the rest, then serve immediately, with the apricot sauce and a salad garnish

Seared Garlic, Lemon and Chilli Chicken with Parmesan

Serves 4 as a starter

2 large boneless chicken breasts, skinned

Coarsely grated zest of 1 lemon

2 teaspoons chilli oil

2 teaspoons olive oil

1 garlic clove, very finely chopped

1 red chilli, seeded and very finely chopped

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

2 tablespoons sunflower oil

Juice of 1/2 lemon

2 oz Parmesan cheese, shaved

Tomato and chive dressing

6 tablespoons olive oil

2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

2 plum tomatoes, skinned, seeded and finely diced

1 tablespoon chopped fresh chives

Salad of fresh herbs

4 oz sugar snap peas, each cut into 3 or 4 pieces

Small bunch each of fresh flat-leaf parsley, tarragon, chives and rocket

Method:

Remove the little fillet from the underside of each chicken breast. Cut the breasts into very thin slices and cut each fillet into three. You should end up with about 25-30 pieces of chicken. Mix the lemon zest, chilli oil, olive oil, garlic, red chilli and some salt and pepper in a bowl. Stir in the chicken and leave to marinate for 3-6 hours. For the tomato and chive dressing, whisk the oil, lemon juice and some seasoning together in a small bowl. Spoon out 2 teaspoons of the mixture and set aside. Stir the diced tomatoes and chives into the remainder. Heat a frying pan until very hot. Add the sunflower oil and the chicken (in batches if necessary so that you don't overcrowd the pan) and stir-fry over a hot heat for a few minutes until well browned. Sprinkle over the lemon juice and some salt and pepper, shake the pan over a high heat for a second or two and then set aside. To serve, place the sugar snap peas and the mixed fresh herbs in a bowl and toss with the reserved dressing to coat the leaves lightly. Pile into the centre of four large plates. Place the chicken around the edge of the salad and spoon over the tomato and chive dressing. Scatter the Parmesan shavings over the chicken and serve immediately.



Dorin's Recipes Cont'd

Lion of Pork braised in milk

Serves 6-8

3 lb neatly tied lion of pork, boned and rindless but with a thin layer of fat

4 tablespoons olive oil

2 cloves, bruised

Pinch of ground cinnamon

1 sprig of rosemary

2 garlic cloves, bruised

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

6-7 peppercorns, bruised

1 bay leaf

2 oz unsalted butter

10 fl oz full-fat milk

Method:

Put the meat in a bowl and add 2 tablespoons of the oil, the cloves, cinnamon, rosemary, garlic, 1 teaspoon salt, the peppercorns and the bay leaf. Coat the pork all over in the marinade, cover and marinate for about 8 hours. Turn the meat over whenever you remember. Heat the butter and the remaining oil in a heavy casserole into which the pork will fit snugly. When the butter foam begins to subside, add the meat and brown well on all sides and on the ends. Heat the milk to boiling point and pour slowly over the meat. Sprinkle with salt, place the lid over the pan slightly askew and cook for about 3 hours at a steady low simmer. Turn the meat over and baste approximately every 20 minutes. By the end of the cooking the meat should be very tender and the sauce should be a rich dark golden colour and quite thick. Transfer the meat to a carving board and cover with foil. If the sauce is still too thin, boil briskly without the lid until it darkens and thickens. Skim off as much fat as you can from the surface of the sauce, add 2 tablespoons hot water and boil over high heat for about 2 minutes, scraping the bottom of the pan with a metal spoon. Taste and adjust the seasoning. Remove the string and carve the pork into 1/2 inch slices. Arrange on a large warmed plate and spoon the sauce over the pork. Serve with mashed potatoes and spinach.



Potato & Lobster Salad with Lime Dressing

Serves 4

1 lb waxy potatoes, scrubbed and sliced

8 oz cooked lobster meat

1/4 pint mayonnaise

2 tbsp lime juice

Finely grated rind of 1 lime

1 tbsp chopped fresh parsley

2 tbsp olive oil

2 tomatoes, seeded and diced

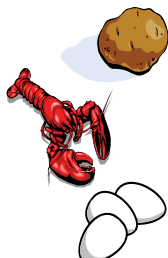
2 hard-boiled eggs, quartered

1 tbsp quartered stoned (pitted) green olives

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

Method:

Cook the potatoes in a saucepan of boiling water for 10-15 minutes or until cooked through. Drain and reserve. Remove the lobster meat from the shell and separate it into large pieces. In a bowl, mix together the mayonnaise, 1 tbsp of the lime juice, half the



grated lime rind and half the chopped parsley, then set aside. In a separate bowl, whisk the remaining lime juice with the olive oil and pour the dressing over the potatoes. Arrange the potatoes on a serving plate. Top with the lobster meat, tomatoes, eggs and olives. Season with salt and pepper and sprinkle with the reserved parsley. Spoon the mayonnaise on to the centre of the salad, top with the reserved rind and serve. Crabmeat or prawns may be used instead of lobster, if preferred.

Lamb and Mushroom Pie

Serves 4

1 onion

4 oz mushrooms

1 oz butter

1 lb lamb

1/2 pint beef stock

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

Pinch mace

4 oz frozen puff pastry

1 egg, beaten

Cooking time:

60 minutes

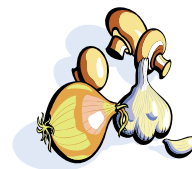
Oven setting:

200c, 400f, Gas Mark 6

180c, 350f, Gas Mark 4

Method:

Peel and chop onion. Wash and roughly chop mushrooms. Fry both gently in butter until soft. Cut meat into 1-inch pieces and add to pan. Cook and simmer for 20 minutes. Place mixture in pie dish, cover with pastry, trim edges and flute. Brush with beaten egg and bake in centre of oven for 30 minutes. Reduce temperature to 180c, 350f, Gas Mark 4 after 15 minutes.



Normandy apple flan

Serves 4-6

12 oz rich short crust or flan pastry

1 pint thick apple puree, well sweetened

3 dessert apples, peeled, cored and sliced

Juice of 2 lemons

2 tablespoons apricot jam

2 tablespoons water

Cooking time:

35 minutes

Oven setting:

190c, 375f, Gas Mark 5

Method:

Line a 9-inch flan ring or tin with the pastry. Prick the base, and bake 'blind' for 5 minutes. Fill the flan case with the apple puree. Toss the sliced apples in half the lemon juice, and top the flan with concentric slices of apple. Bake in a moderate oven for 25-30 minutes. Remove and cool. Heat the jam, water and rest of lemon juice until syrupy but do not allow to boil. Press through a sieve and spoon over the tart to glaze.



Features

March Murder – a mother's persistence

When a murder goes undetected, the relatives can become very disillusioned with the police force and the system in general. In certain cases they can become a nuisance to the police in their enquiries but this was not the case in the following 9-year investigation. Jacque MacDonald refused to let go after her 32-year-old daughter was murdered in Merced, California in 1988. She knew that she could not rest until the killer was found and she never gave up until that aim was fulfilled. She took it as a mission to unearth the murderer and the police were unusually sympathetic to her feelings because her methods were so clear and logical. She worked tirelessly to ensure that her daughter was not forgotten by either the authorities or the public in general. It is probably what all parents want to do under the circumstances but find it impossible to do so. She gave up everything to devote herself to identifying and convicting the killer. She did not allow herself to become a victim but fought back bravely until she achieved her goal.

Jacque was originally from England and her family moved to America because her grandfather was American. Her father's position necessitated moving frequently and she grew to love her new country. When she was 26 she married her first husband, Bill Woodman and they had two daughters. The marriage did not last and they divorced after ten years. Shortly afterwards she met Dennis MacDonald who was an airline pilot. She did not hold out much hope of meeting another man, particularly when she was the mother of two small children. Most men do not want to take on the children of another man but Dennis was different and he was to become a rock of strength to Jacque when disaster befell the family. Apart from being her second husband there was 17 years between them, he being much younger than his wife but this did not deter them and the marriage was successful. He and the two girls, Debi and her younger sister Karen, got on very well.

Debi turned into a very talented young woman with a brilliant future ahead of her. She went to work for the chain department store, Sears, and became their youngest female manager. There she met her husband Harold Whitlock and they had a little girl, Courtney but he did not succeed as well as his wife.

On March 25th 1988 the MacDonald family heard the news that no one wants to hear. The phone rang in their Detroit home late at night and Dennis answered it. He had just finished a long haul flight to Tokyo and this was the last thing he expected to hear. His wife was asleep but she was standing in front of him when the call was over. She knew immediately that something frightful had happened. Debi had been brutally murdered in her Californian home while her three-year-old daughter slept in the bedroom next door. Debi had been stabbed and raped.

The police did not have any suspects and their

attention was drawn to Debi's husband of five years, Harold Whitlock. He had been having an affair with another woman for a number of months and they felt this was a sufficient motive for the murder. This case was made in the face of the alibis provided by his friends and the police were convinced that they need not look any further. They maintained that in the case of most murders, the culprit did not lie very far away from home. Jacque was furious at this turn of events. She was completely convinced of her son-in-law's innocence and maintained that the police were wasting precious time by pursuing this course of enquiry.

Jacque's marriage pulled her through the worst of the first year. Dennis said that she was in complete shock for that time and nearly unaware of what went on about her. When she pulled herself back to reality she made the decision to pursue the case to the bitter end. She had the option of retreating into bitterness and anger but she channelled these emotions in a positive direction. To be closer to the investigation she, and indeed her son-in-law, moved from Detroit to Merced, California and left Dennis behind them. He visited them whenever he could and tried to understand the crusade that his wife had embarked upon.

Despite interviewing hundreds of people the police made no headway at all with the case and when Jacque used to call every week they had no further news for her. Over the years, fresh minds were put to work on the murder, all to no avail. They continued to suspect Harold and this was despite the fact that there was nothing at the crime scene to link him to the case, no blood or semen or any other forensic evidence.

Jacque was convinced that someone was keeping quiet about the crime and that there was no option but to get involved in the detection herself, particularly in reminding people that the killer was walking among them. With Dennis, she set up a support group to help the relatives of murder victims. She renting hoarding spaces with Debi's photograph on them and she was then given financial support by the general public to help her cause. It was essential to her that she kept her daughter's face and name before the public. She offered a reward for information and published thousands of posters with Debi's photograph on them. Sears helped her out and displayed the posters in their stores all over the country. Jacque went further: both Pizza Hut and supermarkets allowed her to display the photographs on pizza boxes and on trolleys. The next step was television although she was terrified of the thought.

As she tried to get on television, it became obvious that there were many other families in the same position. It was four years before she convinced the TV show *Murder most Wanted* to do a feature on Debi in 1992. But it was a disappointing result; any phone calls were dead ends. Then she targeted the show *Unsolved Mysteries*. According to herself, she called the producer so often that she felt that they were going out together!

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(Murder of the Month Contd.)

again the response was not great. But Jacque would not give up. After appearing on 50 TV shows the country was becoming aware of the story and she had a twice-monthly slot on another TV show called *Victim's Voice*. She was launching a personal campaign of psychological terror against the killer, constantly reminding him of his crime.

When it looked like a lost case, in 1996 a drug-dealer, Michael Warnell came forward and said that an acquaintance of his called Scott had admitted killing and raping a woman. Michael had not gone to the police at the time as he was involved in drugs and did not want to draw attention to himself. It turned out that Scott Avery Fizzell had lived close to Debi at the time of the murder. DNA tests proved conclusive and the police had the happy task of phoning Jacque to give her the news she had awaited for so long. She also attended every day of the trial and heard Scott confess his crime and what had happened on that awful night. He blamed his drug habit and escaped the death penalty because he did not have a previous conviction. He was given 25 years to a life sentence and an additional 6 years for burglary.



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Fires in public places

Note the location of the fire exits whenever you visit a public building, no matter how brief the visit. In the event of a fire, do not use the lift unless it is designated as a means of escape. If in doubt, consult the fire instructions displayed in the building. In hotels and motels, check the fire safety instructions immediately after checking into your room. Familiarise yourself with the escape routes, fire exits and location of the fire call points. Keep low to avoid the smoke.

Food safety

Bacteria lurk in the cracks and little knife nicks on your wooden chopping board. Use a brush to scrub the board vigorously with hot soapy water after each use. And don't let any meat, fish or poultry-raw or cooked-sit on the board for more than a few minutes. plastic boards can be cleaned in the dishwasher. Before freezing uncooked poultry, remove it from the package, rinse well, and rewrap with your plastic film or freezer paper; this reduces the bacteria accumulated between processing and purchase. It's also a good practice to rinse chicken under cold running water before you cook it.

Salt substitutes

Try this blend of herbs: 1 teaspoon garlic powder and 1 teaspoon each dried basil, oregano and celery salt. Use a mortar and pestle to grind them together; transfer to a salt cellar. Add a few grains of rice to keep the mixture dry. For a spicier salt replacement, use 1 teaspoon each ground cloves, black pepper and crushed coriander seed mixed together with 2 teaspoons paprika and 1 tablespoon rosemary.

Tiredness

Are you tired all the time? See your doctor for a checkup; there may be a medical reason for your fatigue. Give aerobic exercise a try. It can combat the tiredness caused by insomnia, anxiety, stress, hormonal changes and - believe it or not - inactivity. It tones up your body, pumps oxygen to you brain and revs up the production of certain positive body chemicals. Cut down on caffeine and alcohol by refusing both after dinner. Caffeine may appear to give you energy, but the lift is short-lived; it will also keep you awake. Alcohol makes you drowsy but interferes with normal sleep patterns. Review your eating habits; crash diets cause tiredness by producing nutritional deficiencies. The cure is a well-balanced diet.

Wrapping packages

If you want to tie up a package very tightly, moisten the string before you tie it; it will shrink as it dries.

Women's World Day of Prayer

St. Mary's Church of Ireland Maynooth
8.30 - 9.10 p.m. Friday 7th March 2003

Did you know that Christian women in over 170 countries and islands around the globe pray with, and for each other, on the Women's World Day of Prayer. It is the largest ecumenical movement in the world organised by women. The twenty-four hour prayer event begins at the International Date Line in the Pacific, when the first service is held at dawn at Queen Salote's school in Tonga, and then moves across the world and back to Samoa on the side of the International Date Line.

Women's World Day of Prayer participants pray with, rather than for, women of other races and nations, thus enriching experience and releasing the power to accomplish tasks entrusted to them. The annual Day of Prayer began in 1812, but was not observed in Ireland until 1934. The theme is selected each year from ideas submitted from women's groups worldwide. Last year the women of Lebanon chose *Holy Spirit, fill us* as a theme for this year. The Lebanese women tried to convey the peace that comes through the healing power of the Holy Spirit, as it fills their hearts to guide them to normal living again. Each group says the same prayers but in their own language. This year every group is encouraged to plant a tree as a gesture of support for efforts to replant areas destroyed by war. In Ireland services are held in rotation in churches of the different denominations. Last year it was at St. Mary's Catholic church, Maynooth. This year we invite you to join this global prayer service at 8. 30 p.m. on Friday 7th March at the medieval St. Mary's Church of Ireland Maynooth. Women and men welcome.

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Points of View from the Youth of Maynooth

What I would like to see in Maynooth.

What I would like to see in Maynooth is a public swimming pool. Because if we had a public swimming pool we shouldn't have to pay something like 1 grand for just a year. With a public swimming pool you would only have to pay about 4 Euro every time you want to swim. And everyone would great use out of it. In school instead of just 5th and 6th classes being able to go for swimming lessons all the school will be able to go to swimming lessons. This would be very important because the earlier you learn how to swim the better. And everyone should get a chance to be able to swim because some day it could save your life.

Dean McAvinue

Improvements for Maynooth

I think Maynooth could be improved with more places for children to go. I think there should be a cinema because when anyone in my family wants to to the cinema they have to drive to Liffey Valley which is pretty far from my house. I also think an arcade would be good because every one I know loves to play computer games. I think another children's restaurant would be nice because on Friday every one can get kind of bored of just going to Supermacs. There should be a McDonalds or Burger King. I would also like it if there was a restaurant that specialises in selling ice-cream and banana splits and stuff like that. I also think there should be a park because my family loves to have picnics and I would like to have a place to bring my dog for exercise. There should also be a toy shop because anytime its someone's birthday we can never get them anything in Maynooth. I would also love if there was a pet shop. My Mam always says there should be more clothes shops in Maynooth like Marks and Spencer's or Dunnes Stores. My brother says that he would like a shop that just sells computer games. I hope some of these things come through for mostly the benefit of children.

Johnathan Sheils

What This Town Needs

In my opinion I think Maynooth could use a place where kids can go and hang out, sort of an arcade. It would be good if you and friends could go somewhere for like two hours and just have a lot of fun and all that. I mean, it would be so much better then going all the way to Liffey Valley or Blanchardstown just to see a movie or something like that. I think some people might agree with me as some people have been asking for like a skate-park, something like that. The reason I'm talking about this is because the only thin g (In Maynooth) is probably the internet cafe but that costs way too much. Or maybe like a place

where all sports are played, the things that would be set up inside: a heated swimming pool, indoor soccer etc., that would be open all winter. Maybe a sort of Leisure Plex, with a bowling ally and Quazer and a small price to pay.

Oh yeah, I think it would be good to have an amusement park in Maynooth. (Even if we might not have the space)

Possibly a cinema, wouldn't it be great having a cinema how convenient could it be?

Hope you like my suggestions!

Rorai Eames

How Maynooth Could be Improved

I think Maynooth could be improved by getting a cinema, and getting a sports complx, just like the Leixlip Amenities centre. The cinema could go in where the mart is, up near Tesco. The Mill could be knocked down and put up a Leisure Plex. The leisure plex could be used for bowling and a whole pile of car machines and gun machines. A better Garda station, not the little one that looks like a tiny house. When Rathcoffey is ready, Dublin road won't be in use so we could get astro turf.

All these things I have written down probably won't even happen, but this is what I hope Maynooth should be like. Everybody has their different opinions. When I was talking about knocking down the mart and putting up the cinema, well I think there will be a car park for Tesco.

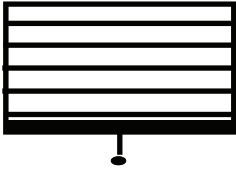
The handball hall should be bigger and so should the Post Office up in the G.A.A. I know we would or Ireland would never be able to afford all this. And in behind the big Shopping Centre they could put a little shop for sports gear and football gloves and everything that would have anything to do with sports.

Ciaran Scally

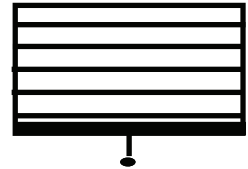
What Maynooth needs

I would like to see a skate-board park in Maynooth. There is nowhere good to skate that you aren't kicked out of. If you want to get a skatepark, you have to travel to the airport or to Drumcondra. I rarely get to a skatepark, because of the hassle involved in getting to them. I really think that people should get more involved in the sport, especially in Maynooth, but this won't happen unless there are facilities to use. Even a small area of ramps would make a brilliant place as the streets are to dangerous to skate. Maybe a small skate-shop could be built. I hope this happens to make our parents lives easier and ours better.

Sean Damery.



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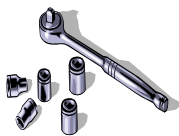
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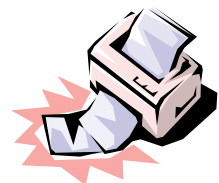
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Points of view from the Youth of Maynooth

Activities

There is lots of activities in Maynooth. I play Gaelic football for the school and club team. We won the county Bun Na Scoile cup in November. I have played with the GAA club since I was four years of age. I joined with the club at the age of eight. I play in goals but mostly as a striker. I go swimming every Friday with my school since fifth class. I do hurling for the school team. We got to the final this year but lost by one goal and five points. I used to play rugby before soccer. I broke my arm playing soccer. A lad came up behind and slid me, I fell on rock hard ground. I play full forward for gaelic football. My coach is Donal Mc Auenime. He brough us to lots of wins. My soccer coach is Yan Knop. We have not lost a match and we ars second on the table. I scored nine goals this season. I love fishing down the bait lake. I have caught 29 fish in two days. The biggest fish I caught was a nine pound fish. There are so many activities in Maynooth so do at least one.

Conor O' Brien
Mr Grundy 6th class

Club Football

Hi my name is Ian and I am a big soccer fan. I play for the under 12s soccer team. We are an okay team with star players, such as Micheal Fathy and Manuell Ali. The only two problems we have are players who dont listen to the manager. And we dont have a good pitch. My first problem is not that bad ,only for the fact we always loose. The other problem concerns me because the pitch has chunks out of the ground. And the goals are tacky and crooked. And the worsed of all is that we cant play on the pitch because there are blocks all over it. But hopefully we will get to play all the matches that were called for by summer.

How Maynooth Can Be Improved

Maynooth can be improved in many ways for many people of all ages. There could be a petrol station on the west side of Maynooth and north side. If there were petrol stations there people wouldn't have to go through Maynooth to get to one. They could also make a ramp down the Parson Street motorway so that people going towards Dublin wouldn't have to go through Maynooth to get onto the motorway. These things would help people getting to work or other things on the way to Dublin. There could also be a cinema so that people of all ages could go in their spare time to watch a film and have a good time. There could also be a bowling alley which is another thing people of all ages could enjoy and have a great time. There could be a skatepark so young people could have fun and practise tricks and improve their skills. There could also be a Quasar so young people could go and have fun often.

There could also be an activity centre, it should contain a large hall where you could play soccer, basketball and hockey. There could be a handball room and a swimming pool. There could also be rockclimbing, absailing and archery. Outside there could be astro-turf pitches, a gaelic pitch, soccer pitch and a basketball court. The activity centre would be used all the time for school tours, birhtday parties and by people just going to have fun and a brilliant time.

David Thompson

Things I'd like done in Maynooth. Well there are a whole rake of things I want done and not done. Well here they are. I wish the Moyglare road was replaced. I would like a cinema and a real one. I'd love to see a proper soccer pitch. I'd rather see more facilities for children rather than houses being built on the Moyglare road. I'd like a few parks in Maynooth. I'd like to see a swimming pool because the pool in the college is not open to the public. I'd like to see more sports shops. I'd like less and less lorries coming through Maynooth. I would like another bookshop in Maynooth. That would be it.

Thank you for reading.

Cian Taylor
Mr Grundy 6th class

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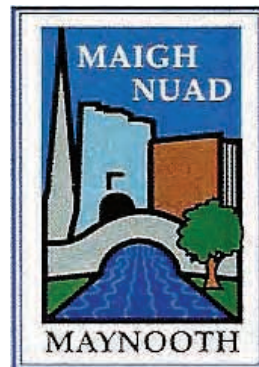
School Football

I was wondering why our school doesn't have a soccer team? We do have an amazing under 11s football team, well gaelic team but lets admit it in my school which is more popular, gaelic, soccer or hurling? 3 hurling, 2 gaelic and **No 1** soccer. So why doesn't our school have a soccer team? My opinion is get one! If we did have a soccer team we would always win with the people in our school.

Ian O Regan Casabon
Mr Mc Bride 6th class

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Points of view from the Youth of Maynooth

Skateboarding

I think there should be a skatepark in Maynooth because kids are skating on the streets and breaking things and wrecking curbs and breaking bones. The closest skatepark is in Dublin near the airport and its to far I think we need one. If we had a skatepark kids wouldn't get knocked down and people wouldn't hurt themselves. It is very boring in Maynooth and there is nothing to do so if you had a skatepark young people wouldn't drink or smoke because they'd have something to do. It would make Maynooth more a popular town and more people would come and people would wear head protection cause you would have to in a park and if you didn't you wouldn't be allowed in. And it would be a lot safer for the skaters.

Richard Hawkins

How we can improve Maynooth

Lets face it I am an eleven year old boy and just like many other boys my age all we want is a football stadium in our home town. A football stadium could improve Maynooth greatly. If Maynooth had a cinema complex or it was a tidier town who knows what we could achieve. We could attract more tourists if we had more hotels and facilities and housing estates. But what question is everyone asking ? their asking ``How could Maynooth become a safer highly populated town ? Well its quite easy . **We should widen Bond Bridge so there would be less accidents and less loss of lives.** This really increase the population of Maynooth. Many people may say Maynooth is the best, safest town in Ireland but in my personal opinion their wrong. If you take a good look at Maynooth you will eventually see something you dislike about it. Everyone in Maynooth knows where the GAA is and as far as I can see everyone loves it. But the pitch beside it is in dreadful condition. I know the rain messes it up a bit but we could at least cut the grass now and again. It would put smiles back on young children's faces because they could play gaelic, hurling, camogie or whatever they play. We could also improve Maynooth by putting traffic lights in places where they are needed. The schools in Maynooth are great but it would be safer if the children crossed with the traffic wardens as we have had many vital accidents where children are not crossing where there supposed to. That is how we could improve Maynooth.

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More for Maynooth

I dont think there is much to do in Maynooth for children and teenagers. I would like it if there was a complex you could meet your friends. I would like a cinema, arcades and some sports facilities in the arcades. It would be great if there was a skate boarding park in Maynooth. I would also like a swimming pool in Maynooth.

Anonymous

My Favourite Sports

I have a lot of sports as my favourites and I dislike none. Here's a list of the one's I play down below.

My favourite sport is soccer. I play for Maynooths under 12s. I started playing for the team when I was five. I played firstly for an indoor soccer team in 'Leixlip Amenities Centre' until I was seven. Then I started to play with the under 8s in Maynooth.

I love to go swimming as well. I started swimming lessons at the age of four in 'Stewarts' in Palmerstown. First I had to use two floats when I was in beginners. Then I was in improvers and then in the deep end. When I was finished all of them on Saturdays I did lengths which was the hardest of them all.

I also play golf. I mainly play in Knockanally with my dad or my friends. I play in competitions once every month. I have all the clubs and a bag and all the other accessories. I play Gaelic in my school as well every year. Last year I played for the under 13s A-league. I play left half - forward and left full - forward . In every sport I play on the left wing because I'm left footed. My favourite soccer players are Paul Scholes and Canisairez. My favourite golfer is Tiger Woods and Padraig Harrington. These are all the different sports I play and do in my life.

Darragh Moore

Skateboarding

I would like to see a skate park being installed because most people I know skateboard. I love skateboarding myself and would like to go to a place and skateboard for a whole day. So please make sure you put in a skateboard park. If you think that's all your mistaken! I think you should put a skateboard shop in Maynooth with loads of different kinds of skateboards in it, it should be right beside the skateboard park.

I think that there should be more skateboarders in Ireland. And some skateboard teachers. I think that no boy should be without a skateboard. That brings me to another topic. In Ireland you can't get a decent skateboard unless you go into Dublin and pay a lot of money for an imported one. So they should have a skateboard factory, so we don't have to pay as much as we do. If you do this maybe there would be more happy faces in this town There is only one more thing I'd like to see, a paintball park and then this town would be a perfect town.

Sean Senchyna
Mr Grundy 6th class





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What I Want In Maynooth

First of all I would like to have a public swimming pool open to the public. We could have a lot of exercise and we could be healthy and we could live a long life. Then I would like Maynooth football team to have a stadium and we could raise a lot of money and give money to all the charities that would need money. I wouldn't mind if Maynooth had a cinema or something like a cinema. So I could go and hang out somewhere else with my friends. And I wouldn't mind if we had an arcade, that would be cool. The End.

By Barry Kilduff.

How Maynooth Can be Improved

I would like to see a skate park being installed because most people I know Skateboard. I love skateboarding myself and would like to be able to go to a place and skateboard for the whole day. There is no place that is good for skateboarding so please make sure you put in a skateboard park. If you think that's all then your mistaken. I think you should put in a skateboard shop in Maynooth with load of different skateboards. It should be right beside the skateboard park. I think that there should be more skateboards in Ireland

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PRIVATE PRAYER TO SAINT PATRICK

Glorious Saint Patrick, you were filled with passionate love for our Lord Jesus Christ. Obtain for me a deep and lasting love for Jesus and the desire to live the gospel in my life. Hear the requests I make to you (mention your intention here). Help me keep my eyes fixed on three Savior. May Christ be the beginning and end of all my actions. Saint Patrick, pray for me. Amen.

Victoria Ali



Tanya Walsh & Family



Michael McDonagh & Dad

Points of View from the Youth of Maynooth

Books that I enjoyed.

When Harry Potter came out on the shelves everyone wanted one, they couldn't get enough of the little scared wizard along with his friends Ron and Hermione. Another good book is the book Holes by Louis Sachar. Here is a little bit about it: Stanley Yelnat's family has a history of bad luck, so he isn't too surprised when a miscarriage of justice sends him to a boys juvenile detention centre. At Camp Green Lake the boys must dig a hole a day, five feet deep, five feet across, in a dried up lake bed. The Warden claims the labour is character building, but is a lie. Stanley must dig up the truth. Oh and by the way don't get bitten by a yellow spotted lizard. I give this book five stars, you just have to read it. Another trilly story is Lord of the Rings, its about a hobbit called Frodo Bagins the volunteer who will bring the one ring to mordor with the help of seven companions. I give this book a five star rating. Here is a story that I like, The Falcon's Malteser, he is a bit from it: When vertically challenged Johnny Naples entrusts Tim Diamond with a package worth over three million pounds, his making a big mistake. For Tim Diamond is probably the worst detective in the entire world. Next day, Johnny's dead. Tim gets the blame, his smart, wisecracking younger brother Nick gets the package and every crook in town is out to get them! I would read this book if I were you. I would read this book if I were you. I would rate this book four and a half. There is also good book's by Anthony Horowitz like Public Enemy number Two and South by South East. And that is my article on famous books by **Gareth Geoghegan**.

What I want in Maynooth

Maynooth is a good town and it is very historical but I would like to see a few changes. I like skateboarding and there are not many places to go skateboarding so I would like a skatepark to be built outdoor or indoor this would make a big change in Maynooth. I would go there every day. Another change I would like is a cinema, I would not have to travel to Dublin to see films. Maynooth is a good town and these are a few changes would make it a even better place.

Andrew Kavanagh.

How Maynooth can be Improved

I reckon Maynooth can be one of the best towns in Ireland. Maynooth is the only town in Ireland that has a pimrary school and a secondary school and a college in the one town. Maynooth has some great places such as the Glenroyal Hotel and Leisure Centre.

Maynooth has a serious problem with litter in some parts. If people could stop littering Maynooth it would be great. There are some places in Maynooth that have no use such as The Mill. They could build a shopping Centre

entre or a skatepark or Cinema. When I first came to Maynooth I thought it was a great town. I have some great friends in Maynooth. My Mum and Dad found me a great school (St. Mary's Boys National School). Now they have great jobs.

Joe Gerry

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Finish planting new trees, shrubs and climbers by the end of March. Top dress them with compost, peat or manure.

Set out hedging plants in the ground prepared last month.

Prune floribunda and hybrid tea roses. Remove dead wood and old wood from winter-flowering shrubs. Hoe to remove weeds and apply a general-purpose fertilizer over the root area of trees, shrubs and climbers.

Flowers:

Fork soil and add a general-purpose fertilizer in order to prepare ground for sowing of hardy annuals. In warm gardens for the first sowing can be made at the end of the month. Remove dead heads of spring-flowering bulbs. This conserves the strength of the bulbs. Plant gladioli corms, lily bulbs and also hardy herbaceous perennials. Hoe, feed and mulch herbaceous borders. Plant out unsprouted dahlias and protect them from frost by covering them with a mulch. Water outdoor container plants in sheltered areas if necessary.

Fruit:

If not done last month, apply fertilizer to the soil area around fruit trees and bushes and hoe it lightly. Then add a layer of mulch. To get early fruits place cloches over strawberries. Continue to plant strawberry plants, but remove the blossoms in order to prevent them from producing fruit in the first year. Spray apple and pear trees with a fungicide to prevent scab disease. Remove damaged or low-growing stems from bush fruits such as currants and gooseberries.

Vegetables:

Fertilize spring cabbages in order to encourage growth. Thin out broad beans and peas sown last month. Put in stakes or supports where needed. As soon as the weather is suitable start sowing green vegetable crops, including lettuces and radishes, either in seed beds or where they are to mature. Continue the planting of onion sets, shallots and potatoes. Dig up any swedes, parsnips and leeks that are still in the ground and prepare the soil for new crops.

Under Glass:

Complete the sowing of summer bedding plants and half-hardy annuals. Prick out seedlings of those sown in February into boxes for hardening off in April. Sow greenhouse flowering plants. Discard Winter flowering

plants are to be retained for next year. Take cuttings of chrysanthemums, dahlias, fuchsias and perpetual-flowering carnations. Start into growth tuberous begonias. Sow celery and cucumbers. When forced bulbs have completed their flowering, move them to a cool place and feed with a liquid fertilizer.

General:

Thread and firm any soil that has been loosened by frost and re-firm plants that have been rocked by the wind. Rake lawns and mow when the grass is 2-3 in. high. Finish preparing the site for any new lawns which are to be created from seed or turf next month. Check all plant supports and make sure they are secure. As soon as insect pests are noticed start spraying.

Shrubs and trees:

Trees and shrubs form the backbone of a garden. They add height and substance, not to mention their beauty. No garden is too small for a shrub and even a very small garden can benefit from a carefully selected tree. The key to success is discrimination, and in the small garden this is more important. When space is limited it is better to confine yourself to one specimen tree or a couple of shrubs rather than trying to cram too many different species into an overcrowded border. The difference between a tree and a shrub can be subtle. Trees are generally considered to have a clean trunk for some distance with the main growth forming a head. Always prepare ground well before planting trees and shrubs. As they are permanent garden features good preparation is very important.

Make your own pot-pourri

Bowls of fragrant pot-pourri are easy to make, and they're a wonderful way of bringing the garden's perfume into the house all year round. Their delicate lingering fragrance is far more pleasant than the smell of those gasty chemical air fresheners.

Any scented flowers or leaves can be used to make pot-pourri. Fragrant flowers include roses, lavender, violets, broom, pinks, jasmine, honeysuckle and wallflowers. Plants with aromatic foliage include lemon verbena, lemon balm, eau-de-Cologne mint and pelargoniums with scented leaves. For extra colour add a few flowers of marigolds, pot marigolds, love-in-a-mist, cornflowers or sweet peas.

Pick the flowers and leaves early in the day when the weather's dry. Choose flowers that are nearly, but not quite fully open. Spread the flowers and foliage to dry outside on a wire mesh that's fixed above the ground to let the air circulate thoroughly, or put them on trays in a very low oven with the door open.

When the material is dry and crisp to the touch, mix it together in a large bowl with some citrus peel and about half a cup of powdered orris root to "fix" the fragrance. Store it in an airtight container for a month or so, then put it in decorative bowls or jars around the house.

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| 5. Most Topical Float - Trophy | 6. Funniest - Trophy |
| 7. Best Costumes - Trophy | |

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

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Thank you Owen

When I think of Owen Byrne, words such as 'legend', 'institution' or even 'icon' spring to mind. Then I think.....these are just words, meaning many things or sometimes meaning nothing at all. None of them can adequately describe the man or what he meant to this community.

My childhood memories are of trips to the sea-side at Gormanstown organised by Owen and his colleagues on the Pioneer Council. As teenagers growing up in the sixties this organisation kept us all on the 'straight and narrow' and taught us by their action and example that there was more to life than alcohol.

As time went by I had the pleasure of serving on many committees and watching the 'master' at work. Further down the line my own children like many others experienced his guiding hand through activities such as the swimming club.

Whether it was an aspiring pioneer, a promising swimmer, a church function or a fundraiser, Owen was the one to get you through. A man with a big heart, endless energy and a positive attitude that assured you that all things could be accomplished.

I will remember Owen most of all for his warmth, his generosity and his diplomacy. He has touched, nourished and enriched so many aspects of this community that we are now impoverished by the void his passing has created.

My sincere sympathy to Nell and all his family who's loss is even greater than ours.

Go ndeaneadh Dia trocaire ar a anam.

Josephine Moore



Owen Byrne R.I.P.

Owen was one of the finest and most positive people that you could ever meet. He was always willing to help out, be it for individuals or community groups. He achieved the Honorary Mayor title through his fund raising activities for the Maynooth Swimming Club. It was in his Mayor of Maynooth role that he has led all of our St. Patrick's Day Parades, even when he was not feeling too well last year. As a mark of respect to Owen's memory, the Community Council has agreed to award The Owen Byrne Memorial Trophy to the Best Community Entrant at our St. Patrick's Day Parade.

John McGinley

Maynooth Swimming Club

The Maynooth Swimming Club would like to express their condolences to the family of Owen Byrne who died recently. Owen had been involved in the club for over 30 years. Owen started the Swimming Club with only a handful of children, and it has successfully grown to what it is today with Owen as it's chairperson. He was always there to give advice when needed, and the children enjoyed meeting him year after year during our galas at which Owen always presented the medals.

He will be missed dearly by the club.

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Maynooth Town F. C. Notes



Maynooth Town's Under 16's Squad line out in their new kit sponsored by

Maynooth Town Football Club will take part in this year's St Patricks Day Parade. Any member wishing to march should contact their team manager or be at Londis Greenfield S.C. 30 minutes prior to parade commencing.

Maynooth Town F. C. Weekly Lotto Results Sponsored by Caufields Lounge Maynooth

Date	Numbers	Jackpot	3 x €35 Winners		
19-Jan-03	9,10,13,22	€750	ALAN O' KEEFE	SARAH GREALLY	THOMAS Mc GOVERN
26-Jan-03	2,5,16,27	€825	LARRY O' BRIEN	RUTH MILLER	RONNIE CASSIDY
2-Feb-03	2,15,19,23	€900	MARY HOUTON	CAM DUNNE	JASON DEMPSEY
9-Feb-03	14,17,25,28	€975	M. MOORNE	KEITH BRADY	BRIAN WALKER

Features

The Chinese New Year

This year, 2003, the Lunar Calendar started on February 1st. It is the Year of the Ram. There is a cycle of 12 years: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Ram, Monkey, Cock, Dog, Pig.

On the Eve of the New Year, the Chinese families come together for a big celebration. Before that, the houses will have been cleaned thoroughly; the New Year's decorations inside the house and outside on the door will have been arranged. The Chinese character (writing) "Fu", meaning "Happiness", "Good Luck", "Blessing" and another word: "Ju" meaning Bamboo which symbolises "Peace", are mostly used. Red paper bands with golden-coloured writings of good wishes are pasted on the two door posts and the lintel of the main doors.

The festival meal includes, as last dish and before the sweet dishes, fish, of which some part should be left over on the plate, expressing the hope that the family will have sufficient food during the coming year. "Fish" has the same pronunciation as "plenty".

After the meal the younger generation will pay respect to the older generation by bowing or even kneeling, as a reward they get a "red envelope" with money inside. By midnight the family gathers in front of the family shrine and venerates the ancestor with incense sticks. Then the New Year is welcomed by fire crackers and fireworks.

The next day children and adults wear new clothes, or at least their best ones. The Catholics go to participate in the special Eucharistic celebration in the parish, to show gratitude for the past year and entrust the coming year into God's hands. Everywhere in the streets one can hear the greeting "Happy New Year" often adding "Felicitations for wealth" or "May all go according to your desire". Besides these, "Good Fortune", "Wealth", "Long Life", "Joy" are the most traditional good wishes in printing, writing, paper-cutting art or even woven on silk for clothings.

Schools, offices, shops are closed for some days; trains and buses are full with travellers who go to visit friends or go on an excursion. Even if modern life goes back to normal after a few days, the lantern Festival on the 15th day of the New Year closes the celebrations.

To you, dear reader,

Late but best wishes on this occasion!.

Helene Reichl
National Centre for Liturgy.

(Helene is a missionary in Taiwan, China).



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What a Chauffeur should know in 1903.

The motor car consists briefly of two parts - the motor and the car. Thus we have two factors to deal with: first, the care to be propelled - the dead factor; and, second, the propelled power, the motor or engine - the live factor. The car without the engine is powerless; the engine alone may run without effect. Only when they are coupled together do we have a resulting active combination which must be guided by the hand of the driver.

To Start

The engine having been started, is connected with the car by means of a hand or foot lever within easy reach of the driver, which controls the connecting mechanism known as the clutch. "What shall I do to stop?" then simply becomes a matter of pulling out the clutch disconnecting the engine from the car - and applying the brake to bring the car to rest.

To Stop

So intimately connected are the clutch and brake as factors in stopping that in many cars the throwing on of the brakes at the same time throws out the clutch. In other cars, however, the clutch must be first pulled out before the brake is applied. In his first driving the question of stopping will be the one which will most agitate the novice, and in "ganging o'er his fundamentals" he might well rehearse to himself with many reiterations: "To stop! Clutch out. Brake on." Later in his experience he may be confronted with the "forcible" proposition of "What shall I do to start?" (when the engine refuses to turn), but that is something about which he can take his leisure and learn by experience, whereas the stopping is often a situation calling for immediate and rapid action.

Maintenance

Whoever aspires to run the rapid and untiring motor car in town or country in place of the slower and soon-tiring horse must remember that the machine will supply the power, but he must furnish the brains; that if he will feed it (with oil, etc.), clean, inspect and care for it with one-half the regularity that he would feed and care for his horse, he will get a manifold return in work done and enjoy an exhilaration and pleasure which must be tasted to be known; it cannot be adequately described. If, however, he expects, as many do, that simply *because* the motor car is a machine it will run week after week without care and attention, he will be doomed to disappointment.

Mechanics

To the man who is the fortunate possessor of an inclination toward mechanics, the motor car affords a fertile field for the employment of such a talent.. The

average man, though he may have no especial mechanical faculty, soon learned the intricacies of the motor car. If he puts into practice the instructions received from the maker's mechanic, the *operation* of the car will be rapidly acquired.

Do Not Adjust

As to maintenance, he should first, above all, avoid the not uncommon error of "taking things apart" to see how they are put together. Presumably the car is delivered to him properly adjusted and in order, and it should be allowed to remain so until ordinary wear and tear makes it necessary for new adjustments to be made or worn parts replaced.

(Continued in April Newsletter)



Ballad of the Motor Car

When our yacht sails seaward on steady keel
And the wind is moist with breath of brine
And our laughter tells of our perfect weal,
We may carol the praises of ruby wine;
But if, automobiling, my woes combine
And fuel gives out in my road-machine
And it's sixteen miles to that home of mine—
Then ho! For a gallon of gasoline!

When our coach rides smoothly on iron-shod wheel
With a deft touch guiding each taut drawn line
and the inn ahead holds a royal meal,
We may carol the praises of ruby wine;
but when, on some long and steep incline,
In a manner entirely unforeseen
The motor stops with a last sad whine—
Then ho! For a gallon of gasoline!

When the air is crisp and the brooks congeal
And our sleigh glides on with a speed divine
While the gay bells echo with peal on peal,
We may carol the praises of ruby wine;
But when, with perverseness most condign,
In the same harsh snowstorm, cold and keen,
My auto stops at the six-mile sign—
Then ho! For a gallon of gasoline!

Envoy

When yacht or Coach Club fellows dine
We may carol the praises of ruby wine;
But when Automobile Clubmen convene
Then ho! For a gallon of gasoline!

Ellis Parker Butler 1869 - 1937

Features

Folklore

(Traditional orally transmitted beliefs, tales and practices of the people)

In an article entitled 'Education as a Hobby' in the February addition of the Newsletter reference was made to the revised curriculum for Irish primary schools which places important emphasis on the exploration of personal and family history in the context of the immediate environment of the child.

In this connection Folklore Surveys which are suitable for younger children are often seen by communities as an ideal way for stories about their own particular area to be recorded.

Possible themes include:

- 1 Ordinary folktales/stories.
- 2 Legends and folk belief.
- 3 Historical traditions.
- 4 Holy places/wells.
- 5 Folk prayers.
- 6 Popular charms.
- 7 Proverbs.
- 8 Riddles.
- 9 Rites of passage/customs associated with same - birth, marriage, and death.
- 10 Songs and ballads.

Much of the above was recorded during the work of the Irish Folklore Commission when schools in the area were visited during the 1930's. However, the fact is that since then, people from all over the country, and indeed, from overseas have settled in the Maynooth area. Also, and more importantly, while the children are talking to their parents, uncles, aunts, grandparents, granduncles and grandaunts about these topics, they are learning about these things for the first time. When subjects or topics have been chosen the children should be helped to put together a simple questionnaire which will put some kind of structure on the interviews. An example of such a form is given below:

Person Interviewed: Mother/Father/Grandmother/Grandfather, etc.

Name:

Place of Birth:

Age:

How long have you lived in Maynooth?

Did you go to school in Maynooth?

If not, where?

Tales: Stories about certain people, characters, etc.

Places: Old graveyards, holy wells, customs around same, castles, mills etc.

Prayers: Example of fisherman's prayer - 'May the good luck of John and St Peter be on our nets, Amen'.

Riddles: What is brought to the table and cut, but never eaten? Answer: a deck of cards.

Proverbs:

Great minds think alike, but fools seldom differ.

Charms/Remedies/Cures:

Dock leaves as a cure for nettle stings.

Poems/Songs/Ballads:

Example - The Siege of Maynooth, Tone's Grave, The Geraldines, The Devil and Tom Conolly. (Journals of Co. Kildare Archaeological Society - available in Library, Main St Maynooth).

Pupil's Name/School/Class/Teacher.

When the material is collected it can be bound and a copy placed in the various schools and in the library.

As an added bonus, it is possible that some of the children involved in such a project could develop an interest/hobby in local and family history which would last a lifetime.

Rita Edwards



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Professor Brenda Gourley is the first woman to lead the OU and joined after a distinguished career as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Natal in South Africa.

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Nearly all OU students are part-time and about 70% of undergraduate students remain in full-time employment throughout their studies. More than 150,000 OU students are on-line.

OU courses are considered to be among the world's best distance education materials and are regularly awarded for their innovation. In recent years, '*Computing, An Object-Oriented Approach*' won a British Computer Society award for IT, '*Discovering Science*' received a British Environment and Media Award for its innovative use of CD Rom, and '*Geology*' was named as one of Europe's best new multimedia products when it won the knowledge and discovery category at the prestigious EuroPrix awards.

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PRESS RELEASE

“WANT TO BE A THOUSANDAIRE?”

On Friday the 7th of March the North Kildare Educate Together School (NKETS) brings the hugely popular “Want to be a Thousandaire?” show to the Celbridge GAA Hall, Hazelhatch Road , Celbridge. This show has attracted large audiences all over Ireland, over the past years and is fast becoming the most popular fund-raising for schools and clubs. Contestants are drawn from ticket sales and each contestant will play for again the response was not great. But Jacque would €1,000. The show is fully computerised with 50/50, ask the audience and a brilliant phone-a-friend (which has to be seen to be believed!) The questions and four possible four answers are displayed on two 8ft x 6ft screens, one at each side of the stage.

This incredibly successful show, which is provided by Pallas Marketing Services Ltd, is being run by North Kildare Educate Together School to aid the completion of their new school. When asked about the show, a spokesperson for the NKETS Fundraising Committee, Vincent Hogan, said “We have spoken to several schools and clubs who have run “Want to be a Thousandaire?” around the country. This show is really hi-tech and offers a superb night’s entertainment. Don’t miss it!”

Tickets for “Who wants to be a Thousandaire?” are available from

- Joan Healy (6270887) or Aine O'Reilly-Nesson (6272369)
- or by contacting the school itself which is situated on the Clane Road, Celbridge Ph: 6274388,
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Captain	John Byrne

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Philip Doyle	Tom O'Haire
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Mick Fahy	Sean O'Connell
Mick Flynn	Liam Farrelly
Ray McTernan	Steve Greenwood



Jenny and her mother Cindy

Provisional Bookings for 2003

Date	Course	Time
Saturday 29th March	The Heath	10.30 - 12.00
Saturday 26th April	Turvey	12.00 - 1.30
Friday 23rd May	Kilcock	3.30 - 5.00
Friday 13th June	Hollystown	4.00 - 5.15
Friday 4th July	Craddockstown	3.30 - 5.00
Saturday 26th July	Mullingar	11.00 - 12.30
Friday 22nd August	Killeen	3.20 - 4.40
Saturday 6th September	Athlone	11.30 - 1.00
Friday 19th September Saturday 20th September	Tullamore Birr	12.00
Sunday 19th October	Milliscent	10.00 - 11.30
Saturday 1st November	Carton	10.00 - 11.30



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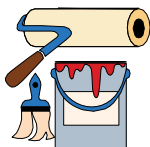


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File Numbe	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
03/113	Eugene Mara	Doctors Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	21/01/03	for two-storey office extension to side and first floor extension to rear at Eugene Mara Accountant	Doctors Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/118	Gerard Percival	Clonagh Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	22/01/03	development will consist of a dormer bungalow and puraflo unit	Clonagh Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/119	Siobhan Tighe	5 Parklands Grove Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	22/01/03	development will consist of first floor extension above existing converted garage, consisting of two no. bedrooms and new entrance porch	5 Parklands Grove Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/130	Tony Gannon	Lady Chapel Road Newtown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	24/01/03	to erect a new two-storey extension and alterations to the side and rear of existing house, permission to construct a boundary wall to the front, permission to retain existing general purpose shed and all associated site development works	Lady Chapel Road Newtown Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/141	Colm & Lorraine Keogh	32 Rockfield Green Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	24/01/03	for retention of alterations made to front elevations of existing two-storey semi-detached house, connected to existing	32 Rockfield Green Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/163	Tina Lawless	4 Parklands Grove Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	29/01/03	for 1st floor conversion above converted garage consisting of 2 no. bedrooms and kitchen extension at rear	4 Parklands Grove Maynooth Co. Kildare
03.202	Ciaran & Diedre Glynn	Dillon's Row Mariavilla Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	05/02/03	new 2 storey dormer style extension with velox windows to rear of existing house	Dillon's Row Mariavilla Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/233	Dan & Jean Broderick	8 Parklands Grove Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	10/02/03	extend existing ground floor utility room and to construct two bedrooms at first floor level over existing playroom and extend utility	8 Parklands Grove Maynooth Co. Kildare



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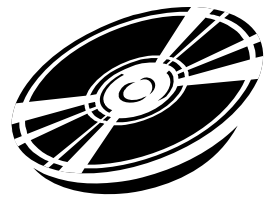
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Maynooth Tidy Towns

Maynooth entered in Irish Business Against Litter Competition

Maynooth Tidy Towns has secured the support of Maynooth Action Strategy in submitting an application on behalf of the town for consideration by the organisers of the Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) Competition 2003. The IBAL competition started last year and the towns that take part are selected by the competition organisers. It is generally one town per county and the cities. The judging is carried out by An Taisce and towns are assessed three times during the competition. Although, the name suggests that litter is the only area considered, in fact grass cutting, weeds and graffiti are also assessed. If the application is successful it will be necessary for many local organisations to come together to ensure that Maynooth achieves a respectable score in the competition. It is a requirement that the local authority lead the efforts and co-ordinate the work. Last year Newbridge represented Kildare in the IBAL competition.

Thirty Blackspots identified in Maynooth

Maynooth Tidy Towns have identified thirty areas in the town that need special attention this year. The list has been forwarded to Kildare County Council in an effort to alert them to the need to include these works in their plan for 2003. Our local area Councillors have been copied in order to secure their support. The full list appeared in last month's Maynooth Newsletter. Some voluntary effort will be needed to address these issues.

Grass Cutting Contract for 2003

Maynooth Tidy Towns submitted a list to Kildare County Council of areas to be included in the contract for the maintenance of public places in the town this year. A response was received in mid February stating that the budget has not yet been finalised for this year. Maynooth Tidy Towns believe that Kildare County Council should not reduce this budget but to make savings if necessary on other initiatives that could be postponed until next year. Local Area Councillors have been asked to support this approach.

New seats in Main Street welcome

Maynooth Tidy Towns is pleased to see the replacement of what became known as the "Butcher's Blocks" seating in Main Street by new metal seats. The original seats had become a serious health hazard due to the collection of food between the blocks and the consequent attraction for vermin.

Spring Clean 2003

The national Spring Clean week will be held in April again this year. In previous years Maynooth has not made much of an effort around that week. This year Maynooth Tidy Towns hope to return to the schools as we have already provided litter pickers to schools in the town and run a litter free school competition. Area Clean-ups and other events will be supported and we are considering a competition for the Best Litter Free Residential Area in the town. More information on this next month.

Would you like to join us...

Maynooth Tidy Towns is a very positive and proactive group whose aim is to improve our local environment. New people are welcome to get involved in any aspect of our work. If you would like to join us or be associated with any of our initiatives why not contact us by writing or ringing us through the Community Council office.

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MAYNOOTH HILLWALKING CLUB

Time is flying again. We are into Spring, the long awaited stretch in the evenings is noticeable and the weather in general has been very favorable. With the change in time later in the month we will be able to plan for longer activities and move further afield. By the time this is published I hope we will have had an enjoyable weekend of trekking in the Glendalough area. Our main event over this weekend is a night hike covering a distance of 8 miles with an ascent of 800 ft. This has been a very successful and popular activity in past years. It will be followed on Sunday with a Moderate hike taking in the mountains on both sides of the road from the Wicklow Gap to Glendalough. Our next weekend event will be a trip to Newcastle, Co. Down for three days of rambling in and over the Mourne mountains. We are planning different grades of activities over the three days with two events available on Saturday and Sunday. If there is sufficient interest we may have a hike available on the Friday of the long weekend, escaping before the mass exodus later in the day. This is our third such trip to the Mournes.

Our Easy hike on Sunday Feb 2nd proved somewhat exciting. Although the hike itself was short, by the time we finished the first part of it had started to snow. The conditions were very windy so it was decided to finish up that little bit early just in case the Sally Gap got snowed in. We enjoyed our picnic lunch in the forest admiring the snow falling all around us.

For March 2nd. We plan an Easy hike on part of the Wicklow Way in the Dublin Mountains above Markley Park and Ballinteer. This will be an 8 mile hike with ascent in the region of 700 ft. For the most part it will be on forest track and road. In the past it has been a popular day out for newcomers.

The next area I am going to have a look at is the hills to the east of the Blessington Lakes in West Wicklow. I am sure most of you may have seen them from time to time if you have visited or passed through the Blessington area. There are a number of easily accessible hills in the Lackan and Ballyknockan area, villages which straddle the eastern shore of the Blessington Lakes. This area is within 45 mins driving from Maynooth. It should be pointed out that going into the hills must be conducted in good weather, with proper equipment and accompanied by someone with experience. From sitting in the comfort of your car in one of the car parks, it may look very tempting to wander off unprepared unknown of the hidden dangers. In this area the winds rise up very suddenly, low cloud can drop onto the tops of them at short notice from nowhere, and occasionally fog on the lakes can rise up and envelope the mountainside in a white blanket. One can even be tempted by the beauty, challenge or curiosity to explore further into the mountain range and within a very short period everywhere will look strange and unknown and to the ill prepared no references or identifiable features. On

top of this darkness may not be very far away and a series of problems are knocking on your door. Take care and exercise due caution and be continuously vigilant of the conditions around you if you do decide to take even a short stroll up the side of that hill that beckons you.

These hills once housed many families in small communities which sadly were abandoned for one reason or another. Some stretch back as far as the famine days. One good example is Glenbride, the only remains that exist today are a few ruined houses and stone walls. This was in pre-famine times a village. The area east of these hills is wilderness where streams running from the sides of the adjacent mountains run into one another and eventually form rivers. All of them eventually end up in the Blessington Lakes including the river Liffey. Given the right conditions the scenery can be breathtaking. You can see across the Liffey valley to Kippure with its high mast, the Sally Gap and the long ridge which runs from the Sally Gap westwards to Mullaghcleevaun where the mountain range changes direction and heads towards the Wicklow Gap and Turlough Hill to the west of Glendalough. From this area on a clear day you can see westward to the Slieve Blooms which stretch from Mountmellick to Roscrea. Nestled just below you to the west are the big lakes themselves which on a good summers day are dotted with small sailing craft from centers located on the western shoreline.

Please note that weather conditions may restrict our activities. Itineraries are subject to change and anyone interested should check beforehand closer to the activity with one of the contact numbers below. Most of our Easy Hiking activities cover at least 8 miles with ascent of up to 1,000 ft.

In cases where there would be less ascent we may have longer hikes. Anyone attending our outings can expect to be walking for up to 4 hours and at a reasonable brisk speed (in the region of 5 kms per hour). Only attempt our outings if you are consider yourself fit enough to maintain this speed and distance. If it is felt that a person would not be able to complete an activity, would delay an activity, or is not properly equipped for the occasion, the activity leaders ruling on the matter will be final. People attending should ensure they have sufficient food and water to meet their needs for the event. We generally stop for 45 mins for lunch. Depending on weather it may be longer or shorter. Remember in the mountains in a lot of cases there no quick exit routes back to the cars. Please do not put the leader in the awkward position to have to turn away those who are not properly equipped or whom he considers are not adequately fit for the event. We have had to refuse to take people in the past and if necessary will do so in the future. Our numbers are not sufficient to support

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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 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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Another bonus is that walking can be enjoyed by all - young and old. and at a time to suit your own schedule.

For those starting off a general guide for time and distance, would be to walk 1 mile in 20 minutes. A fitter walker could cover 1 mile in 15 minutes.

Having worked hard to build up a regular pattern and your level of fitness, you will now feel fitter, more relaxed and notice some improved muscle tone.

To continue to reap all these benefits, it is recommended to be active most days of the week for at least 30 minutes and if you have a busy schedule the 30 minutes can be over 2 - 3 shorter sessions. Include at least 20 minutes of brisk walking for full benefits.

Good Walking Tips

- Wear good comfortable walking shoes
- Wear comfortable loose clothing. In winter add light layers rather than thick chunky clothes
- Start gradually. Increase the duration and pace over weeks and months.
- Vary your walking routes. As you progress, include the odd hill to make your walk more interesting and challenging.
- Walk with friends, family or work colleagues.
- Keep a record of your progress - distance, time and how you felt. It can be a great help in keeping up your motivation.
- Stop, if you have any unusual symptoms, such as chest pain, breathlessness or dizziness and consult your doctor.
- If you have a history of heart trouble or other significant illness, you should talk to your doctor before you start.
- Make sure that you warm up at the beginning and cool down towards the end of your walking session.
- Drink a glass of water before and after your walk.



Get Active Today

To get started try and be more active at home and at work each day. You will be surprised how a walk to the shops and some gardening add up to 30 minutes of activity in your day. Consider the following exercises in your daily routine.

Home

- Give the car a rest. Walk or cycle to the shops, bank and church.
- Walk the dog or take the family for a walk.
- Tackle housework - sweep, scrub, vacuum.
- In the garden - rake leaves, pull weeds and mow the lawn.
- Play active games with children, e.g. hid and seek, follow the leader, ball games.

Remember when doing gardening or housework, take good care of your back and avoid overusing any one muscle group. Change from one activity to another every 15-20 minutes..

Work

- Cycle or walk at least some of the way to work.
- Walk during lunch break.
- Stretch at the desk.
- Move about during the day.
- Climb stairs.

Leisure

- Take up recreational activities that require physical activity, e.g. dancing, hill walking, swimming.
- Share some of the activities with a friend or partner.
- Check out local teams and sports clubs.
- Enquire about local activities from VEC or county council offices.
- Join a good exercise class.
- Look out for your nearest Sli Na Slainte Route.

Resting Heart Rate (RHR)

Your muscles need food and oxygen to keep you going. Your heart pumps your blood (containing food and oxygen) to your muscles. A heart will be bigger and stronger (pumping more blood with each beat) and therefore, beat less often.

- Turn left hand palm-side up.
- Use the tips of the first two fingers (not your thumb) of your right hand.
- Place them gently on your left wrist, just below thumb.

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- Take some time to familiarise yourself with the pulse. Then count for 30 seconds starting with 0 (i.e. 0, 1, 2, 3,...etc.)
- Multiply your result by two to give you the number of times your heart beats per minute (bpm).

Waist Hip Ratio (WHR)

In the normal human body, the waist is narrower than the hips. In the average male, the waist is approximately 90% the width of the hip. Because of wider hips, the ratio in the average female is 80%. Inactive lifestyle, coupled with poor dietary habits can lead to excess fat gathering around the waist thus increasing the ratio.

- Use a tape to measure your waist at the narrowest point.
- Now measure your hips at their widest point.
- Divide your waist measurement by your hip measurement and multiply by 100.

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Passive Smoking

What is passive smoking?

Passive smoking is breathing in other people's tobacco smoke. Other people's tobacco smoke is sometimes called environmental tobacco smoke.

Why should I be worried?

Only 15 per cent of the smoke from a cigarette is inhaled by the smoker - the rest goes into the surrounding air and other people can breathe it in. Breathing air which contains tobacco smoke can be bad for your health. This is because the tiny particles and gases in tobacco smoke contain over 4,000 chemicals, many of which are harmful- at least 60 are known to cause cancer.

What's in cigarette smoke?

Carbon monoxide - the same that comes out of car exhausts - is the main gas in cigarette smoke. The smoke also contains over 4,000 other chemicals. Some of these have links with cancer in humans - arsenic, benzene, chromium, nickel, vinyl chloride, cadmium, formaldehyde, etc.

What can I do to clear the air?

The trouble with cigarette smoke is that it gets everywhere. Separating smokers and non-smokers in the same room may reduce the level of smoke in the non-smoking area, but it is not enough. Air filters, ventilators or extraction systems may reduce, but not prevent, exposure to other people's smoke. We must make sure that non-smokers do not have to live or work in smoky conditions by ensuring that all enclosed public places are smoke-free. Where appropriate, separate rooms should be provided for smoking.

What can I do about smoking at work?

It's at the workplace that most adults will have problems with passive smoking. However, many employers now have policies which guarantee smoke-free working areas.

If you are an employer, make a healthier workplace and safeguard your legal position. Every company should have a smoke-free working policy.

If you are an employee, talk to your employer about passive smoking worries and your desire for a safe workplace.

Smoking and my health.

Breathing other people's smoke is uncomfortable and can cause:

- Nose, throat and chest irritation and breathing difficulties.
- Coughing
- Sneezing
- A runny nose

- Headaches
- Dizziness
- Nausea and lack of concentration

If you have a long-term problem, such as asthma, chronic bronchitis or certain allergies, passive smoking can make it worse. Doctors now say that passive smoking causes serious and sometimes fatal illnesses. The UK Government's Independent Scientific Committee on Smoking and Health has estimated that several hundred non-smokers die each year from passive smoking. The risk of lung cancer from passive smoking is small, but some 50 to 100 times greater than the risk of lung cancer from exposure to asbestos.

Also, passive smoking can be linked to heart disease and death from heart attack.

Smoking and your child's health.

Babies and children who cannot avoid smoke where they live and play are at particular risk. Babies of smokers are much more likely to be taken to hospital with chest trouble in their first year of life than non-smokers' children.

Children with a parent who smokes have more chest, ear, nose, and throat infections than non-smokers' children. And the more cigarettes smoked at home, the greater the risk to the child. Children exposed to smoke are more likely to develop breathing problems as adults.

What about unborn babies?

The risk to unborn babies of pregnant women who smoke has been known for many years, but it now seems that unborn babies of pregnant non-smoking women are also at risk if the women are exposed to passive smoking. Women who have been regularly exposed to passive smoking during pregnancy tend to have smaller babies. Being small at birth makes it harder for the baby to make a good start in life.

- If you are pregnant, do not smoke.
- Avoid smoky places.
- Family and friends should avoid smoking in front of children and pregnant women. Ask your guests not to smoke.

The risk of having an under-weight baby can be increased by passive smoking.



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Not only is The Playbarn a hit with the thousands of kids that have already played there, the parents have also been well looked after. With its comfortable surroundings, and cafe area, where they can relax and read a magazine-watch Sky T.V. or simply keep a watchful eye on their kids.

The Playbarn has been kept busy looking after the many children that have held their Birthday Parties there. Parties at The Playbarn cost €12 per child. This includes an hour and a half play time and a half an hour at the party area where they can choose from a menu of : Fish Fillet-Chicken Nuggets-Chicken or Beef Burger or Sausages- all are served with chips and a drink of their choice.

So what are you waiting for, The Playbarn is open!!



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Maynooth Local History and Civic Forum

Fóram Cathartha agus Stair Áitiúla Mhaigh Nuad

Promoting local history and social debate

The first Annual General Meeting of the Maynooth Local History and Civic Forum was held in Maynooth Library on Monday 3 February at 8.00 p.m. Maynooth Local History and Civic Forum was established in 1999. The group evolved from a group of people, who had come together in 1997 to commemorate the bi-centennial of the 1798 rebellion. The first objective of the group is to promote greater interest in our local surroundings, its history, heritage and physical environment, thus promoting a greater sense and pride of place.

As a second objective, the group has set itself the task of promoting social debate on topical issues of the day.

Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month in Maynooth Branch library at 8.00 p.m. Maynooth Local History and Civic Forum is also affiliated to the National Federation of Local History Societies. There are thirteen local groups affiliated to the Federation of County Kildare. Most of these groups had their origin in 1798 commemorations.

At the A.G.M. Chairperson Michael Quinn outlined the work undertaken by members of the group to date which included the publication of three booklets, *'1798 and Maynooth'*, *'Exploring Maynooth-five self-guide historical walks'*, and *Myth and Memory - the history and story of the graveyards of Maynooth.* These publications were published in partnership with Maynooth Action Strategy and with the generous support of KELT.

A series of historical lectures were organised in Maynooth Branch library and these included: *The Battle of Kinsale*, Dr Tom O'Connor, and the *History of Maynooth*, Dr John Bradley, both of NUIM. Social debates were organised on such varied topics as *Arguments for and against the Nice Treaty*, *Irish Neutrality* and on Genetically modified foods.

The group also instigated, secured funding and acted as consultant to Kildare County Council on the street signs with the new Town Crest erected in Maynooth, they submitted plans to Kildare Sports Partnership for three *Slí na Sláinte* routes in and around the town.

In conjunction with Annual Heritage Week, the group has organised a series of guided tours. These included a tour of St Patrick's College, a Maynooth Town walk, A Royal Canal walk and Flora and Fauna Walks of both Carton Avenue and St. Patrick's College.

The group organises annually, in partnership with the local writer's group, a poetry evening as part of the Maynooth Community Festival.

The group had a general discussion on plans for 2003.

The highlight of the year will be a commemoration of Robert Emmet's rebellion which took place in Dublin on 23rd July 1803. People from the town of Maynooth also got involved. On the evening of the 23rd a group of up to 400 men occupied Maynooth. In his report the Irish State Solicitor, James McClland stated: 'It is difficult to account for this insurrection breaking out in Maynooth and in its progress being almost exclusively confined to the inhabitants of that town, while the remainder of the county of Kildare continued tranquil, altho' it is certain that a strong spirit of disaffection prevails throughout the whole county.' (see Liam Chambers, *'The State Solicitor's Report on the 1803 Rebellion in County Kildare'* in Raymond Gillespie, (ed.), *Journal of the County Kildare Archaeological Society, 2000-2001*, Vol. XIX, Part 1).

The meeting concluded with the election of officers.

Rita Edwards
Secretary

Maynooth Flower & Garden Club

Results of recent fund-raising held by the club.

Christmas Gala in Glenroyal, we were able to donate € 2,000 to the Irish Heart Foundation. The women of St Mary's Church of Ireland, and Maynooth Flower & Garden Club, held a Bazaar in the Boys' school on December the 1st to raise funds for the Maynooth Special Olympics. As a result we presented a cheque of €1,503.34 to the Maynooth Special Olympic fund. Thanks to all who supported these events.

Loftus Hall, Maynooth College

On the 18th of March the club have a teaching demonstration by Maire O' Leary. Her title is *New Ideas/ Techniques*. Competition for club members. Class A, 'Still Life'

Class B&C, 'Spring Exhibit - Gig

Plant Competition. 1 Daffodil.

Visitors Welcome - Spring Show April 12th-13th.

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Moirá Baxter P.R.O.



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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre

Question

What are the new Medical Card income guidelines for 2003?

Answer

The Medical Card income guidelines are updated in January each year. The new income guidelines, effective from 1st January 2003, are as follows:

Medical Card Income Guidelines from 1st January 2003 Weekly income limit (gross less PRSI deductions)			
Age	Single Person Living Alone	Single Person Living with Family	Married Couple
Up to 66 years	€138.00	€123.00	€200.00
66 - 69 years	€151.00	€130.00	€224.00
70 -79 years			€447.50
80 years or over			€471.00

Allowances for each child under 16 €25.00

Allowance for other dependants €26.00

Allowance for (rent, mortgage) excess over €25.00 per week

Allowance for cost of travelling to work in excess of €22.00 per week

For the year 2003 the guidelines have been increased by between 4.5% and 5%. For example, for a single person living alone, aged less than 66, this means an increase of €6.00 and for the age group 66 - 69 years an increase of €7.00. Similarly, for a married couple the increases are €9.50 and €10.00 respectively.

Everyone age 70 and over normally resident in Ireland is entitled to a Medical Card irrespective of income. This medical card is not means tested. It covers the cardholder only and does not cover their spouse/dependants. If you do have a medical card because you are over 70 but your spouse is under 70 years of age, she/he can apply for a means tested medical card. For example, where one spouse is aged 75 and the other 68, the means limits applying to the younger spouse are those of a married couple aged 70 - 79 years. Further information is available at 01 6285477.

Question

I believe there have been some changes to the Rent Supplement scheme. Can you please give details of the changes?

Answer

Rent Supplement is paid to those who are eligible, living in private rented accommodation, who cannot provide for the cost of the accommodation from their own resources and who do not have alternative accommodation available to them. The supplement is available under the Supplementary Welfare Allowance Scheme (SWA) through the Community Welfare Officers at local health centres.

There is usually a maximum level of rent considered by Health Boards as being reasonable, depending on

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household size and on the 'going rate' for rents in the local area. In November 2002, the Health Boards set the weekly maximum rent levels for the period 22nd November, 2002 to 31st December, 2003. A Rent Supplement will not normally be paid where the amount of rent exceeds the appropriate maximum rent level which has been set.

If you are considered eligible, you will have to make a contribution towards the rent with the Rent Supplement covering the balance. The amount of supplement you get should leave you with an income equal to the rate of SWA appropriate to your family circumstances less a 'housing element'. This 'housing element' is the minimum contribution which you will have to pay. From the 30th December, 2002 the minimum contribution which you will have to make has increased from €7.62 to €12.00.

In the means test for the supplement there are a number of income disregards. In April 2001 an income disregard was introduced for social welfare pensioners aged 65 or over. Since January 2002 the disregard had been €10. In the case of a couple aged 65 or over where both were receiving a pension or where they were receiving a pension with a pension with a qualified adult allowance the disregard had been €20 per week. From 30th December, 2002 the income disregard has increased to €23 per week in all cases i.e. €23 per household.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre at (01) 6285477.

Question

I recently lost my job and I am now receiving Unemployment Benefit from The Department of LSocial and Family Affairs. Is my social welfare payment taxable.

Answer

Like most social welfare payments, Unemployment Benefit (UB) is a taxable income and must be declared in addition to other sources of income of yourself or your spouse on any form from the Revenue Commissioners which requires details of income to be stated. However the first €13 per week of UB is exempt from tax as well as any increases for child dependants.

For those who are in a short-time working arrangement the UB payable is not taxable. Short-time employment means employment in which, for the first time being, a number of days is systematically worked in a working week which is less than the number of days which is normally worked in a working week.

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Further information is available at 01 6285477.

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I recently heard about 'force majeure leave' and I would like to know what this covers. Could you explain what it means and under what circumstances I would be entitled to take this leave?

Answer

'Force majeure leave' is covered under Section 10 of the Parental Leave Act, 1998. It refers to circumstances in which you, as an employee, are entitled to leave with pay from your employment for urgent family reasons. The entitlement to the leave is limited to circumstances where your presence is indispensable owing to the injury or illness of a close family member such as your spouse or partner, your son or daughter, your brother or sister, your parent or grandparent.

Force majeure leave cannot be treated as part of any other leave (e.g. sick leave, adoptive leave, maternity leave, annual leave or parental leave) to which you are entitled.

You may not be absent on force majeure leave for more than 3 days in any 12 consecutive months, or 5 days in any 36 consecutive months. Absence for part of a day is counted as one day of force majeure leave.

Compassionate leave following a death in the family or to attend a funeral is not an entitlement in legislation and is not covered by force majeure leave. Whether you are able to take time off on such occasions may depend on your contract of employment providing for such leave, on custom and practice at your place of work or on your employer's discretion.

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Maynooth Irish Countrywomen's Association

The Maynooth guild of the Irish Countrywomen's Association met at the ICA Hall Maynooth Harbour. Several were absent owing to holidays or illness, so we shall meet them at the March 2003 meeting.

Heartiest congratulations to Eileen Flynn, the new Craft Promoter who won the Margaret Gee Perpetual Memorial Cup for her Christmas table centrepiece. Enthusiasts look forward to Mondays with Eileen and her many varied crafts.

Thank you to Netta Crowley, county development advisor, for her plaudits. She focused on many aspects of women's rights, from lessening the burden of washday through rural electrification, to health awareness with the Osteoporosis Foundation and Breast Screening. In a broad-ranging talk Netta mentioned the Tidy Towns competitions, and the involvement of ICA's Nora O'Herlihy with the Credit Union movement. Over the past ninety years the ICA has listened to the voices of women, and now in the age of the nuclear family it continues to listen, with its counselling service.

The book *Women of Maynooth 1953-2003* will be a treasured lasting memorial to the hundreds of ladies who created greater social awareness as they participated in many aspects of life in Maynooth.

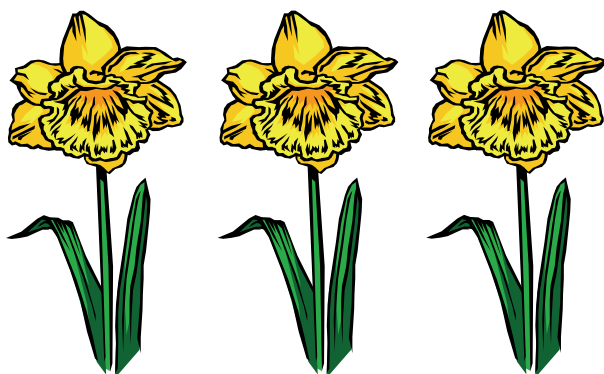
Dates for your diary:

21st March 2003	Daffodil Day
5th April 2003	Craft Day at Maynooth

Badminton continues on Mondays and Thursdays.

Thank you to Betty Farrell for her entertaining Bingo session. Winners were Mairead Scanlon, Betty Moore and Grainne Kelly. Other winners were Mary MacNamara, Mary Halton and Rosemary Hanley.

Owen Byrne was prayerfully remembered.



Special Olympics Maynooth Host Town Programme

Not long to go now until June 16th and the arrival of the Brazilian Special Olympics team in Maynooth. Plans are well underway for the reception of the team and all our volunteers' talents and energies are about to be fully tapped.

As people may be aware, after the public meeting on January 21st in the Glenroyal Hotel, the Brazilian team numbers have been reduced due to financial constraints in Brazil and we now expect to host around 40 athletes and chaperones. The Brazilian Special Olympics Committee has done their utmost to send as many participants as possible and we hope to make their stay memorable.

A further general meeting of all those who have volunteered their services was held on Tuesday 18th February, again in the Glenroyal Hotel. Volunteers were asked to brainstorm ideas on the various areas that need to be considered for the Brazilian Team's stay: transport, entertainment, catering, accommodation, town preparation, art exhibition, torch run, publicity, etc. Every little detail has to be looked at and planned, and every volunteer needs to be aware of what is happening and what their important role is.

Maynooth is going to feature on the last leg of the Olympic Torch Run. On Friday 20th the torch will arrive in the town where a reception for the torch bearers and a celebration of the event will take place. Don't miss the arrival of the Olympic torch in Maynooth - it may be the only time in your lifetime that an Olympic flame will burn on Irish soil!

Watch out as well for the participation of the Host Town Volunteers in the St. Patrick's Day Parade and let's hope that we have a little Brazilian sunshine for the event.

Any volunteers who did not make it to the two general meetings mentioned above can contact any of the committee to get an update and find the date of the next meeting as written notice of such meetings will not be sent due to the numbers involved.

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Bond Bridge & Approaches

Tenders are invited by Kildare County Council for construction of Bond Bridge and Approach Roads. The Bond Bridge and Approaches, Maynooth Site is located to the south west of Maynooth Town Centre. The road works will link Parson Street directly with Meadowbrook Road crossing over the Royal Canal and the Dublin to Sligo railway line.

Application Deadline: Wednesday 12 March 2003
Tender Deadline Date: Wednesday 26 March 2003
Tender Deadline Time: 17.00

Notice Type: Tenders

Bond Bridge & Approaches, Maynooth

Tenders are invited from experienced Contractors/Civil Engineering Contractors for the construction of Bond Bridge and Approach Roads, Maynooth in accordance with documents and drawings prepared by the Director of Services/County Engineer, Kildare County Council.

The scope of the works is summarised briefly as follows:

- 1 Construction of approximately 470m of single carriageway road and associated footways and cycle tracks linking Parson Street to Meadowbrook Road;
- 2 Construction of approximately 80m of single carriageway road and associated footways and cycle tracks linking Newtown Road with the new link road;
- 3 Construction of drainage and ducting;
- 4 Relocation of existing services;
- 5 Installation of road lighting;
- 6 Construction of accommodation works;
- 7 Construction of fencing and safety fencing/barriers;
- 8 Grassing and landscaping;
- 9 Traffic Signs;
- 10 Construction of Dublin - Sligo Railway Under Bridge;
- 11 Construction of Royal Canal Under Bridge;
- 12 Installation of approximately 470m of large surface water box culvert;
- 13 Installation of approximately 500m of Foul Sewer;
- 14 Demolition of existing Railway Bridge;
- 15 Dismantling, in ordered manner, of existing Canal Bridge;

And as described in the Contract Documents.

The works are to be constructed in stages and shall be maintained by the Contractor for a period of 12 months after issue of Certificate of Completion.

The full scope of the Works and the obligations of the Contractor are to be ascertained by reference to the Contract as a whole.

Tender documents may be obtained from the Roads Administration Section, Kildare County Council, St. Mary's, Naas, Co. Kildare on payment of a deposit of €100, which is refundable on receipt of a bona fide Tender not subsequently withdrawn and return of all documents and drawings not returned with the Tender.

Sealed Tenders and Bill of Quantities, in the appropriate envelope marked "Bond Bridge & Approaches, Maynooth" should be lodged with the County Secretary, Kildare County Council, St. Mary's, Naas, Co. Kildare **not later than 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday 26th March, 2003.**

It will be a condition of the award of the Contract that the successful tenderer, and all sub-contractors appointed by him/her, produce the specified insurances and performance bonds and must provide a current and valid Tax Clearance Certificate or C2 Certificate from the Revenue Commissioners. In the case of a non-resident tenderer, a statement of suitability on tax grounds from the Revenue Commissioners will be required.

It should be noted that the lowest of any Tender need not necessarily be accepted.

The Freedom of Information (FOI) Act applies to the Council. If a Tenderer considers that any of the information supplied by him/her is either commercially sensitive or confidential in nature, it should be identified and the reasons for its sensitivity specified. In such cases, the relevant material may, subject to the provisions of the Act, be protected from access in

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Cllr. John McGinley

Planning Application 02/2491, Mycete Construction for 538 units at Mariaville, Maynooth.

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following objection to this Planning Application:

"I wish to object in the strongest terms to this application for planning permission.

- 1 The application does not comply with Clause 3.8.1.T1.3 of the Maynooth Development Plan for the following reasons:
 - a It has a vehicular exit onto the Moyglare Road
 - b It does not propose to complete the new road before commencing the development
 - c It makes no reference as to how and when the roads in County Meath will be upgraded in line with Map No.1 of the Maynooth Development Plan.

In the absence of a completed ring (from the Moyglare Road to the Blacklion Road) the proposal is untenable because of the impact the extra cars would have on Maynooth Town Centre.

- 2 The density proposed is greater than that used when the Council decided on the Population Targets for Maynooth in the County Development Plan. The proposed density is 11 houses per acre, whereas the Council envisaged 7 houses to the acre when setting a population target of 12,600 by 2006. If approved the proposed density would make the population targets meaningless.
- 3 The proposal is in conflict with Clause 2.1.3 of the Maynooth Development Plan for the following reasons:
 - a Apart from a creche it does not have a full range of social facilities e.g. children's playground, local shops, clubs and recreational facilities.
 - b Proposals for large residential developments should be made in the context of Action Area Plans in order to ensure that new residential estates develop as integrated neighbourhoods.

It is my view that the application in its present format should be rejected and that proposals for development of this 19.39 hectares site should be made in the context of an Action Area Plan as per Clause 2.1.3 (last sentence) of the Maynooth Development Plan.

I enclose fee of €20 for my objection."

When Cllr. McGinley attempted to propose that the Leixlip Area Committee recommend refusal of the application, at their meeting on 7th February, he was told by the Director of Services, that he could not do so as the last date for objections was 2nd. February. This advice was the exact opposite to that given by KCC officials at the previous Area Meeting and it was contrary to normal practice i.e. Area Committee's could normally make recommendations to the County Manager after the closing date for statutory submissions. Cllr. John McGinley stated that he rejected totally the stance taken by Council officials and that it would be an outrage if permission was given for this development without it being made in the context of an Action Area Plan.

FF, FG and PD Councillors Vote for Massive 33% Increase in Bin Charges

At the Budget (Estimates) Meeting of the Council on 27th January all of the FF, FG and PD Councillors voted for a 33% increase in the wheelie bin charges, bringing the annual charge to €335 for the large bin. All of Labour

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Party and Independent Councillors voted against the increased charge.

Cllr. John McGinley proposed the following alternative policy and this was seconded by Emmet Stagg T.D.:

"That the Council adopt a Policy of issuing the small 140 litre bin, for the weekly collection, in the towns of Leixlip, Maynooth, Celbridge, Clane, Kilcock and Newbridge and that the existing 240 litre bin be used for dry recyclables in these towns. And that this policy take effect on the passing of the 2003 Budget. Given the savings in landfill, that the annual charge for this service be €240."

The policy would have resulted in recycling being encouraged and households paying the same charge as last year, but this time getting an additional bin for recycling. The motion was defeated as only the Labour Party and Independent Councillors voted for, with the FF, FG and PD Councillors voting against.

County Manager Decides to Put Temporary Traffic Lights and a Footpath on Bond Bridge

The Leixlip Area Councillors were advised on 6th February that the County Manager had allocated €60,000 for temporary traffic lights and a footpath on Bond Bridge. At the Leixlip Area Committee Meeting the next day Cllr. John McGinley asked what prompted the County Manager to take the action at this late stage and he asked for an assurance that in no way would it result in any delay in the construction of the new Bond Bridge. In reply the County Engineer stated the County Managers action was as result of advice, on safety grounds, from senior engineers and he assured the Councillors that the action would in no way delay the construction of the new Bond Bridge. He also stated that the €60,000 would not be a loss to the Council as the traffic lights could be used elsewhere and that the footpath design was of a temporary nature.

Removal of HGV Through Traffic From Maynooth's Main Street

Cllr. John McGinley has asked for the immediate erection of signs at Blacklion and at Barrett's Roundabout directing HGV through traffic to the M4 and the INTEL Link. If such trucks used the new link road they would save valuable time and Main Street, Maynooth would benefit from their absence.

Trucks using Convent Lane, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the local Area Engineer to re-erect the sign at Convent Lane prohibiting trucks from entering Convent Lane

(Dunboyne Road) from Main Street. It is totally unacceptable that trucks should be using this narrow road when the much quicker Blacklion Road is available (or in the case of through traffic the INTEL Link).

Withdrawal of Westside Waste Appeal

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have welcomed the withdrawal of the appeal by Brivin Enterprises against Kildare County Council's decision to refuse planning permission for 3 light Industrial Units and a waste procession centre at Blacklion, Maynooth.

The proposed facility would have been located just North of Parklands Housing Estate and to the West of Blacklion Housing Estate and would have caused noise and odour nuisance to existing and future residents of these areas. The proposal would also have had a negative impact on the Royal Canal which is at the southern boundary of the site. Cllr. McGinley successfully argued for the exclusion of such waste processing facilities in the zoning of the site under the Maynooth Development Plan because of the proximity of houses in the area.

Given that the appeal has now been withdrawn and the original refusal stands Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley have again called on Kildare County Council to close down the existing waste separation facility under Clause 3.2.6 of the Maynooth Development Plan.

Objection to Application for 18 dwellings 0.9 acre site East of Parklands Grove

Cllr. John McGinley along with his colleagues Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. Catherine Murphy have lodged an objection to this planning application on the grounds of Density, Residential Amenity, Overlooking, Private Open Space, Design and Mix of Housing. The proposal seeks to maximise the profitability of the site for the developers by seeking to cram in 18 dwellings into a site of less than an acre. The proposal does not integrate with the existing housing in the area because of this and a more appropriate development would be 6 normal houses built back to back.

Bus Shelter Opposite the Glenroyal Hotel

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continuous white line on the Straffan Road to the Straffan Court Hotel in order to prevent motorists from overtaking on this very dangerous stretch of road.

Government Drop Plans For Maynooth Post Primary Extension.

Deputy Emmet Stagg has reacted angrily to the decision by Minister Dempsey to effectively drop plans for the required extension to Maynooth Post Primary School.

Minister Dempsey has announced his Post Primary School Building Programme for 2003 and no new projects in North Kildare received approval for funding.

Maynooth Post Primary School sought approval for an extension in August 1999 based on their existing and projected enrolment and since then the Government has refused to sanction funding for the project. Planning Permission for 10 additional classrooms and administration rooms was granted by Kildare County Council in December 2001.

The Extension is at an early stage of Architectural Planning and according to the Minister will not be allowed to proceed beyond their current stage for the time being, despite the acceptance by the Minister that the project is necessary based on their criteria for examining such proposals.

Given the fact that Post Primary Schools at an advanced stage of Architectural Planning are dependent on Exchequer allocations in 2004 and subsequent years, and the fact that the Maynooth Post Primary Project is at an early stage of Architectural Planning, then it could be 2005/2006/2007 before Maynooth receives approval to proceed to construction.

This is simply unacceptable and consigns Pupils and Teachers to more years of studies in prefabs at the school. Deputy Stagg will continue to raise the issue of Maynooth with the Minister but following this Government's lies to the Electorate last May it looks like the dye is now cast.

Extension to Presentation Convent Delayed Further

The required extension to the Presentation Girls Convent School, comprising 2 classrooms, 4 resource rooms, 1 general purpose room, 1 multi purpose room, 1 library and 3 administration rooms has been excluded from the 2003 Primary School Building Programme.

The project is at an early stage of Architectural

Planning and will not be allowed to progress any further during 2003.

Deputy Emmet Stagg stated that the project is deemed essential under the Minister's criteria for examining such projects and yet no funding has been provided. Deputy Stagg will continue to pursue this matter with the Minister.

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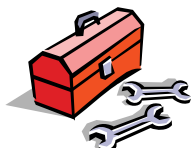
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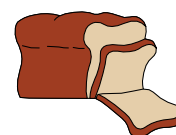
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A special thanks to all the priests who officiated at the ceremonies.

As it would be impossible to thank everybody individually, we trust this acknowledgement will be accepted as a token of our sincere gratitude. The Holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions

Byrne Owen, Parklands, Maynooth.

Owens family would like to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them on their recent sad loss; to all those who attended his removal and funeral mass and those who sent mass cards, letters of sympathy, Hospice donations and floral tributes. A special word of thanks to neighbours from Old Greenfield and Parklands, and to friends and relatives for their help and support. Sincere thanks to Dr. Christopher O'Rourke, Msgr. Alex Stenson, Rev. Sean Ryan, the Nurses and Doctors of The Mater Hospital, the Nurses and Doctors of St. Brigid's Hospice, and to all those who looked after Owen with great care. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually we hope that this acknowledgement will be accepted as a token of our appreciation to all. The Holy sacrifice of the mass will be offered for your intentions. The Months' Mind mass will be offered in Ladychapel Church on Sunday 2nd March at 10.00 a.m.