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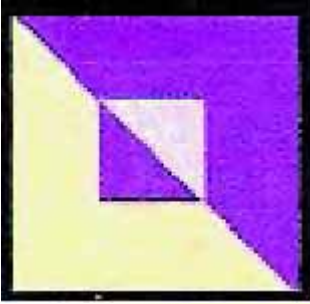
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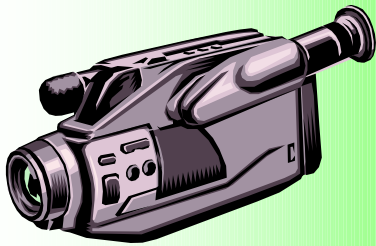
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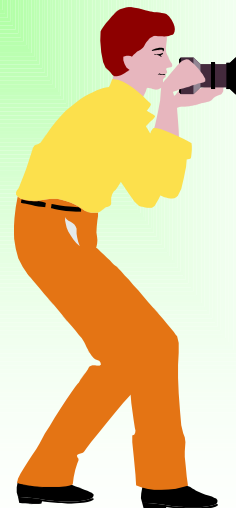
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## Editorial

We hope that you enjoy the new look of the magazine. This is the beginning of some changes that we intend to carry out over the next few months. This issue is also bar coded for the first time.

The joint UK/USA forces in Iraq are facing problems keeping the peace. The guarded welcome for the forces is quickly waning and the civilian population are turning on the armies. Amazing how the oil wells were put to work while the people of Baghdad and Basra were still without water. Amazing also how the cause of the war, the dreaded 'weapons of mass destruction', have been forgotten. Probably because none were found. The other cause, Saddam Hussein, has evaded capture so far. Perhaps it is intended that he will fade in the public consciousness as happened with Osama bin Laden. There appears to be a greater threat from the SARS virus than from Saddam's weapons. The coverage of this mutating virus has increased to near panic levels. The reaction of the authorities here has been startling in its bungling incompetence. The attitude of the Government beggars belief. The lack of leadership would not lead to any confidence in their abilities to deal with an outbreak here. This is in stark contrast with the organised approach taken to the threat of foot and mouth. Are the lives of cattle and sheep more important than humans? This Government's cynical tendency to blame others for their inaction had led ministers to attack the striking doctors. The attitude of the Minister of Health at the doctor's recent conference was unprecedented and only served to make the IMO more militant in their approach.

The imminent arrival of athletes to the Special Olympics from affected areas has become a serious cause for concern. The authorities will have to make difficult decisions in the weeks to come. The hospital services are already under severe pressure: a decisive policy needs to be put in place immediately. This month we celebrate May Day (*Bealtaine*) one of the four Celtic festivals that were christianised with the passage of time. Presumably, the second element of the word, *tene* (fire), indicates that fires were probably lit in celebration of the feast. It is now associated with the Virgin Mary.

We would like to wish the best to all the University students who begin their examinations soon. It is unusually early for them, they have less time than other years to study and this results in greater stress than usual at this time of the year. Some of the problems that they encountered during this year are eloquently outlined by a student in a long, informative letter inside. I urge you all to read it. Perhaps there might be a response.

**WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND READERS THAT THE FESTIVAL TAKES PLACE AT THE END OF JUNE. WATCH FOR POSTERS. THE NEWSLETTER WILL HAVE A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE ALSO.**

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# Community Council Notes April Meeting

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

## **Illegal Parking at Laraghbryan**

A brief discussion took place on the illegal parking by travellers at Laraghbryan. Cllr. Senan Griffin felt that the situation should be dealt with by the gardai, as it is mostly falling back on Kildare County Council. It was also wondered, can the litter warden not fine people in these situations. Tom McMullon noted that Maynooth already has a site for travellers.

## **Swimming Pool**

Kildare County Council have deferred making a decision on the Swimming Pool in North Kildare. Hugh Gallagher, Chairperson said that Maynooth Community Council can now put in a more in-depth submission. High said he wanted all groups to have an input on this. It was also noted that Maynooth Action Strategy and the Swimming Club are also working on this. It was also noted that Leixlip Town Council are getting a consultants report on the suitability of Leixlip for the pool.

## **Elections - Maynooth Community Council**

The next meeting of Maynooth Community Council will take place on 12th May. This meeting will be an A.G.M. and elections of new officers will also be held. Paul Croghan said that Maynooth Community Council is a very important forum for local discussion. He also said that the office gives a wonderful opportunity for people to get back to work, and the training and skills courses offered were excellent. He also congratulated Muireann Ní Bhrolchain, Secretary for her dedication to the office and Maynooth Community Council. The question of Town Council Status was raised. it was generally felt that Town Council Status would make a huge difference to Maynooth. While it was said that no new Town Councils have been formed in recent years, the legislation is in place, but has not been enacted.

## **Local Matters**

Des Matthews, Woodlands Residents Association, raised the point that the road sweeper had not cleaned Woodlands at all. Also he wanted to know what grants were available from Kildare County Council. Cllr. John McGinley said all Residents associations can apply for grants.

## **Heavy Goods Vehicle Signs**

Cllr. John McGinley said signs are nearly ready. They will be put up at the Blacklion Road to direct heavy traffic to the new interchange, it is hoped that the heavy traffic will heed them

## **Kavanaghs**

It was noted that a decision has being deferred indefinitely, also that a traffic survey is to be done. Muireann said she hoped it would not be done while

the student population was away, as this would make it very inaccurate.

## **Newsletter**

Muireann Ní Bhrolchain thanked all staff working on the Newsletter. She also said that the Newsletter will now be bar coded and this will help with the sale of the Newsletter at Tesco's and other outlets. Muireann also thanked Intel for three new computers. This has made a huge improvement to the office she said.

## **St. Patrick's Day Parade**

Cllr. John McGinley said that the Parade is one of the main fundraising events for the Community Council. He thanked all the business in an around Maynooth for their very generous sponsorship, in particular Caulfields, Derrinstown Stud and Thorntons who were not mentioned in the previous issue of the Newsletter. However he said that new ideas were needed for the Parade, also that we are losing out on local community groups. He also felt that businesses could put in a better effort and put in more floats. he felt now is the time to start working for next year.

## **Festival**

Chairperson, Andrew McMullon said plans are well underway for the Festival. He said Tesco would be a major sponsor. They would be going with some of the usual events that proved popular, Barperson, Art Competition, Table Quiz, Mr & Mrs Competition, Card Drive, 7-a-side Soccer. The Scouts will be holding a jamboree in the Harbour Field. Also the Soccer Club will be running an Under 8's 7-a-side. He also said that any other groups that wanted to run events during the Festival could do so, just get in touch with the office.

## **Tidy Towns**

Paul Croghan said that they have a very good committee this year. One of their main aims is to do a job on the area at the Castle and in front of the College. This is an important area in the town and they would want to see what Kildare County Council have planned for it. he reminded people that all work is voluntary. Please contact Paul through the office if you would like to get involved.

## **Rockfield**

Hugh Gallagher asked could the Celbridge Road be widened. Cllr. John McGinley said he hoped that planning permission would be forthcoming and this would also include a footpath.

Next meeting of Maynooth Community Council will be the A.G.M. and this will be held on the 12th May in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Marie Gleeson  
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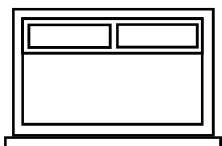
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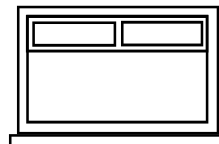
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# Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,



I am a third year arts student in NUI Maynooth and I am writing to make you and your readers aware of the lack of basic respect and facilities for students at this college and the conditions that we have to put up with on campus, as numerous attempts to highlight these problems by students or staff are ignored by university authorities. The student union council campaign long and hard on the student population's behalf but communication seems to end there as their complaints are snubbed and they are the last to know what's being planned by the authorities. I have no complaint about investment in the science/technology area of study but the student profile in this university does not merit this concentration to the total exclusion of the arts departments. This is causing resentment between departments and a feeling of discrimination against arts students.

The following figures are taken directly from the Presidents report for the academic year 2001-2 and highlight the growing inequalities that are beginning to divide the student population and staff.

Art, philosophy, Celtic studies under graduates  
3,566 - 64%

Art, philosophy, Celtic studies post graduates  
744 - 14% Total: 4,340 - 78%

Engineering and Science under graduates  
1,011 - 18%

Engineering and Science post graduates  
223 - 4%

Needless to say the arts students outnumber the science yet there are three science buildings, one of which costing an estimated 4 million was opened last month. The other 78% of the student population have at their disposal a glorified prefabricated building with severe health and safety violations. All the new facilities and buildings that have been built in the past 15 years cater exclusively for Engineering and Science students. Arts students have almost no access to these facilities but science tutorials are held in the arts block.

The only arts building of this university is a 30 year old prefabricated building with no hot water at the start of this semester or proper ventilation in the toilets for students or staff, it is currently sinking, the ceiling is leaking in several places including into a photocopying room, bare wires, uncovered light bulbs, missing ceiling and floor tiles, are just a few visible safety concerns. Dampness also exists in both the ceiling and floor and in the classrooms. One lecturer returned after Christmas break to find that a tutorial room housing many of his books, put there for the use

of students, had been flooded and his books destroyed. The lack of enough adequate lecture halls in his building means that lectures are held in various corners of both NUI and St. Patrick's college meaning a ten-minute trek between campuses to make lectures and some lectures being held in the student accommodation.

Over our mid-term staff had to be evacuated from their offices as a sewage leak into the building had caused numerous staff to fall ill.

The basic necessities for teaching are missing from the class halls. A lack of chairs in the lecture halls means students must sit on the floor, broken bits of furniture lie around these class halls, unlit white and black boards mean that students can't read them and broken windows covered by black plastic bags. I have never seen these rooms refurbished. In contrast with the state of the art science facilities any additional space provided to the arts area is pre-fabricated.

These class halls are where the majority of students have their lectures, directly outside these windows is a building site and sometimes the noise is so loud I cannot hear my lecturer let alone concentrate on the topic.

Excavation and Building commenced on the first day of the winter term while nothing was done for the five months between May and September, most students believe this is due to the fact that the college is rented out to international conferences during this time and receives substantial fees from it. Students are beginning to wonder "is our money not good enough to demand the same respect?" Similarly our exams have been pushed forward by two weeks this year supposedly to facilitate semesterisation but this will not be implemented until next year, the student body is wondering "is it because the Special Olympics are being catered for by this college which they will receive funds for?"

The path up to the college pedestrian entrance on the Kilcock Road has been re-routed and replaced by a muddy dirt track since building work commenced. During the floods in early December these paths were all flooded and students were forced to go the long way through St. Patrick's college or risk getting wet up to their knees. No attempt to rectify this or give us a new path was attempted by the builders or authorities. I myself arrived at a lecture one day with mud up to my thighs from trying to wade through the 'building site' as we affectionately refer to the campus. This suggests a clear disrespect to the student population, and creates a bad feeling on campus.

.....(Contd)



## Letters to the Editor ...(Contd.)

Money is being wasted on useless, cosmetic, temporary repairs such as repainting public walls in the arts block and tinkering with the existing sick building. A new wall built on the Kilcock road reportedly cost a staggering 1 million pounds.. The distraction of bad facilities and access to the college for both students and staff is now so serious that it is interfering with the quality of education.

Facilities for arts students are appalling. There are a total of five and a half thousand registered students, the library sits nine hundred. This kind of math is frightening come the exams in May, as this and a reading room which sits approximately 80 students are the only on campus spaces designated for study. The library staff are fantastically helpful understanding our plight but the John Paul library is run by regulations that date back to it's opening in the late seventies. There is a max of 6 of each book allowed. This leads to a long wait for to borrow books and has caused some students taking or concealing books from other students. This also means that most students have to buy their books, in the case of sociology students were there were nearly 1000 students in first year last year, this is an unacceptable added cost to students already struggling financially. At the moment the lift has been out of order for some time meaning staff are unable to restock the shelves because they cannot carry all the books up the stairs and the computer system is down so we cannot search or borrow books.

The canteen sits 500 people at a squash and is one of 2 places on campus to get a hot meal, the other being the S.U bar, which holds about 100 people. Builders are also allowed to use the canteen, which makes less room for hungry students.

There are approximately 200 computers for the 4,340 arts students. A number of these are housed in 2 rooms where lectures take place three days a week. In contrast, there are at least 700 computers for the 1,234 science students. Arts students are banned from using these machines - you must have a science password to access them. All departments expect assignments/essays to be typed and this causes huge turmoil distress and bad feeling at certain times of the year i.e Christmas when most students have work usually all due in around the same time.

There is no increase in the number of students taking science. The state of the art facilities, which the university receive state grants and sponsorship to build, are empty most of the time, thus the local post-primary schools are given access to use the labs.

There is a student body of 5,600 and staff of 600 approximately, there is parking for a mere 300 cars at most. Since the extensive building work has commenced many of these valuable spaces are occupied by builder's cars, building materials, machinery and skips. This leads to road rage and

security staff in conflict with staff and students. Cars are now hazardously parking on both hard shoulders of the main Kilcock road.

It is an insult to both students and staff to force them to work and teach in a filthy, noisy and dangerous environment!

Improvements are happening but at a snail pace, the renovation of the student shop and extensions to the sports facilities which were promised for late last academic year opened last month. They re-opened the unnecessarily re-paved walkway up the arts block so we no longer need to wade through mud but this disability unfriendly path was meant to be finished in September. The arts students last week gained access to one science computer room. And I have one lecture in a science lecture hall. They opened up some new parking areas but access is restricted to staff from that facility. These tiny improvements are not enough and come too late.

The registration fees for the academic year were 721 Euro. Which go towards the building of new student facilities promised but the majority of students attending in these unacceptable conditions will never receive the benefit of these facilities. Each year the university takes on more students and accepts their fees but does not consider how they can facilitate their needs with an already strained system. The new John Hume building, the supposedly answer to all our concerns is due for completion in the next academic year but will it be exclusively reserved for arts students or are the rumours of community use true?. Our union have campaigned so hard for these tiny achievements but the current student body feel hard done by and promises of a better future are no good to those of us fighting for survival to sit our finals this year!

***Not one notice or sign was erected apologising for the inconvenience or thanking us for our patience during this construction!***

**Dear Editor,**

I was in Rebel Pizza in Maynooth on 12/04/03, with my two children as it happened I was running low in money and my children were acting up. A staff member solved my dilemma, by kindly giving two litres of Fanta complimentary. So I had enough money to buy pizza, wedges and garlic bread. I would like to thank the owner Michael and his staff for there kind gesture. I look forward to frequenting your establishment as often as possible. Also I would like to wish you continued success in the future.

**(Name with Editor)**

# Maynooth Community Festival



## 7-A-Side Soccer Tournament 16th - 29th June Rules



- 1 Each panel will consist of not more than ten players. A player may play for only one team in the tournament. Each player must be resident in the Maynooth area at least three months.
- 2 The committee reserve the right to refuse any entry.
- 3 Teams to consist of players not currently playing competitive soccer. (Currently means this year.)
- 4 Names of players and entry fee must be submitted with the official entry form. The team must be named after a housing estate e.g. Old Greenfield.
- 5 Fifteen minutes will be played each way and three substitutes may be used.
- 6 The format of the competition will be decided by the committee.
- 7 All games must start at the stated time, in the event of a team being late the match will be awarded to the opposition, under no circumstances will any postponement be given.
- 8 Any team playing players not included in their entry form will be removed from the tournament.
- 9 The organising committee will not be responsible for any articles lost or damaged.
- 10 The organising committee will not be responsible for any injury to any player.
- 11 All protests will be dealt with by the organising committee.
- 12 Protest, together with fee of €10.00, refundable if protest is upheld, must be lodged with the Secretary of the organising committee within thirty minutes of the finish.
- 13 Teams will not be included in draw unless entry fee is paid €30.00
- 14 In the competition studs may be worn but must confirm to F.I.F.A. standards. Shin-guards must be worn. Match referee's decision will be final in this matter. Flat footwear must be of proper standard, be safe for wearer and not constitute a danger to other players. Referee's decision is also final in this matter.
- 15 In the event of an objection it will be up to the team allegedly guilty to prove that they are innocent.
- 16 In the event of a walk-over or an objection the other team will be rewarded a 2-nil win.
- 17 The committee's decision is final in all matters.

**John McGinley (Phone 6285293) Secretary Organising Committee**  
**Entries before 6th June 2003**

**TESCO**  
**7-A-SIDE SOCCER TOURNAMENT 2003**  
**OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**  
**16Th June - 29th June**

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact \_\_\_\_\_  
(MUST BE HOUSING ESTATE NAME)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLAYERS NAMES:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Block Capitals)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_

8. \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_

10. \_\_\_\_\_

On behalf of the above team I agree to abide by the rules of the Competition and the Committee's decisions at all times.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Team Captain/Manager

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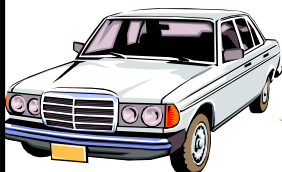
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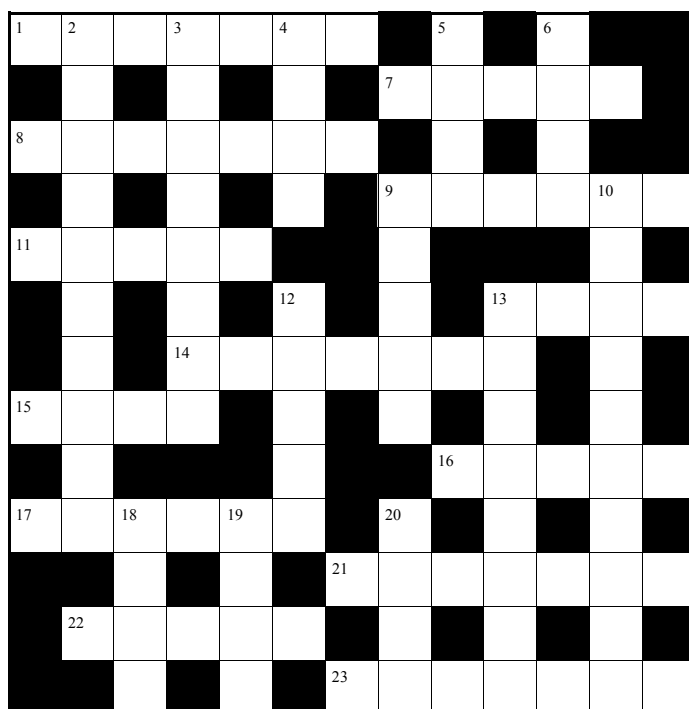


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# Crossword

## Crossword No: 12



Entries before: 12th May 03

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Across:

1. Cut up (7)
7. Creator of Sherlock Holmes (5)
8. Green Vegetables (7)
9. Art Garfunkel hit, - - - Eyes (6)
11. Wrinkled fabric (5)
13. Land measure (4)
14. Past master (3,4)
15. Shortly (4)
16. Pry (5)
17. Protect (6)
21. Assortment (7)
22. String instrument (5)
23. TV show, The Old Grey - - - Test (7)

### Down:

2. Seriousness (10)
3. Stinged arachnid (8)
4. Lloyd Webber musical (4)
5. Mediocre (4)
6. Stopper (4)
9. Shatter (5)
10. Exactly level (10)
12. Tagged on (5)
13. Nasal glands (8)
18. Tiger - - -, hit song for Mud (4)
16. Put in (6)
19. Invalid (4)
20. German composer (4)

## CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS NO 10

**Across:** 1. Convict; 4. Gleam; 7. Cordial; 8. Lorry;  
9. Daring; 12. Licensee; 15. Nose cone; 17. Danish;  
18. Boost; 21. Hounded; 22. Endow; 23. Best man.

**Down:** 1. Children; 2. Violin; 3. Twig; 4. Gull; 5.  
Everest; 6. Mary; 10. Gloom; 11. Acted; 13. Eighteen;  
14. Astound; 16. Insert; 18. Base; 19. Thaw; 20. Curb.

Doodle Box

# Book Review



## Through the Gate of Ivory By Patrick Devaney

**LAUNCH: Tuesday 20th May 2003 in  
Maynooth Public Library  
7.30p.m. ALL WELCOME**

Patrick Devaney is a Roscommon-born teacher, poet and writer. This is his first book.

This novel explores the tensions between “Foreigners” and Native Irish, between English and Gaelic culture that led to the Rising of 1641 and the Confederate Wars. The hero and narrator Charles Stanihurst, a Trinity College student, believing he has killed an English officer, flees from Dublin to Connacht, where he lives, first, with the O’Conors in Ballintober Castle and, later, with the MacDermots of Moylurg, beside Lough Key. Since the hero’s father is a Palesman and a member of the Reformed Church and his mother a Connacht “Papist”, he embodies in himself the conflicts that exist in his society.

There are three motifs interwoven throughout the novel: the descent of Aeneas to the Underworld to meet his father (which parallels the hero’s eventual meeting with his spiritual father, Bishop Bedell, translator of the Bible into Gaelic); the Pursuit of Diarmuid and Grainne (which parallels his quest for love) and the regeneration motif (which concerns the hero’s symbolic death and rebirth).

Over the course of the novel—which paints an accurate picture of social and intellectual life in early Seventeenth Century Ireland—the hero is changed by loss and suffering from a glib, pedantic undergraduate into a young man imbued with a mission, the reconciliation of the divergent strains in his society.

A special feature of this novel is its treatment of the bardic tradition. The hero, an admirer of Shakespeare, has a close working relationship with the *ollamh* (poet and chronicler) of the O’Conors and, later, the *ollamh* of the MacDermots. He also (through meeting John King, whose uncle, Edward, was the inspiration of Milton’s “*Lycidas*”) gets to know the early poetry of Milton and through it to become aware of the revolutionary ideas know the early poetry of Milton and through it to become aware of the revolutionary ideas sweeping England. English political activity in Ireland is presented through two families: the Cootes (Puritans) and Kings (Royalists), though at this time allegiances had not yet hardened.

Finally, the well-known love story of Una MacDermot (*Úna Bhán*) and Thomas Costello is woven into the plot but in such a way that the historic figures behind the legend are rescued from sentimentality.

There are 267 pages in the novel, dividing into 29 chapters and an epilogue. Most of the characters are based on actual historical figures and though the hero is fictional, his “family”, the Stanihursts, were once prominent in Dublin life.

## REVIEW By Joe Larragy.

Was it my familiarity with Ballintober Castle that first drew me into Patrick Devaney’s novel? Perhaps. However, since reading the story these empty ruins resonate with a life and authenticity that the author has conjured. Indeed it will enrich the view and imagination of visitors to similar fortresses from medieval or colonial Ireland who read it.

A piece of history is brought to life through the adventures—and misadventures of one Charles Stanihurst, an Anglo-Irish student at T.C.D. who is catapulted by a chance event into hiding in Connacht during the last years of the vice-regalship of Thomas Wentworth, Earl of Strafford.

Stanihurst after apparently accidentally dispatching a prominent noble, flees westward by horse, taking refuge in the Castle of Ballintober under the protection of the O’Conor Don and subsequently at the home of Cathal Roe MacDermot of Abbeyboyle (Boyle). Through the unfortunate but likeable Stanihurst we view the local impact of political intrigue in Anglo-Celtic relations in the era of King Charles prior to the Cromwellian revolution.

Presented as Stanihurst’s account, the action is set amid scenes from everyday life in late feudal Ireland prior to the Puritan revolution. Beneath the robust conflicts of religious and political forces, Stanihurst experiences the minor conflicts and villainies at local level and conveys these to us through the palpable sensations of medieval dietary and other customs and life style.

In this way Devaney’s novel evokes the fierce political, religious and kinship rivalries of the day as refracted through the passionate relationships among the heroes and heroines of the last of the Old Irish encountered by the central character—sometimes with blood-curdling imagery.

This novel is a masterly account incorporating research in a skilful manner and written lovingly in the most wonderful prose by an authentic scholar and poet.



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# Feature

## May in the Garden

### May in the Vegetable Garden

Many vegetables for a succession of supplies are sown at intervals throughout this month, you should remember to reserve land space for crops to be grown in this way for it is a great temptation to sow and plant up all the land at once and get this labour over.



### Tomato Hints

Most keen gardeners are keen to get their tomato plants outdoor in their fruiting positions as soon as possible. But in this case where more haste can mean less speed as a tomato plant is very sensitive to temperature change. At the present time, the plants should be hardening off ready for planting out at the end of the month, or early next month according to the weather.

If you are going to buy plants, try and find out if they have been properly hardened off choose plants that are short and sturdy and have dark green leaves, paleness indicates they have come from glass protected conditions or have been raised too fast.

One job that can be done now is preparation of the site where the plants are to grow preferably in a row on the sunny side of a wall or fence, where they will get protection from wind.

When you put out the plants, set them one and a half feet apart and just sufficiently deep that the top roots are no more than a half inch below the surface. Dig each hole with a trowel and place each plant in it carefully, keeping the ball of soil intact. Make each plant nicely firm with your fingers drive in a good strong cane at the same time so that you are sure it is not harming the roots. Each plant should be tied, not too tightly to its supports. If the ground is dry water each one after planting and give no more water for a week. Proper watering is a very important process for successful tomato growing it must be adequate to ensure even moisture content in the soil and must be done regularly a good mulch around the plants of manure or compost is very adamant. All side shoots must be picked out regularly as soon as they reach an inch in length, making sure you do not pick out tiny bunches of flower buds.

### Garden Tips in May

If you have hardened off chrysanthemums, now is the time to put them out in the garden. The bed should have a good helping of manure or compost dig well in below the surface, a sprinkling of a good fertiliser such as grow more. Dig a hole with a trowel, then put a cane at the side of the hole nice and firm.

Now its time to put the plant into the ground, make sure you get the ball of the plant into one piece, put in the hole give it a light watering, press firmly with your fingers. Tie each plant to its support, after about ten day when the plants have established pinch out the growing tips.

Do not be in a hurry to put out bedding plants as there is still plenty of frost around. Remember the garden centres have all there plants indoors, I suggest the first week in June to plant outside.

### Plant Re-Potting

The question of when to re-pot a house plant is one which bothers a lot of gardeners. The best way to ascertain the root situation of any pot plant is to turn the pot upside down and to tap the edge on a bench so as to remove the pot. You can easily examine the roots.

If a mass of tiny roots is found to be going round and round the ball of soil then the plant needs re-potting. It is as well to do it now, unless it's a plant in full bloom, in that case leave the re-potting until after it has finished blooming.



### Dahlias

For a good display of bloom few flowers equal dahlias. Those who have raised in pots from cuttings and those who are buying new plants can now set them in their flowering position providing the weather is normal for the time of year. If its not, wait a week or two as dahlias are very susceptible to low night temperatures.

The bed where they are to be planted should have been well matured in the autumn or early spring. But in any case scatter a good handful per square yard of a general fertiliser, over the surface before planting. Do this now whether you are planting immediately or not. When plants are well established in their new positions and have at least three pair of leaves, nip out the growing point. This makes them develop side shoots and produce bushy plants.



# Planning Permissions

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03/489	Pamela Bracken & Phelim Cribbin	Laragh Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	18/03/03	The erection of dormer bungalow and "Puraflo" small sewage treatment system and also entrance	Laragh Maynooth
03/497	Gary & Bernedette Cullen	17 Parklands Place Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	19/03/03	Erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house continuance of use of existing garage conversion and also alterations	17 Parklands Place Railpark Maynooth
03/532	Pat Barton	Straffan Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	25/03/03	Construction of 9 no student accommodation apartments consisting of 27 student bedrooms 9 common rooms including demolition of return structure at the rear of old school house but retaining the old school house itself which is a protected	Pound Lane Maynooth
03/535	Philomena Davey	9 Rockfield Avenue Maynooth Co. Kildare	R	26/03/03	Permission sought for retention of use of sittingroom/diningroom/toilet and lobby area at Montessori/Playschool	9 Rockfield Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/542	Thomas & Roma McDonagh	18 Rockfield Green Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	27/03/03	Permission sought to construct a two-storey extension to the side of the property	18 Rockfield Green Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/553	Scott Wallace	22 Parsons Hall Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	28/03/03	The development will consist of the construction of a single storey living room extension with pitched roof to the rear and the installation of 3 No new windows in the west	22 Parsons Hall Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/557	Robert Boland	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	28/03/03	To raise the ridge level of existing bungalow by re-roofing incorporating additional habitable dormer rooms to build on new front porch and revise all elevations to suit	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/607	Willie Graham	345 Old Greenfield Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	07/04/03	Sought for the development consisting of a 4 bedroom dormer bungalow with detached garage	Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/618	John Geoghegan	Crewhill House Crew Hill Moyglare Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	08/04/03	For a 9 furlong all-weather gallop 4 metre wide, with walkway, saddling area and roadway. It is proposed to reposition existing entrance on Moyglare Road and to construct new entrance, gates and piers. Crew Hill House is a protected structure.	Crew Hill Maynooth Co. Kildare

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03/630	Sharon Lawlor/ Fitzpatrick & Colin Fitzpatrick	9 Versey Park Lucan Co. Dublin	O	09/04/03	Sought to erect a bungalow entrance gates and cattle grid and bio cycle tank	Cloverhill Newtownmacabe Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/634	Austin Brady	1 Greenfield Drive Maynooth Co. Kildare	O	10/04/03	Sought for two storey detached dwelling house all associated site development works and new site entrance to side	1 Greenfield Drive Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/681	Bryan Feehan & Ann Scanlon	16 Parkland Place Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	15/04/03	To erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion	16 Parklands Place Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/682	National University of Maynooth	Dr. W.J. Smyth National University of Maynooth, Kilcock Rd, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	P	16/04/03	Construction of 3 grass playing pitches one artificially surfaced all- weather pitch and boundary fencing together with associated site works, one grass pitch to be floodlit and the all- weather pitch to be floodlit and fitted with perimeter fencing	National University of Ireland Kilcock Road Maynooth Co. Kildare

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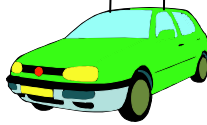


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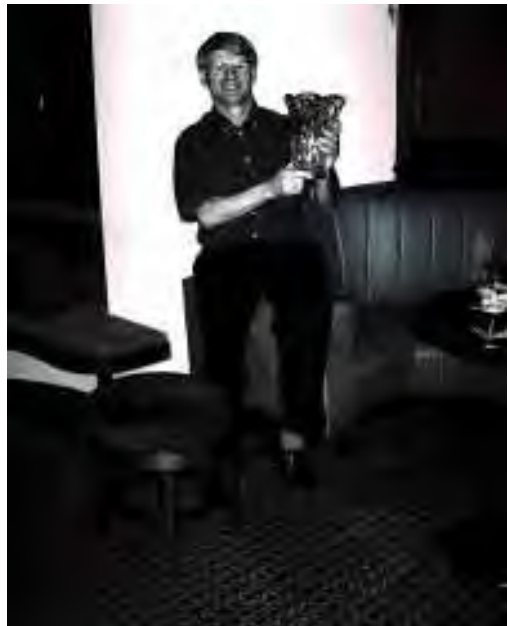
# Clubs, Organisations and Societies

## Maynooth Golf Society

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2nd:	Tom Flatley	40pts
3rd:	Niall Byrne	36pts (B9)
4th:	Paul Farrelly	36pts (B6)
5th:	Steve Greenwood	36pts
6th:	P. Breatnach	35pts(B9)
7th:	Tom O'Haire	35pts
Front 9:	John Nolan	19pts
Back 9:	John Murray	19pts
Nearest the Pin	P. Breatnach	
Twos Club	Gerry Kelly	

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# Features

## Early Irish Society – compensations and values

(Contd. from April Newsletter)

We have seen a lot on the compensations for various crimes in this early society but we have not looked at compensation itself and the actual payments involved. There are four terms in use in different contexts and texts. The first is the word *díre* that is translated as 'honour-price' and 'penalty'. Then there is the common word *éraig* translated as 'body-fine', this is the usual word for the payment made for murder as well as the term *eneclann* 'the compensation for insult, loss or injury, for anything constituting a violation of *enech*'. Finally there is the term *lóg n-enech* 'honour, reputation, dignity, status'. This last term literally means 'the price of face' and it is a concept that permeates early literature as well as the law.

It is important to remember that there is no State system of any kind, no police no prisons. The law was upheld by its own prestige and the office of the judge along with a complicated system of pledges and sureties that ensure that the fines imposed by judges in a court case are paid.

Every freeman had a set price according to their status in this very stratified society; everything depended upon this payment. If a person lost their honour price it meant that they also lost their status. Without honour price one could be killed with impunity. A payment was made for any major offence committed; murder, satire, serious injury, refusal of hospitality, theft and violation of protection. A person cannot make a contract higher than his honour price and his oath and evidence in court are given at the level of this price.

In sagas and wisdom texts there is also the term *fir flathemon* 'the prince's truth' that is used to refer to the honour of the king. This is a basic theme within the saga material and many stories revolve around the concept. A king was considered the centre of the universe, the health of society depended upon his truth. He was expected to be perfect in all areas, physically, mentally, martially. If he were to suffer a blemish it was understood that he should leave the kingship. In reality, there are references to historical kings who suffered blemishes and remained in power but in theory, a fault ensured resignation. The most common failing in the sagas is that of judgement – the king gives a false judgement and must abandon his kingdom to be succeeded by another, usually younger, king.

Within this context it is important also to mention and discuss the various methods of payment. This society did not use coinage until a much later period. The Vikings brought their currency with them but this did not last long. They used barter and paid fines and compensations in cows, gold, silver and other precious objects. Other male livestock are also used; bullock, sheep, lambs, hens as well as fleeces. There is considerable confusion about the relative values of the terms used and their relationship to one another but it is

worthwhile to examine some of them.

The basic unit of value is a milch cow even until the 15<sup>th</sup> century. But there are references to other different types of currencies as well. There is the *screpul* 'scruple' (from Latin *scrupulus*) that was equal to one twenty-fourth of a *uncia* 'ounce'. A *miach* is a 'bushel' and this was used in these sources as a measure of dry capacity; it usually means a bushel of grain.

One of the very common terms in the law texts is *sét* 'a precious object, a jewel, an item of value' (Modern Irish *seod*). In Old Irish texts the equation is usually *sét* = 12 scruples = ½ milch cow. There is also the other common term *cumal* literally 'a female slave' but both male and female slaves were used as currency originally. The ecclesiastical text on penance *The Irish Penitential* indicates that the relation was 1 slave = 1 pound of silver. Although initially actual slaves were used, by the 8<sup>th</sup> century it is unlikely that this was the case. The most common equation seems to be: 1 milch cow = 24 scruples = 3 *séts* = ½ *cumal* but this is far from certain.

Looking at the way in which this system worked in practice; the prices for individuals from different classes seem to be given in different currencies. The king's price is given in *cumals*, the *rí cóicid* (provincial king) is worth 14 *cumals* (at least 42 milch cows), the *rí tuath* (king of one or more tribal areas) is worth 8 *cumals* (at least 24 milch cows) and the *rí tuaithe* (king of one tribal area) is worth 7 *cumals* (at least 21 milch cows). By the time that the law tracts are being compiled in the 8<sup>th</sup> century the Church had become an accepted part of society and this is visible in the honour price of the bishop, equal to that of the provincial king at 14 *cumals*. The abbot is also important; the abbot of a large monastery also had an honour price of 14 *cumals*. The other members of the church, monks, nuns etc. would have a lower honour price.

Another important person within the society was the *file* 'poet' and his honour price was also reckoned in *cumals*. The status of this individual is demonstrated by the fact the honour price of the highest grade of poet, known as the *ollam*, was the same as the king of the *túath*, 7 *cumals*. There were 6 other grades of poet with lower honour prices. For example the *ánruth* grade of poet had an honour-price of 20 *séts*. After the kings, the nobility were next on the list, for example the *aire déso* (lord of vassalry) has an honour-price of 15 *séts* (7½ milch cows). Further down the social scale we have the *bóaire* (strong farmer) who has an honour-price of 5 *séts* and a smaller farmer (*ócaire*) has an honour-price of 3 *séts* (1½ milch cows).

A woman's honour price is generally reckoned at half that of her husband's, if she is a primary wife. But if she is a secondary wife, it is reckoned at a quarter. Children up to the age of 7 had an honour price of a cleric; then it was reduced to half of that of the father until the son was an adult. The girl's price remained

# Features

## (Early Irish Society Contd.)

at half that of her responsible adult with certain exceptions: Generally the status of a queen did not differ from that of other women, but according to one text on compensation the mother of a king, bishop or sage has the same honour price as her son but she must keep the law. The embroideress is recognised as having a special position within society. A woman who steals is not entitled to receive payment (*díre*) or honour-price (*lóg n-enech*) for any offence committed against her. A man who steals from everyone loses the right to sick-maintenance (*othrus*) or fines for injury (*féich*).

The fixed penalty for homicide amounts to 7 *cumals* for every freeman, regardless of his rank that is called *éraic* and in Old Irish this is also called *cró*. (The word *éraic* appears later in English documents relating to Ireland as *erick*). This fine goes in full to the victim's kin-group apart from the enforcer's third (*trian tobaig*) that may be deducted for payment to be enforced by a lord or other powerful person.

The second fine is based on the honour-price (*lóg n-enech*) of the victim's kin and distributed among both paternal and maternal kin. A man receives *lándíre* (full payment) for the illegal killing of his father or mother (presumably of his honour-price). He gets half payment for the killing of his paternal uncle or his maternal aunt, and one third payment for the killing of the son or daughter of either of them i.e. his first cousin on his father's or mother's side. He is even entitled to a payment (one seventh of his honour price) for the killing of his fosterfather or fosterbrother.

Illegal killing can be very expensive if it is a high ranking victim; the culprit's kinsmen are expected to contribute. The Annals of Connacht in the year 1400 say that 126 cows were paid in *éraic* for the accidental killing of Grigoire Ó Maolchonaire (presumably covering both payments). Sometimes they may not be able or may be unwilling to pay. The victim's kin can hold the killer captive until the payment is made – either by the kin or another party – or they may kill him or enslave him. If a non-paying killer is at large, the victim's kinsmen have to carry out a blood-feud to exact vengeance on behalf of the dead man. The Church discouraged this practice. If a son or daughter is killed, the maternal kin is entitled to a payment equivalent to one seventh of the *éraic* that is paid. The fines for rape are twofold – *éraic* the full fixed payment for homicide (probably seven *cumals*) and the second that is the honour-price of his victim's legal superior (husband, father, son or guardian). The rape of a concubine merits only half body-price.

Finally the text commonly known as the Triads *Trecheng Breth Féne* (literally 'a triad of judgements of the Irish') also contains much legal material; it mentions the three women who cannot claim honour-price 'a woman who does not care who she sleeps with, a thieving woman, a sorceress'.

Clearly, the system was complicated and confusing to our modern understanding but the principal is clear –

victims and their families are compensated, the offender pays.

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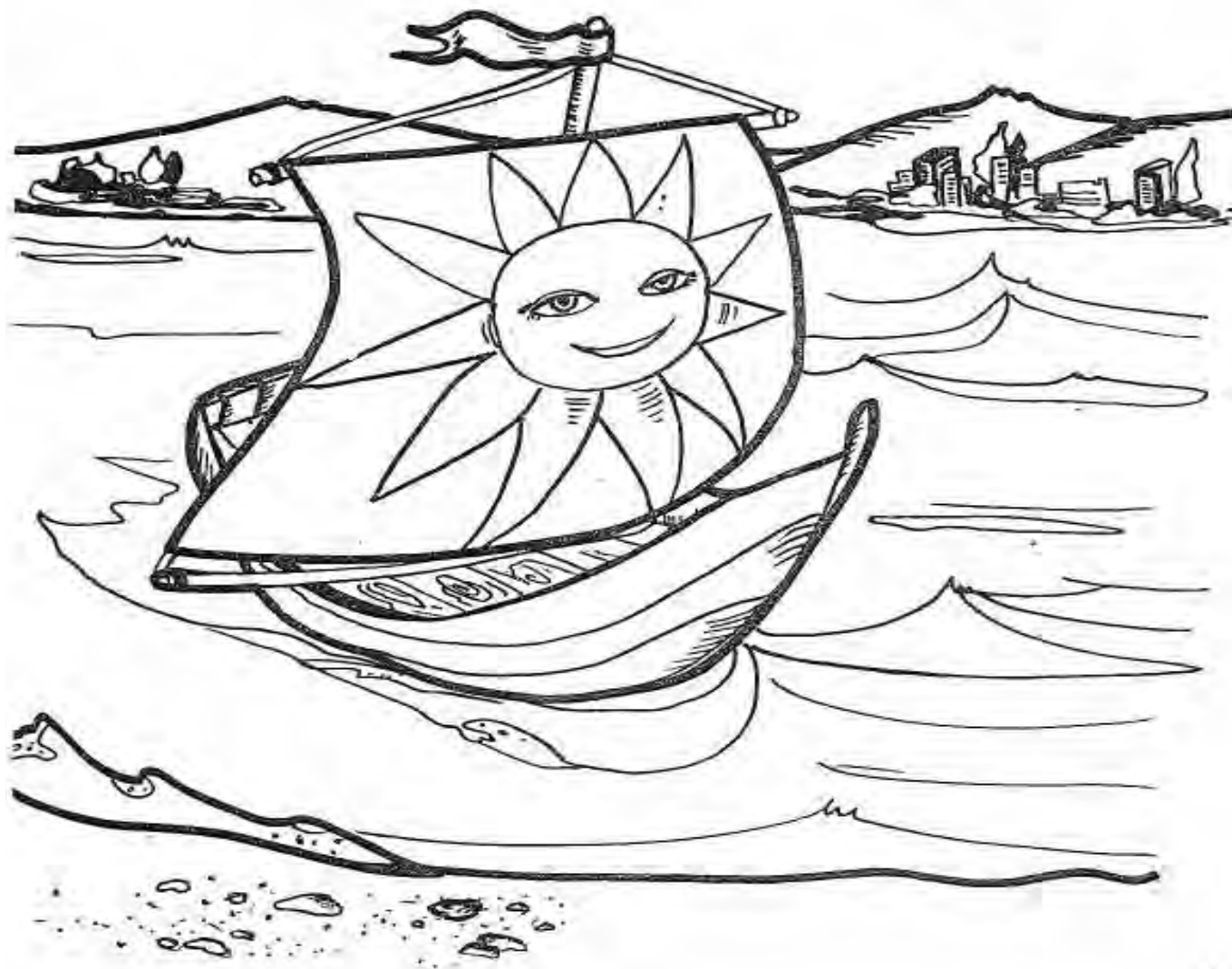
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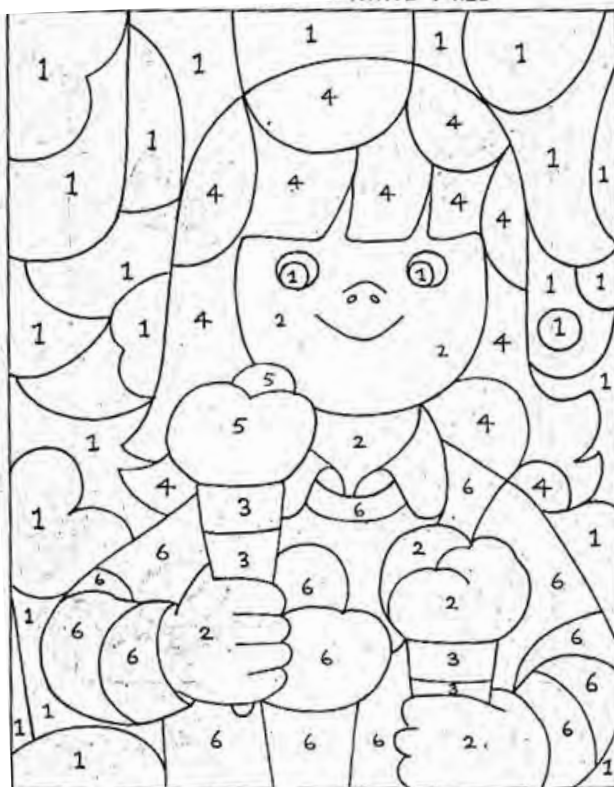
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3. What is the name of the central bus station in the middle of Dublin?
4. What is the capital city of Iraq?
5. What is the capital city of America?
6. What is spaghetti made from?
7. Who is the President Of Iraq?
8. Who is the President of America?
9. Who is the President of Ireland?
10. Whose Feast day is celebrated on March 17th?
11. What is the main filling in Quiche?
12. If a puppy grows into a dog, What does a foal grow into?
13. What festival do we celebrate at the end of October?
14. What is the capital city of the U.K.?
15. Name the British Prime Minister
16. What do the initials T.D. stand for?
17. Name the Taoiseach
18. Name the Minister for Finance
19. Who is the Chief Whip of the Labour party?
20. Name the Acting Principle of the Post Primary school in Maynooth
21. What do the initials R.T.E. Stand for?
22. What do the initials U.T.V. stand for?
23. What do the initials B.B.C .stand for?
24. What do the initials U.S.A. stand for ?
25. What do the initials I.T.N. stand for?
26. What number bus do you get from Dublin to Maynooth via Celbridge?
27. What is the address of Maynooth Community Council?
28. Which is heavier a ton of coal or a ton of feathers?
29. Who sings Skaterboy?
30. How many members of the band are in Westlife?



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Maynooth, 28. They are both the same, a ton is a ton,  
29. Avril Lavigne, 30. 5

## ANSWERS



# Clubs, Organisations and Societies

## Maynooth Ladies Golf Society

The recently formed Maynooth Ladies Golf Society had their first outing on 29th March in Moyglare Golf Course. The results of this outing are:

1. Suzanne Adams
2. Anita McNamara
3. L. McCoy
4. Pauline Loftus

Longest Drive: Pauline Loftus

The next outing is on 24th May in Elm Hall Golf Course, Celbridge. If you are interested please contact Pauline on 086 1683748 or Ciara at [cgreenwood@eircom.net](mailto:cgreenwood@eircom.net)

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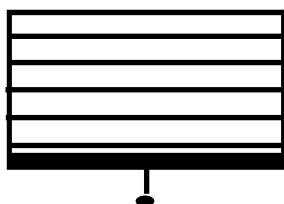


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# Come To Dinner With Andy Mac

## Sunday Lunch Menu for 6

### Prawn and Fruit Cocktail Grilled Leg of Lamb Chocolate Roulade.

#### How to get ahead

The day before, marinate the lamb and chill. Make roulade, cover and chill. Prepare fruit and prawn mixture and dressing chill both separately.

On the day fill roulade roll up and chill. Take lamb out of fridge and bring to room temperature. Grill lamb and leave to rest. Assemble prawn cocktails.

#### Shopping List

##### Starter:

2 large red apples  
2 large ripe pears  
1 lemon  
2 large sticks of celery  
1lb of cooked prawns  
2 bunches of watercress  
1 pot of Greek yoghurt enough for 5 tablespoons  
1 small jar of mayonnaise

##### Main Course:

2 large sprigs of rosemary  
bulb of garlic  
2kg 4½lb. boned leg of lamb

##### Dessert:

½lb. of butter  
small bar of cooking chocolate  
3 eggs  
2oz of hazelnuts  
½ pint of double cream  
1 miniature of baileys  
strawberries  
mint leaves

##### From the cupboard:

tomato ketchup  
Worcestershire sauce  
Tabasco  
olive oil  
caster sugar

### Prawn and Fruit Cocktail (prep time 10 mins)

#### For the salad

2 large red apples  
2 large pears  
juice of 1 lemon

2 sticks of celery  
1lb of cooked prawn  
2 bunches of watercress

#### For the dressing

5 tablespoons of Greek yoghurt  
2 tablespoons of mayonnaise  
3 tablespoons of ketchup  
2 teaspoons of Worcestershire sauce  
4-5 drops of Tabasco sauce

Core and dice apples and pears, put into a bowl and sprinkle with lemon juice. Trim celery and cut into slices and put into bowl, add prawns and toss altogether. Wash and dry watercress, chill until required. Mix together yoghurt, mayonnaise, ketchup, Worcestershire and Tabasco, season and chill. Just before serving divide the watercress between 6 dishes, spoon over the fruit and prawn, then drizzle over the dressing.

#### Andy's tip:

If you are using frozen prawns remember that they lose about half their weight when defrosted so you will need to buy about 2lbs.

#### Grilled Leg of Lamb:

2 sprigs of rosemary  
3 large garlic cloves  
4½lb. of boned leg of lamb  
3-4 tablespoons of olive oil

Flatten out the lamb like a sheet. Break rosemary into 12 smaller sprigs, slice garlic into 4 slices. Using the tip of the knife make 12 incisions, insert rosemary sprig and a slice of garlic in each. Marinate for 4 hours at room temperature or overnight in the fridge. Make sure you reroll the lamb again.

Preheat grill to its highest setting. Brush lamb generously with olive oil, season well. Put skin side down onto grill, time and cook to medium. Grill for 10-12 minutes, then turn over and cook for a further 10-12 minutes if its blacking to quick cover with foil. (for rare, decrease cooking by 3-4 minutes aside, for well done, increase by 3-4 minutes). Rest lamb for 10 minutes before slicing. Garnish with rosemary and serve.

#### Andy's tip:

This recipe is tailor made for cooking on the barbecue the lamb will take 12-20 minutes each side (depending on the heat of the coals) if it is beginning to blacken too fast, raise the grid over the coals.

# Come To Dinner With Andy Mac Contd.

**Chocolate Hazelnut Roulade**  
(prep time 30 mins, cook time 15 mins)

**For the Roulade:**

butter for greasing  
2oz/80g plain chocolate  
3 eggs separated  
2oz of castor sugar  
2oz of hazelnuts roasted and grounded

**For the filling:**

½ pint of double cream  
2 fl oz of baileys  
strawberries to serve  
mint sprigs to decorate.

Preheat oven to 180°C/350°F/ gas mark 4. Lightly grease and line a 32 x 22.5cm/13 x 9 inch shallow baking tin. Melt chocolate in a bowl over a pan of simmering water. Put aside. Put egg yolks and caster sugar in a clean bowl and set over the pan of simmering water. Whisk until pale, thick and creamy. Remove from heat fold into chocolate mixture. Pour onto tin, spreading mixture into the corners, bake for 15 minutes until firm to the touch. Leave roulade in the tin and cover with a damp cloth, cool, then whip cream and baileys until soft peaks form. Turn roulade onto a sheet of greaseproof dusted with castor sugar. Peel greaseproof lining paper off roulade. Spread roulade with cream and roll up. See Andy's notes. Serve slices of roulade with a few whole strawberries and decorate with sprigs of mint.

**Make it easy on yourself**

A roulade is a soufflé rather than a sponge as it contains no flour it is quite easy to roll if you leave it in its tin under a damp cloth. This helps to keep the surface pliable. Turn out on to a sheet of greaseproof paper and dust with caster sugar. Spread with filling leaving 2.5cm/1inch all around the edge use the paper to help roll the shape. It doesn't matter if it cracks as it makes it more appealing when dusted with icing sugar.

**More Tips:**

Serve your main course with minted peas, frozen peas boiled with mint leaves and garlic roast potatoes. Peel and slice potatoes par boil and put in a roasting tin with a ¼ inch of olive oil with 4 cloves of garlic chopped. Mix all the sliced potatoes with oil mixture and roast for 15 minutes.

For the first course I'd go for a well chilled sauvignon blanc for its fresh fruity flavour.

An Italian Primitivo a red wine with a big spicy flavour makes a perfect accompaniment to the garlicky roast lamb.

**Next month I will be showing you a vegetarian dinner menu for 4.**

**HERE IS A FEW QUESTIONS THAT HAS BEEN WRITTEN TO ME ABOUT CAKE MAKING.**

**QUESTION 1 FROM MARY TAVERN**

**Her question is:**

My creamed butter and sugar mixture sometimes curdles. When I add the beaten eggs what am I doing wrong.

**Answer:**

You are probably adding the egg in too large of quantity. If you are new to cake making add the beaten egg with a tablespoon and beat really well after each addition. If the mixture does curdle, add a spoonful or two of the flour to bring it back together again.

**QUESTION 2 FROM UNA O'DONNELL**

**Her question is:**

Why is it necessary to sieve flour, I never encountered any lumps in mine.

**Answer:**

The secret of cake making lies in getting as much air as possible into the mixture. You sieve flour not to remove lumps but to incorporate as much air into it as possible. Hold the sieve high over the bowl and shake it tapping the sides so the flour falls as light as snow into the bowl, then incorporate it quickly and lightly into the mixture.

If you would like any questions answered please forward your questions to Andy Mac, Maynooth Newsletter, Unit 5 Newtown shopping Centre, Beaufield, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.



## Features

### Crooked House

**Last chance to see successful KYT shows.**

*By now I'm sure you've heard of the Kildare youth theatres phenomenally popular shows "Totally over you" by Mark Ravenhill and "Purple" by Jon Fosse, and if you're regretting not seeing them yet you're in luck, as they are coming back to the Riverbank Arts Centre on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th of May.*

Whether you missed them last time or just want to see them again, this is the opportunity you've been waiting for. The current youth theatre has previously been heralded as the greatest youth theatre group seen in Kildare in twenty years, so why not see them apply their skills on these plays, specially commissioned by the Royal National Theatre of Great Britain for the Shell International Connections Festival of youth theatre? These shows have been performed in Properous and Belfast since their premiere in Newbridge. Tickets cost **€7.50/€5** and are available at the Riverbank Arts Centre, Newbridge. Box Office is 045 448333.

**Totally Over You** by Mark Ravenhill

This ironically charged new play delves into the world of instant celebrity presented to us by shows such as *big brother and pop rivals*. Celebrity craving teenagers, willing to be starved of normality, who will do practically anything for fame, are the focus of this fast paced comedy directed by **Peter Hussey**, who is used to directing Ravenhill's work from his experience with Handbag in 1999 for crooked house.

**Purple** by Jon Fosse

The first time KYT preformed this play was the first time any of Fosse's work was shown in Ireland so, naturally, it is being performed to a very high standard. Set in a cold, dark ex air raid shelter the show delves into the complex relationships between a tightly knit group of teenage boys and one girl in a rock band. *Purple* is a mood piece exploring the tensions between the young men and the young woman caught in the middle, as they turn to loud music to express their anger at the world around them. *Purple* is directed by **Darren Donohue** who (with Yvonne O'Hara) directed KYT's hit show *A Midsummer Nights dream* in May 2002.

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The presentation was made by Mr. Noel Dalton, Adult Education organiser of Co., Kildare V.E.C., Dolores O'Brien Co-ordinator V.T.O.S, and Eilis Clare co-ordinator PLC who made speeches congratulating all recipients on their hard work and achievement. the Students' council helped organise the event, which included an amusing drama sketch performed by the communications and drama students.

Leixlip V.T.O.S/PLC caters for over 120 full-time mature students who live in Leixlip, Maynooth, Celbridge, Kilcock, Clane, Ardcrough, Robertstown, Lucan and Dublin. some participants have travelled further and come from Armenia, Angola, The Congo, Cameroon, England, Estonia, Moldova, Morocco, Nigeria, Poland, Scotland, Somalia and Zimbabwe.

Each learner follows his or her own individual programme and chooses subjects to suit his or her goals. Many of the students who completed their courses last summer are now in employment or in further education.

For further information contact either Dolores O'Brien or Eilis Clare at V.T.O.S/PLC, Scoil Eoin PhoilGreen Lane, Leixlip, Co. Kildare 01 246420.



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4. Toast under a medium grill until crispy on the outside
5. Serve with ready made custard

You can make this dessert with chocolate spread, or honey or any other sweet filling.

Ask somebody big to help you with the grill.

If you want to make savoury rolls try:

Tuna and cheese sauce

Boiled egg and tomato sauce

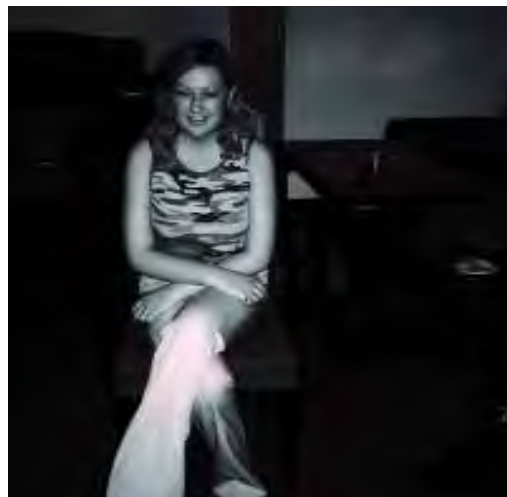
Diced vegetables and cheese sauce

Garlic butter and onion sauce

If you wish to make lots of these rolls either sweet or savoury place on an oven dish for 20 minutes in a hot oven instead of on a grill. This recipe can be used for grown up parties as well.



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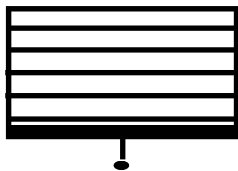
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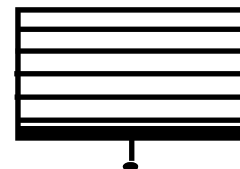
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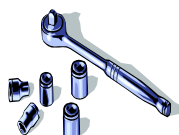
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## Features

### **April murder – conclusion (Who killed John Conlin and why)**

Detective Dust now felt that he had good reason to pick up Mr Brooks whose real name was DePew. In the police station he was questioned about the robbery. He admitted immediately that he had carried out both it and the shooting. But more startling, he admitted that he and Amy Conlin had been having an affair for a year! DePew was only 21 and Mr Conlin was old enough to be his mother. They had intended to rob Conlin so that they could start a new life together. In fact they had even lived in an apartment as husband and wife but their only income was the money that Amy was receiving from her husband.

When divorce proceedings were initiated, this source of income dried up and it was then that they decided to steal Conlin's money. But Amy Conlin tried to convince the police that she had decided against it and had asked DePew not to carry out their plans. But it was she who had told him that her husband wore the diamond ring that had been stolen.

Strangely, even on his deathbed, Conlin denied that he and his wife had any marital problems or even that divorce proceedings had begun. But his brother had his suspicions and he had told the police about the events that led to the shooting.

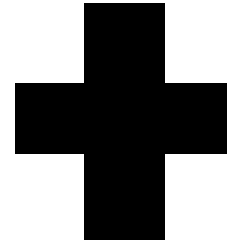
The police brought DePew to the hospital so that John Conlin could make an identification of the suspect. He denied any connection with Conlin's wife even as John asked him where and how he had met his wife. The couple were charged with robbery and assault but this was changed to murder after the death of John Conlin. It emerged in the interim that DePew had previous convictions for theft. When they met for the first time after the events, they each attempted to minimise their part in the crimes but eventually DePew took all the responsibility.

The trial began on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> 1931 and the case against Amy Conlin was dismissed. James DePew was found guilty of second-degree murder and was sentenced to serve between 30 years and life in Sing Sing prison.

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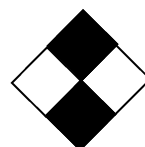
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## May murder - A woman scorned

Grover Freeman was a very successful Florida lawyer, 54 years old in 2000. He was also very popular and had a large circle of friends. In Tampa he was seen as one of the best lawyers available, noted for his common sense and his ability to resolve conflicts. His fellow lawyers said that he was gifted in getting people to talk out their problems and resolve their differences. He specialised in medical law, not surprising perhaps since his father had been a surgeon. He had a reputation as a straight talker and being honest and truthful. In the 1970s he bought a large, beautiful property in Carrollwood. He had numerous hobbies that including flying, racing cars and sailing. He was devoted to his house and had spent a small fortune on it and the garden.

In 1886 he married for the first time. Katherine and he had one daughter before they divorced amicably ten years later. She was a successful stockbroker in her own right. On their divorce, Grover took most of the estate which was originally his. Katherine was given the car, stocks and shares, jewellery, a lump sum, alimony and monthly child support. She also took a lot of antique furniture with her that she had bought during their marriage.

By all accounts they were still friends after the divorce but six months later Grover married for the second time. But it still appeared that Katherine did not mind, she met with Grover and his new wife Constance King.

Katherine had a series of horrific events in her life already. In March 1983 her 30 year-old boyfriend was shot to death in his jewellery shop. The case was still open as no one was ever charged for the killing. She herself was attacked in her jewellery shop on Busch Boulevard, Tampa. Her assailant was jailed for 23 years. Her troubles did not end there however; in 1986 she was attacked in their home when her husband was away from home. But all her friends said that she had a very positive attitude to life and never let any of this get her down.

Things are never quite what they seem – on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2000 Katherine Freeman, then 41 years old took a gun from her home and drove to Grover's house in Carrollwood. Her demeanour all day had been quite normal, delivering home-baked biscuits to local shops (her new business that was called Kathie's Kitchen); baby-sitting for a neighbour and having coffee with friends. She never mentioned having any problems with her ex-husband and his new wife.

She arrived at the house, hammered down two doors and went to the bedroom. Despite the noise that she had made, Grover and Connie were still asleep. He tried to sit up in bed when she emptied her 9 mm handgun into his body, reloaded and shot his a further 7 times, 14 bullets in all. Then she turned her attention to Connie who had locked herself in the bathroom. Fate saved her. Katherine rammed down the door but the gun jammed. Screaming that she would tear her heart out Katherine broke two of Connie's fingers and then tried

to tip her off the balcony. But Connie managed to pull away and run out of the house.

Miraculously, Grover managed to ring the police with a three word message:

'Help ... shot ... ex-wife'. With his lawyer's precision, he had given all the relevant information. He was dead by the time the paramedics arrived.

Katherine had intended to kill both of them undoubtedly, the gun had been purchased some months earlier and she had it and the ammunition in the glove compartment of the car. Obviously, she had not arrived to discuss her problems with her ex-husband.

Having failed to kill the witness, Connie, Katherine then drove her 1999 Cadillac to the Sunshine Skyway bridge in St. Petersburg. She took off her watch and diamond earrings and jumped off the bridge! Amazingly she survived the fall! She was the fifth person to jump since its opening in 1987 and the first to survive. She suffered multiple injuries, broken legs and pelvis as well as internal bleeding but she recovered to stand trial for murder.

But why, when everything appeared to be so amicable, did she suddenly turn on the unfortunate couple?

Police investigations revealed that things were not as friendly as it seemed at first on the surface. Grover's housekeeper said that there were tensions between the divorced couple. Over the 4 years of her ex-husband's second marriage, Katherine was apparently becoming more and more resentful of Grover and Connie's relationship. The tension was mounting, particularly about money and her daughter's future education. She wanted their daughter to attend an exclusive private school and Grover did not agree. It was not the cost of this school that was his issue but the fact that he felt that this would give his daughter the wrong preparation for the future and she would be better off attending a state school which would provide a more down to earth and sensible education. Secondly, Katherine was in serious financial difficulty, her alimony had finished, she had huge credit card bills and her only steady income was the maintenance that Grover was paying for their daughter, then 14 years old.

Her motive then was purely financial. This was no crime of passion but of pure greed. She wanted both of them dead as her daughter would inherit all of Grover's wealth. She wanted Connie dead to prevent her inheriting. When she failed to kill her, she then decided to kill herself.

When the case came to trial Katherine pleaded guilty, thus avoiding the death sentence.

In an awful irony, Connie revealed to reporters that she herself was suffering from cancer and would probably die before Katherine.

In light of these events, the police decided to re-open the case of Katherine's murdered ex-boyfriend.

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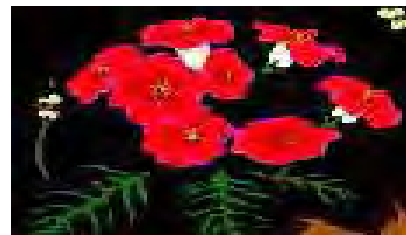
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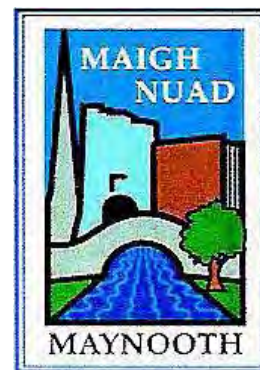
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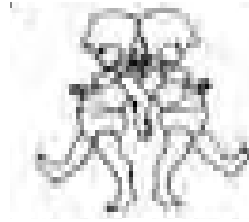
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## Maynooth Town F. C. Notes

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As the season draws to a close several teams are still involved for league and cup honours. All our teams deserve credit for competing throughout the season. The wet weather took it toll on many fixtures but with the evening fixtures now in full swing it is hoped to complete all remaining fixtures before the end of season.

It was also a tough season on the pitch availability front. With so many teams it was a job at times to get fixtures on and some were inevitability lost. Our thanks to all involved for their support through this difficult time.

The good news is the Rathcoffey Road development is on schedule and will ease the pressure next season. The first grass cutting was carried out in the last couple of weeks and this should in itself encourage stronger growth and development of the playing surfaces. Following a site meeting with the contractor a schedule for some remedial work was agreed and this should be completed as weather allows. Further grassing cutting, fertilising and stone picking will also be completed.

Fundraising continues with Maynooth/Kilcock Lion's Club running a race night for the benefit of our development fund. This support is very welcome and a further report will appear in next month's newsletter.

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

Date	Numbers	Jackpot	3 x €35 Winners		
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# Clubs, Organisations and Societies

## Maynooth Flower and Garden Club

Results from Spring Show, for flower arrangements are:-

**Dinner Table:** 1st Marguerite O'Brien  
2nd Elsa Lawlor  
(A table Exhibit) 3rd Ann Mc Stravick

**House & Garden:** 1st Tara McKiernan  
(A foliage Exhibit) 2nd Jo O'Connell  
3rd Moira Baxter

**Outdoor Pursuits:** 1st Mary Cleary  
A Exhibit to 2nd Mary Strickland  
depict a sport 3rd Pat Dalton  
V.H.C. Sarah Angel

**From Me to You:** 1st Felicity Satchwell  
A hand-tied 2nd Jo O'Connell  
Exhibit 3rd Noeleen O'Brien  
V.H.C. Mary Doyle  
V.H.C. Rosemary Smith

**The Spire:** 1st Pat Dalton  
A Modern Exhibit 2nd Mary Cleary  
3rd Moira Baxter  
V.H.C. Felicity Satchwell  
V.H.C. Carmel Owens  
A.C. Tara McKiernan  
C. Elsa Lawlor

**Eastertide:** 1st Aileen Howard  
A Petite Exhibit 2nd Mary Costello  
3rd Felicity Satchwell

Results from Plant section are:-

**A Window Box:** 1st Noeleen O'Brien  
2nd Mary Doyle  
3rd Marguerite O'Brien

**Stem of Flowering Shrub:**  
1st Noeleen O'Brien  
2nd Sarah Angel  
3rd Marjorie Kelly

**One Daffodil:** 1st Pam Acton  
2nd Noeleen O'Brien  
3rd Imelda Desmond

**Collection of Spring Flowers:**  
1st Sarah Angel  
2nd Moira Baxter  
3rd Aileen Howard

**3 Tulips:** 1st Mary Doyle  
2nd Amanda Harris  
3rd Sarah Angel



*Mrs Felicity Satchwell President of the Flower and Garden Club, presenting a cup to Noeleen O'Brien. Noeleen won best overall in the spring show.*

**Collection of Herbs :**  
1st Ann Walker  
2nd Aileen Howard  
3rd Betty Farrell

**3 Sticks of Rhubarb:**  
1st Mary Cleary  
2nd Mary Doyle

**Cups Presented:**

NUI Perpetual Cup, for best exhibit in show was presented by Professor S. Smyth to Pat Dalton, for her exhibit in 'Spire' Class.

**Felicity Satchwell, President of the Club presented the following Cups:-**

**Ulster Bank Perpetual Cup for most points:** Noeleen O'Brien.  
**Bradshaw Perpetual Cup:** Mary Doyle  
**Satchwell Perpetual Cup:** Marguerite O'Brien  
**Flower Pot Perpetual Cup:** Noeleen O'Brien  
**A.O.I.F.E. Perpetual Cup:** Aileen Howard

Imelda Desmond Chairwoman of the Club thanked all the exhibitors for displaying wonderful work and colour on show tables. She thanked the College Authorities for use of a great venue, and members for all their work in organising the show and for their help over the two days. No meeting will be held in May, but a trip will be organised to the National Gallery on May 13th for the Paul Henry exhibition.

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# Clubs, Organisations and Societies

## Maynooth Irish Dancers visit Florida for St. Patrick's Day



*Dancing at Church St Station Orlando*



*Dancing for the Irish American Cultural Society of Florida*

Twelve dancers from the Catherine Maher School of Irish Dancing, together with their parents, enjoyed a spectacular trip to Florida for St. Patrick's Day and what a welcome we received. The invitation to take part in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Orlando coincided with the 25th anniversary of the Dancing School, which was founded in Maynooth in 1978. Unfortunately, it meant that the dancers could not take part in the Maynooth parade for the first time since the parade began.

The dancers, Clodagh Greene, Gillian Fleming, Mary Louise Martin, Aedeana Conneely, Tara Nolan, Aideen Byrne, Pamela Flanagan, Sinead O'Sullivan, Jade Gahan, Stephanie Gavin, Elaine Houlihan and Amy Conneely travelled to Florida on 14th March for a very busy week which included the parade and no less than 5 separate performances. In addition, we managed to fit in a trip to Disney World, Universal Studios and plenty of shopping. The girls danced a mixture of traditional Irish Dancing and modern show style Irish Dancing. All of their routines were original and were choreographed by Catherine. In addition to their traditional costumes we had new show dresses designed for the trip. At this point, we would very much like to thank everybody who supported our fund raising events which made the trip possible.

Our first performance was on Saturday 15th March at a private function that was attended by many Irish people. The St. Patrick's Day parade was held on Sunday 16th March and what a glorious day it was with crowds of people lining the mile long route, applauding and cheering the girls. The parade was televised and shown on prime time news that evening. Several of the men in the group dressed as leprechauns and gave an impromptu display of Irish dancing which went down a treat. After the parade, the girls took part in an open-air concert with local dancers and musicians, which was watched by several hundred people.

St. Patrick's day itself dawned bright and sunny and was our busiest day. First it was off to Church St Station in downtown Orlando for a lunchtime performance. This performance was televised and broadcast later that day. There was just enough time to return to the villas for a quick swim and then off again for an early evening performance at the Mercado centre, which is located in the main tourist area. A large audience, many of whom had seen the earlier performance on television, enjoyed this. Suddenly we were celebrities, and how the girls enjoyed it. The management of the Mercado centre were so impressed with the show that they made a presentation to each of the dancers and invited them to return next year.

Then it was on to our final performance of the day at a private dinner dance for the Irish community in Orlando. Several hundred people who really appreciated the dance routines and the costumes attended this. The girls received a standing ovation and could not leave the floor without an encore performance.

On Wednesday 19th March we travelled to the famous Daytona Beach for our final performance for the Irish community there at a special lunch. Again standing ovations and encores were the order of the day.

The entire trip was an experience of a lifetime for the girls, all of whom are accomplished dancers and have been dancing since a very young age. We have received invitations to return to all of the venues for St. Patrick's Day 2004 and needless to say the dancers are more than anxious to oblige. We will just have to wait and see!!

## Clubs, Organisations and Societies

(Maynooth Irish Dancers in Florida Contd.)



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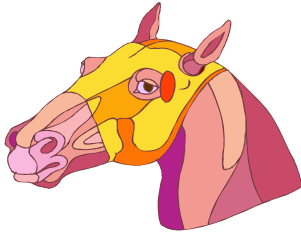


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### Third Term

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Every evening there are organised activities including Art, Simulator coaching, visits to places of interest and study periods.

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### Entry Requirements

**Age:** At least 15 and less than 18 years of age before July 1st.

**Weight:** Under nine stone (57kgs)

**Riding Experience:** Not required.

**Education:** A school reference is required.

**Health:** A medical certificate is required.

**Equipment:** Trainees must purchase riding and safety equipment from R.A.C.E. at the commencement of the course.

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# Clubs, Organisations and Societies

## Maynooth Community Games

Maynooth Community Games held the annual swimming competition on Sunday 6th April in Maynooth College pool. Results as follows:

Category	Position	East	West
Freestyle Boys U8	1st	Shane Monaghan	Owen Byrne
	2nd	Jack French	Sean Kearney
	3rd	Eoin McCormac	
Freestyle Boys U10	1st	Sean McKnight	
	2nd	-	
	3rd	-	
Backstroke Boys U10	1st	Sean McKnight	
	2nd	-	
	3rd	-	
Freestyle Boys U12	1st	Kevin Cowhey	
	2nd	Johnny Curran	
	3rd	-	
Breaststroke Boys U 12	1st	Kevin Cowhey	
	2nd	-	
	3rd	-	
Freestyle Boys U14	1st	Gavin Doyle	Padraig Mahon
	2nd	Tim Quane	Gregory Collins-Flynn
	3rd	Justin Cullinane	
Backstroke Boys U14	1st	Gavin Doyle	Padraig Mahon
	2nd	Tim Quane	Gregory Collins-Flynn
	3rd	Justin Cullinane	
Breaststroke Boys U14	1st	Justin Cullinane	Padraig Mahon
	2nd	Gavin Doyle	Gregory Collins-Flynn
	3rd	Tim Quane	
Freestyle Girls U8	1st	Sarah Curran	
	2nd	-	
	3rd	-	
Freestyle Girls U10	1st	Heather Collins	Meadbh Donaldson
	2nd	Tanya Doyle	Aoife Twomey
	3rd	Katie Curran	Niamh Kearney
Back Stroke Girls U10	1st	Tanya Doyle	Meadbh Donaldson
	2nd	Heather Collins	Aoife Twomey
	3rd	-	Niamh Kearney
Freestyle Girls U 12	1st	Ailbhe Lenehan	Lisa Mahon
	2nd	Michelle Dolan	Niamh Donaldson
	3rd	-	Karen Feehan

# Clubs, Organisations and Societies

## (Maynooth Community Games Contd.)

Category	Position	East	West
Breaststroke Girls U12	1st	Ailbhe Lenehan	Lisa Mahon
	2nd	-	Niamh Donaldson
	3rd	-	Karen Feehan
Freestyle Girls U14	1st	Claire Cowhey	Elaine Houlihan
	2nd	Aoife McKnight	Susan Fay
	3rd	Therese Doran	Jennifer Feehan
Backstroke Girls U14	1st	Claire Cowhey	Elaine Houlihan
	2nd	Aoife McKnight	Jennifer Feehan
	3rd	Michelle Doran	Susan Fay
Breaststroke Girls U14	1st	Claire Cowhey	Jennifer Feehan
	2nd	Michelle Doran	Elaine Houlihan
	3rd	Therese Doran	Susan Fay

Well done to all the boys and girls and good luck to all in the County Finals in Athy on Saturday 31st May. Training each Sunday Maynooth College Pool at 3 o'clock. €1 per session.

Well done to Maynooth Table Quiz Teams.

### Community Games U14 Table Quiz Competition 2003.

On Friday 21st March we participated in Kildare County Final in Allenwood. 4 Maynooth Teams. viz., 2 East and 2 West took part and travelled in high spirits and anticipation. A total of 29 teams in all competed in the final. Despite a late start the competition finished circa 9.30 p.m.. Honours were shared evenly between East and West by a joint 6th place tie at 78 points by first team East (1) and West (1). A very creditable result considering the very high standard set by the competition. Our other teams had satisfactory results with respective scores of West (2) 56 points and East (2) 37 points. The outright winners were Ballinagh 90 points and Carbury 84 points. All in all our teams performed well. These young people will be eligible to compete next year, so our future looks bright!!

Teams			
East (1)	East (2)	West (1)	West (2)
Colm Peelo	Ciaran Scally	Ailbhe Durkin	Caoimhe Brennan
Stephen Jennings	Gillian Judge	Orla Kelly	Gareth Geoghan
Richard Judge	Gareth Corcoran	Stephen Sheeran	Emmanuel Ali
Shane O'Grady	Lily Kent	Barry Connellan	Meadbh Durkin

A word of thanks also due to Colm Murphy, Moyglare Village who became manger for Maynooth West this year. Thanks! Colm! for a job well done! My gang, East, did me proud. **Brian O'Malley.**

**Annual Collection:** Thanks to all who supported our collection at Tesco weekend 11th/12th/13th April. All funds are a great help to run the local events.

We would like to welcome the new committee members Joe Geraghty and Dave Collins. More help is needed, so come along.

**Gymnastics:** Anyone interested in competing in Gymnastics in County please contact Margaret Houlihan at 6285805. County Finals on Sunday 1st June.

**Athletics:** Our final competition for children for the year will be held on Friday 23rd May at 5.30 p.m. All athletics, runners, non-runners etc. come along for a fun evening €2 per child. County Finals for Athletics 4th/5th July.





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## Maynooth Citizens Information Centre

### Question

I believe that the Child Benefit rates have been increased. Can you please give the new rates of payment?

### Answer

Child Benefit is paid monthly by the Department of Social and Family Affairs for each qualified child normally living with you and being supported by you. To qualify a child must be dependant on you and must also be:

- Under age 16 or
- Aged 16, 17 or 18 and attending full-time education for a FAS Youthreach course or have a physical or mental disability.

The payment is generally made to the mother of the child. Where the parents are living separately it is paid to the parent with whom the child lives the majority of the time. If the child is not living with or being maintained by the parents, then it may be paid to the person who is caring for the child. From April 2003 the Child Benefit rates are as follows.

Number of Children	Monthly Rates
1 Child	€125.60
2 Children	€251.20
3 Children	€408.50
4 Children	€565.80
5 Children	€723.10
6 Children	€880.40
7 Children	€1037.70
8 Children	€1195.00

Child Benefit claimants paid by electronic methods receive the increased rate in full from April 2003. Those on book payments will receive the increased rate through a special payment in May, backdated to April.

Applications for Child Benefit should be made on Form CB1 within 6 months of the month when the child was born or became a member of the family or the family came to Ireland. Application for a child aged 16 or over is made on Form CB2. Claim forms are available from your local Social Welfare Office,

Post Office or from the Child Benefit Section, Social Welfare Services Office, St. Oliver Plunkett Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.

LoCall: 1890 400 400.

For further information contact Citizens Information Centre at 01 6285477.

### Question

I heard that there have been some changes to the Dental Benefit scheme. Will I still be able to get my teeth checked and cleaned for free?

### Answer

Yes. Under a new agreement negotiated between the Irish Dental Association and the department of Social and Family Affairs basic preventative dental treatment including examinations, scaling and polishing are still free.

Dental Benefit under the Department's Treatment Benefit Scheme is available to those who are insured and satisfy certain Pay Related Social Insurance (PRSI) contribution conditions. You are also eligible if you are the dependant spouse of an insured person or a dependant widow(er) whose spouse was qualified at time of death. If you satisfy the PRSI conditions when you reach age 60 you will remain qualified for life.

Under the new agreement which is effective from the 25th February, 2003 there are still two sets of charges, one for those whose annual income is under €45,000 and the other for those whose income is above €45,000. For those whose income is above €45,000 the Department pays a contribution and the patient pays the balance (apart from the free treatment mentioned previously). The fees they will have to pay have increased by 10% under the new agreement.

Those whose income is below €45,000 per annum will have to pay 10% more on all treatments apart from fillings. For instance, extraction of a tooth under local anaesthetic has increased from €10.67 to €11.75. Fillings will be charged at the dentist's normal private fee less 15% and also less the Department's contribution of €29.20. Dentists are obliged to display their charges for fillings.

Medical Holders aged 16 or over are eligible for dental services for their Health Board. They are covered free of charge for emergency and routine treatment. The service may be provided through private dentists or dentists employed by the Health Board. Before availing of a particular treatment under the Health Board scheme you should check with your Health Board to see if the treatment is covered.

For further information contact Citizens Information Centre at 01 6285477.

# Clubs, Organisations and Societies

## (Maynooth Citizens Information Contd.)

### Question

My mother is ill and needs full-time care. I intend taking Carer's Leave from work to look after her. Can I earn any money if I am receiving Carer's Benefit while on leave?

### Answer

You can earn money but are restricted in how much you can earn and the number of hours you can work. Carer's Benefit, which is based on social insurance contributions, is a payment made by the Department of Social and Family Affairs to people who leave employment to look after someone in need of full-time care and attention. It is paid for up to 15 months.

Providing you meet the contribution conditions and the Department decides that your mother is in need of full-time care and attention you should qualify for Carer's Benefit.

While looking after your mother you may

- attend an educational or training course or take up voluntary or community work for up to 10 hours per week
- engage in limited self-employment in your home
- engage in limited employment outside your home for up to 10 hours per week which has been approved by the Department.

From April 2003 the maximum weekly earnings from such employment/self-employment is €150 (was €95.23),

Further information is available from your local Social Welfare Office or from the Citizens Information Centre at 01 6285477.

### Question

I have heard of people changing their name by Deed Poll. What does it mean?

### Answer

A Deed Poll is a signed declaration by a person that binds him/her to a particular course of action from the date of signing. A Deed Poll for a change of name contains declarations that you are abandoning the use of your old name, that you will use your new name at all times and that you require everyone to use your new name.

The advantage of changing your name by Deed Poll is that a record of the change is kept for future identification. This can be attached to your birth certificate, is acceptable for most administrative procedures and provides an easy and inexpensive solution for most of the difficulties which may be

encountered on changing your name.

You can get a solicitor to do the Deed Poll or you can do it yourself, in which case the only cost would be the €30 Stamp Duty. However, it is a complicated process and it may be advisable to use a solicitor. If you are doing it yourself guidance documentation for drawing up a declaration is available from the Deed Poll Section, Central Office, Four Courts, Dublin 7. Tel: (01) 888 6000.

You will have to take the declaration to a Commissioner For Oaths or a practicing solicitor for which there may be a small charge. You must then bring your documentation to the Four Courts where you will have to pay the Stamp Duty. You will have to collect the Deed Poll from the Four Courts a few weeks later.

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

## Invitation

The Maynooth guild of the ICA invites all current members, past members, future members and anyone interested in knowing more about the ICA and its activities,

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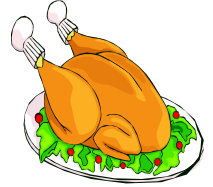
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## Maynooth Hillwalking Club

The good weather is with us now and throngs of people have taken to the hills, canals and waymarked routes throughout Ireland. With St. Patrick's Day sees the arrival of Walking Festivals throughout the country. Our club was represented at the Adara Festival in Donegal over this weekend. Numerous festivals were held over the Easter Holiday and more are planned for the May long weekend. Our more experienced members of the club will take part in the first of the Mountain Challenges in mid May in the Blackstairs Mountains, which straddle the counties of Wexford, Carlow and Waterford.

Since the last issue we visited the Blackstairs with two hikes covering hard and moderate grades. This was well attended and we were able to use the bus transport. The weather conditions were perfect. Both groups walked between 5 and 6 hours. Our Easy hike along the canal on Good Friday was well attended with 25 taking part, of which 16 were non-members of the club. Having had lunch at McLoughlins Bridge and lock gate (outside Kilcock), we had a short stop for ice cream in Kilcock before finishing the journey to Maynooth. We were back before 4 p.m. The weather was perfect and from what I can gather all enjoyed the event. Word of our events has spread and on this occasion we were accompanied by a number of members and former members of an Oige. Outside Maynooth we met the annual steam engine tour on its way to Mullingar.

Due to a poor response and other commitments our visit to the Mournes this year has been cancelled. Members of the club will be attending a number of planned events around the country over this weekend.

Forthcoming events include an Easy hike around the coastal path of Howth on Sunday 25th May. We will depart from the front of the Glenroyal Leisure Club at 9 a.m. sharp. The hike covers a distance of approx 8 miles with ascent the region of 500 ft. Boots are essential for this hike. We will travel in own transport. The month of May has a number of moderate and hard grade events planned for the Kippure and Glendalough areas. For June an Easy hike along the Grand Canal from Sallins to Hazelhatch is planned for Saturday 14th. Because the commuter train does not run on Sundays, we have changes from the normal. Departing from the front of the Glenroyal Leisure Club at 9 a.m. sharp we will travel to Hazelhatch by car to meet the train to Sallins. A group ticket will apply to those who book in time.

Last month I said we would have a note on Mournes in this month's article. I am sure you have all heard of the Mourne Mountains and possibly a lot of you have visited the region. Made famous by the lyricist, Percy French, who penned their glory to music for all

time with the words "where the mountains of Mourne sweep down to the sea". I don't know the exact location he had in mind where he composed these words, but there are numerous points where one can visualise the words of the song. The area stretches from the coastal village of Rostrevor to Rathfriland and Castlewellsan and east to Newcastle before following the east coast back to Rostrevor through the fishing village of Kilkeel. The region can boast of three major forest parks at Rostrevor, Tullymore in Newcastle and Castlewellsan. For those who might just like a short stroll of 2 to 4 kms and a very gentle pace each of these areas cater for your needs. Information leaflets are available from the Northern Ireland Tourist Office in Dublin, address and telephone no is in the directory. For the more adventurous it is possible to spend one or two hours strolling through the Mourne mountains and a gentle pace and experience the tranquillity that has inspired artists in words, verse and art for generations. One such area is a visit to the Silent Valley. This valley now contains two reservoirs, Silent Valley and Ben Crom, both of which supply water for Belfast. In season a shuttle bus operates which will bring you up to the reservoir and you can have a gentle walk back. You can do it in reverse if you wish or maybe walk both ways. The valley nestles beneath Sliabh Donard. At the head of the valley is the Brandy Track, renowned in olden days to have been a smugglers route for importing Brandy from the coast inland. I have yet to find any empty bottles along the way. This area is a hillwalkers delight with such a variation of trails. Everyone's capabilities are provided for. The mountains of Mourne form a 25 circular radius with 12 summits rising to over 2,000 feet and many others not so high. A 22 mile 6 foot plus wall across the summits of the mountains makes them easy to navigate in bad weather, and provide shelter when those northerly winds hit the area. Care in the hot weather because the combination of wind, sun and salt in the atmosphere cause problems for this body of ours. It is too late when you start to shiver. I have seen many a trekker in trouble from the combination of these elements. There is not enough room in this article to go into any great detail either from a stroller or a hillwalker's perspective. If you would like further information contact the tourist office. They are always very helpful. In July and August, Ulsterbus lay on the Mourne Rambler service. This bus drives a circuit through the Mournes from Newcastle. This is ideal for those who might like to walk for a few hours on a linear track and pick up the bus later.

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



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### (Maynooth Hillwalking Contd.)

walking for up to four hours and at a reasonable brisk speed (in the region of 5 kms per hour). Only attempt our outings if you 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 are no quick exit routes back to the cars. Please do not put the leader in the awkward position to have to turn away those who are not properly equipped or whom he considers are not adequately fit for the event. We have had to refuse to take people in the past and if necessary will do so in the future. Our numbers are sufficient to support bus transport to our activities so those attending will need transportation. Unless otherwise advised on particular events, our meeting point is in front of the Glenroyal leisure Club and departures at 9 a.m. 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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A taskforce was set up in 1998 to develop a strategy to make a refuge a reality and to provide interim measures to tackle domestic violence. Agreement was reached with the then Eastern Health Board that this taskforce would be responsible for providing a Women's Refuge for County Kildare and West Wicklow.

### CURRENT SERVICES

#### Telephone Service

Trained volunteers operate a Help line, where they offer support and information. The caller can remain as anonymous as she wants.

#### Visits

Women are welcome, by appointment, to visit with our Volunteers to discuss their concerns in confidence.

#### Information

A large part of our service involves giving information on Legal, Social Welfare.

#### Education

Our 'No Fear' programme on healthy relationships is offered to all Post Primary Schools.

#### Community Awareness

We welcome the opportunity to visit with any group interested in our work.

### Outreach

Outreach Services available by appointment at 045 449524

### A Definition of Domestic Violence

Domestic violence is a serious crime. It crosses all social boundaries, yet in our society it is continually disbelieved and ignored. Victims are made to feel ashamed, isolated and responsible for the abuse they receive.

#### There are many forms of abuse:-

Threats of physical violence even though no actual physical force occurs.

Actual physical violence, e.g. hitting, kicking, head butting, beating, attempting to choke.

Being made to have sex without consent.

#### Mental Cruelty:-

- ◆ Causing loss of confidence, depression, problems with sleep, increased use of medication and/or alcohol.
- ◆ Increased isolation from family and friends.
- ◆ Lack of control over family income or use of car.
- ◆ Prevented from taking up employment or attending education or training.
- ◆ Deliberate damage to pets, clothes, or other property.

### How Can You Help Us:

Challenge societies attitude to domestic violence.

Tell women about Teach Tearmainn,

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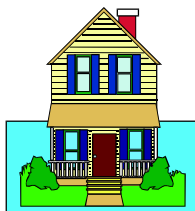
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Combine the cream of tartar and bicarbonate of soda in a medium size bowl. Add the vinegar and mix until the ingredients form a soft paste. Add the soap flakes. Transfer to a jar or bottle with a secure lid and label it clearly. To use, apply with warm water store out of the reach of children. It should keep 1-2 years.

### Chamomile Astringent

This is especially good for oily skin.

To make 1½ pints /850ml 1¼ pint /1 litre purified water 8 tablespoons chopped fresh mint or 2 tablespoons dried mint 2 tablespoons dried chamomile flowers crumbled. Place all the ingredients in a medium size saucepan and boil for 10 minutes before straining into a screw topped jar. It will keep for 2 weeks refrigerated apply with cotton balls.

### Grease Solvent

Removes stubborn oil stains from your skin.

To make enough for 1 treatment 2 tablespoons liquid soap gel 3 tablespoons cornmeal 1 tablespoon glycerine

Combine the ingredients in a small bowl. Pour the mixture onto your hands and scrub until stains disappear, rinse off with warm water.

### Lawn Fertiliser

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### Laundry prespotter

Glycerine softens stains on any fabric and colour, making them easier to remove by normal washing. Keep a half glycerine, half water solution handy in the house.

make 8floz/225ml  
4floz/115ml glycerine  
4floz/115ml water

Combine the ingredients in a jar and shake thoroughly. Transfer the mixture to a spray bottle, label and store safely away out of the reach of children and pets. To use, spray the area affected and rub the liquid into the fabric. Leave for 1 hour and then sponge with warm water before washing.

### Tile and Grout Cleaner

Get rid of that grimy soap film that forms on and between ceramic bathroom tiles.

To make 3 pints/1.7litres  
8 tablespoons baking powder 5 tablespoons baking powder 5 tablespoons household ammonia 2floz/60ml white vinegar 2 pints 16floz/1,6litres warm water combine the ingredients in a plastic jug or fruit juice container, cover and shake vigorously. Label the container and store it out of the reach of children. For small jobs, fill a pump-type container with the solution; spray directly onto the tile surface, then wipe with a damp sponge or cloth. Caution Do not mix this cleaner with anything containing bleach.

### Toilet Bowl Cleaner

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to make 4 pints/2.3litres  
1 tablespoon household ammonia 8floz/255ml hydrogen peroxide 3¼pints/1.85litres water

Mix the ingredients in a bucket, then pour the solution slowly into the toilet. Leave it to stand for at least 30 minutes, then scrub the inside of the bowl and flush. For stubborn stains, allow the solution to remain in the bowl for several hours.


### Tooth Stains

Lighten stains by rubbing your teeth with bicarbonate of soda. Then rinse them thoroughly. If your teeth stain easily, avoid consuming quantities of tea, coffee, red wine, grape juice, blackberries, curried foods and cigarettes.



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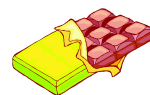
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## Features

### JUNO AND THE PAYCOCK COMES TO MAYNOOTH

An Nuadha Players have been rehearsing for the past eight weeks to bring Sean O'Casey's classic play "Juno and the Paycock" to the stage in Maynooth. The group has had spectacular success with the three pantomimes it has so far produced and its previous plays, "Say Cheese" and "The Factory Girls", received warm receptions. Last year's production of Geraldine Aron's "Same Old Moon" had to be cancelled as the group were not able to overcome the never-ending problem of finding a suitable venue. An Nuadha Players are extremely grateful to St. Patrick's College, Maynooth for making the Aula Maxima available to them for their pantomimes but the more intimate setting required for a play and the availability of a venue for 6-7 consecutive nights still poses an enormous problem for the group in Maynooth. It is hard to believe that a town the size of Maynooth does not have some kind of space that can be made available to community groups with an interest in the arts for performance, exhibitions, concerts, workshops etc.

This year we cannot thank St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band enough for allowing us to present "Juno and the Paycock" in the Bandhall. The Bandhall itself is a wonderful piece of local history having first served as a parish church, then as boys' national school, before becoming home to the band which itself has such a long and illustrious history. The Bandhall will provide a perfect setting for this play and will, hopefully, ring with laughter and hush with awe as O'Casey's masterpiece unfolds. Barry Donaldson takes on the direction of this play after a long involvement with the Olivian Players in Dublin. Trevor Best plays the hopeless Captain Boyle with John Bean as the "shoulder shruggin" sidekick Joxer. Ann Kelly plays the resilient Juno and Jacinta Hayes her idealistic daughter Mary. Anne Mynes plays the exuberant Masie Madigan and Pete Butler the irascible tailor Needle Nugent. Newcomers Donal O'Hanlon (as the crippled Johnny), Aidan Corkery (as the union leader Jerry Devine) and Eanna Lohan (as the Mobilizer) make very welcome additions to the group.

The play will be staged in the Bandhall (off the Main Street, behind the Hula Bou) from Tuesday 6th May to Saturday 10th May at 8p.m. Tickets available at the door or from Mary Higgins 01 6290817 or Ann Kelly 01 6289705.

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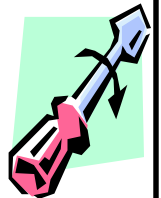
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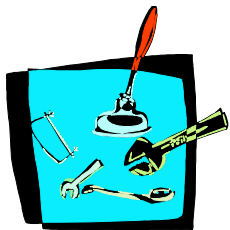
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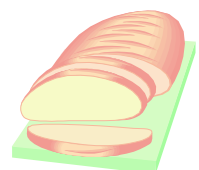
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## Maynooth Tidy Towns News

### Maynooth Best Litter Free Area 2003

- \* Judging will take place in May & June 2003 for Maynooth's Best Litter Free Area 2003.
- \* Ten areas will be selected at random by the judge. All Areas within the town boundary (i.e. speed limit signs) can be judged.
- \* The competition will be independently judged by An Taisce under the rules applied to the "Irish Business against Litter Competition"
- \* The independent judge will provide a grading for each area judged and photographs will be taken.

**Maynooth Tidy Towns urge all businesses and residents associations to get involved and ensure that your area is kept clear of litter and weeds for the period of the competition.**

**Get Involved make sure that Maynooth scores well**

Maynooth Tidy Towns have engaged An Taisce to judge Maynooth under the Irish Business Against Litter criteria and to give us a score as if we were in the **"All Ireland Anti-Litter League 2003"**.

An Taisce will undertake, on behalf of Maynooth Tidy Towns, litter surveys in May and June 2003 in Maynooth. The criteria are as follows:

- Sites will be chosen from (for example) Town centre; main street; shopping centre; public car park; bus/train station; school/college/university; high-density residential; low-density residential; industrial estate; public amenity area; river walk/promenade; tourist site; beach/marina; main approach routes.
  - Third level institutions (schools, colleges, universities) will be surveyed (the open areas within the school perimeter and the areas outside and surrounding the building).
  - Road signs will be surveyed for cleanliness and readability.
  - Bus and train stations will be surveyed (including the rail track within the station and for half a mile outside).
- Note:** The occupier of a property is responsible, under the Litter Act, to keep clean at all times the open/visible areas within the property and the pavement outside/surrounding the property irrespective of the source of the litter. IBAL suggest that managers of third level institutions, bus and rail stations and those responsible for road signs be apprised of the implications of the forthcoming surveys.
- Surveys will be carried out at any time of day, seven days a week.
  - The survey will begin at the approach roads speed limit signs.
  - Bonus points will be awarded for good road surfaces.
  - Bonus points will be awarded for fines issued/paid in the six months January 1st to June 30th 2003 (as recorded by the Department of Environment and Local Government).
  - ◆ Each survey will establish a Cleanliness Rating (CR) for each town and city.
  - A short comment will be attached to each CR and An Taisce will supply this information to Maynooth Tidy Towns along with a list of the sites visited and the date and time of the survey.
  - An Taisce will retain detailed photographic evidence of surveys.
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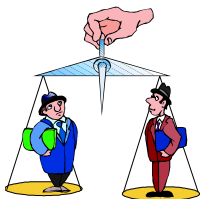
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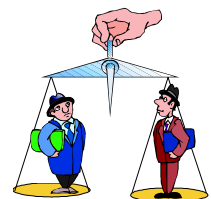
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- Grade C = Small accumulations of litter
- Grade D = Significant accumulations of litter.

A litter survey form and Photographs will be completed for each survey.

## Litter Definition

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## Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

### Funding of Swimming Pool Complex, Community Centres and Playgrounds

Major progress was made in securing funding for a swimming pool complex, community centres and children's playgrounds when Cllr. John McGinley's motion was agreed unanimously at the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council on 4 April. The motion agreed was:

***"That a scheme of development contributions as required under the Planning and Development Act 2000, be prepared for the Leixlip Electoral Area and that these contributions be set at an appropriate level in order to fund social infrastructure such as a swimming pool complex, community centre and playgrounds for the area. Furthermore, that the proposed scheme be advertised and that the public be given eight weeks to make submissions before the Manager prepares a report for decision on the scheme by the members."***

In proposing the motion Cllr. McGinley stated that:

"There is a serious lack of social infrastructure in our area. Funding from Kildare County Council for such amenities has in the past gone elsewhere in the County i.e.

- Naas has an existing swimming pool and is getting a new swimming pool complex.
- New bridge has a sports and leisure centre, children's playground and all weather playing pitches.
- Athy has an existing swimming pool and is getting a new swimming pool complex.

In Maynooth/ Leixlip we need social infrastructure such as a Swimming Pool Complex, Community Centres, Art Centres, Children's Playgrounds and Skateboard Parks for teenagers. It is highly unlikely that Government funding will be made available. However, a mechanism is available to enable us to raise the necessary funding ourselves. Section 48 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 authorises planning authorities, when granting planning permissions, to include conditions requiring the payment of development contributions for the provision of recreational, community facilities and amenities.

The County Manager is obliged under the Act to bring a proposed scheme or schemes to the councillors, and following public consultation, for decision by the councillors. We were notified by the County manager on 13 February that this would be done in due course. However, experience with the Council would indicate that this could take ages.

I believe that we as councillors need to take positive action on this very important issue and not wait for the County Manager to prepare a scheme for the whole county. Our needs are different to those elsewhere in the county and it is up to the other Area Committees to consider what is appropriate for their areas. Furthermore, the passing of the motion will ensure that we, as councillors, have ownership of the Development Contributions Policy from Day 1 and not be presented with the Managers view and then having to change it.

Also, there is a need for urgency on the matter, with the Council deciding that 150 acres of land had to be rezoned residential in Maynooth. We don't want all of this 150 acres to get Planning Permission without making provision for the social infrastructure of the town."

### Decision on the Site Selection for the North Kildare Swimming Pool Complex

The three Area Committees in the north of the county agreed to let the senior management of the Council decide which of the three sites i.e. Doyles land at Carton Avenue, Leixlip Amenities Centre or the land opposite the Salesian College in Celbridge, was the most suitable location for a public swimming pool complex for the use of the citizens of the north of the county. Cllr. John McGinley was advised that the decision was going to be made before the end of March. However, Leixlip Town Council has asked the Council to put off making a decision until



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# Party Political

## (Maynooth Labour News Contd.)

Leixlip TC have had the opportunity to engage a consultant to prepare a report making the case for the Leixlip Amenities Centre site. To say that the decision of Leixlip TC is unfortunate is putting it mildly. Their decision puts serious pressure on the communities of Maynooth and Celbridge, neither of which has the benefit of Town Council funding to engage a consultant. It seems as if nothing can be done nowadays without a consultants report.

Cllr. John McGinley has already submitted a report to the Council outlining his reasons for selecting the 53 acres public park at Carton Avenue as the best location for the North Kildare Swimming Pool Complex. In it he acknowledges that a public swimming pool complex is viable in either Maynooth, Leixlip or Celbridge but that the large green field site at Doyles is the best location on any objective assessment. However, because of the decision of Leixlip TC to engage a consultant the community of Maynooth are now forced to do likewise in order to have a level playing pitch, unless of course Leixlip TC rescind their decision.

### Safety Improvements on Celbridge Road, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley's motion on safety improvements on the Celbridge Road, Maynooth, was discussed in detail at the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council on 4th April and the following was the outcome:

- Cllr. John McGinley asked that development levies collected from new houses in the area be used to fund the installation of the traffic standard public lighting along the Celbridge Road, from the Straffan Road junction to the Gael Scoil. The ESB estimate the cost to be €18,180.
- The Area Engineer is to discuss the safety problem with the pedestrian exit from the Maxol station to the Celbridge Road, with the owner of the station. Options include a safety barrier in the garage grounds, as there is not enough room on the footpath for one, or close off the exit.
- At the pedestrian exit from Railpark, opposite the Maxol exit, a safety barrier will be installed at a cost of €1,400
- A footpath from the Straffan Road junction up to the bus stop on the Railpark side will cost €15,000. Cllr. John McGinley has asked that development levies be used for this purpose. However, if none can be identified John will use his Discretionary Grants Funding to pay for this necessary footpath.
- On the question of extending the footpath on the Laurence Avenue side down to the Straffan Road junction, the Area Engineer advised Cllr. John McGinley that land acquisition would be involved and removal of a fence. Cllr. McGinley asked that the Planning Department be asked to advise whether or not Development Levies were in place to pay for this essential work.

## Bond Bridge/Meadowbrook Link Road

Tenders for the construction of the new bridge were received by the Council in the last week in March. The tenders for the culvert and for the Meadowbrook Link Road have been with the Council since mid-December. The County Engineer advised Cllr. John McGinley at the Leixlip Area Meeting on 4 April that a report on the tenders would be with the County Manager in a couple of weeks. Cllr. McGinley asked that the Managers recommendation be considered by the Area Committee before going to the full Council for approval.

### Road Works Programme

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley demanded to know at the March Council meeting why there had been such a drastic cut in the non-national road grant from central government. The allocation is down 28% on the 2002 figure and there is a 40% reduction on the 2001 figure. Kildare has by far the largest grant reduction in the country and as a result Council officials, in their report to the Council, stated that "the financial position does mean that some roads will deteriorate and it will not be possible to maintain them as the Council would wish."

Works scheduled for the Maynooth Area in 2003 are as follows:

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|---------------------------------|----------|
| • Kildare Bridge, Dunboyne Road | €160,000 |
| • Barberstown Road              | €1.5m    |
| • Moyglare Road junction        | €30,000  |
| • Mariaville                    | €14,000  |
| • Old Carton                    | €10,000  |
| • Main Street                   | €15,000  |
| • Obelisk Road                  | €28,500  |
| • Footpaths Old Greenfield      | €15,000  |
| • Footpaths Railpark            | €15,000  |

### Housing Estate Clean up Days

Kildare County Council will assist residents' associations with clean up days through the provision of bags, gloves, litter pickers etc. They will also provide an environmental crew to remove all the collected material as they no longer provide skips. Residents' associations should contact John Shannon, Environmental Section, Kildare County Council (045 873838) two weeks before clean up day to make the necessary arrangements.

### New Public Lights

Cllr. John McGinley is pleased to report that as a result of his request the following new public lights will be ordered from the ESB:

- 10 additional lights along the Royal Canal at the Harbour, Maynooth

## Thought for today

*In memory of all who have died  
in Ireland and for Ireland*

I had a paint box  
But it didn't have the colour red  
For the blood of the wounded,  
Nor white  
For the hearts and faces of the dead.  
It didn't have yellow either  
For the burning sands  
Of the desert.  
Instead it had orange  
For the dawn and the sunset  
And blue  
For new skies  
And pink  
For the dreams of young people.  
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(Latin American child, aged 10)



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# Party Political

## (Maynooth Labour News Contd.)

- One light opposite House No.'s 5/6 Pound Lane, Maynooth
- Upgrade light at 58 Laurence Avenue.

### **Provision of Bus Bays at Presentation Primary Girl's School**

Cllr. John McGinley has been given the following update on his proposal to provide sufficient bus bays at the girls school:

"We have prepared a preliminary design for this scheme. The transfer of lands from landowner (Charter House) to the Council is progressing with the solicitors and we are preparing a preliminary report on the scheme for the County Manager and the elected members."

When the bus bays are in place the work outside the Lime Walk Avenue can then proceed. Residents will be aware that the major work inside the Avenue is nearing completion.

### **Rejection of 4 Storey Proposals for Former Pitch and Putt Course.**

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have welcomed the decision by Kildare County Council to comprehensively reject the application for planning permission for five 4 storey blocks of apartments, and three 3 storey blocks of apartments on the former Pitch and Putt Course on Dunboyne Road, Maynooth.

In rejecting the application the Council indicated that the proposal by virtue of its scale, mass and height would detract from the visual and amenity value of Maynooth, which is a Historic Town. The Council further stated that the architectural style proposed was considered inappropriate and that the proposal would be visually obtrusive and out of character in Maynooth Village. In relation to density and building heights the Council firmly rejected the application, as it would materially contravene the provisions of the Maynooth Development Plan 2002.

Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley are delighted at the rejection of this ugly proposal which would have been visually obtrusive from Pound Park and would have caused a major problem for residents bordering the site. The Leinster Cottages area which was built 200 years ago would have been destroyed if this monstrosity was allowed to proceed.

We hope the developers will not appeal this decision to An Bord Pleanála but will instead sit down with the residents of the area to see if a proposal can be drawn up which would satisfy everybody concerned. If they do appeal the decision, however, we will make a further submission to An Bord Pleanála against the

### **Delay in Sanctioning Temporary Accommodation for Maynooth Post Primary.**

With the Government having dropped plans for the building of an extension to Maynooth Post Primary School, they are now examining an application by County Kildare VEC for the provision of 2 prefabs at the school to overcome the present overcrowding at the school.

Deputy Stagg questioned the Minister for Education in the Dail in relation to this and the Minister has advised that the application is currently being examined by the Planning and Building Unit.

The temporary accommodation is urgently needed but deputy Stagg has criticised the bureaucratic nature of the Minister's Department whose job seems to be to examine everything in detail with a view to delaying projects, even for prefabs.

Instead of getting the required extension to the school we now have to pressurise the Minister for just prefabs.

Deputy Stagg will continue to raise this issue with the Minister and he also warned the Government and the Minister that he would continue to campaign for the permanent building project which is now required.

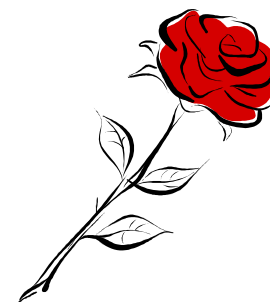
### **EPA to Carry Out Inspection on Westside Waste**

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been advised by the Environmental Protection Agency that they are to carry out a site inspection on Westside Waste's facility in relation to their ongoing waste operations at Blacklion, Maynooth.

This follows on from the Waste Licence which was granted to Westside Waste which requires all of the operations to be carried out indoors, in buildings that do not exist and which have been refused planning permission by Kildare County Council. Because of this the operations at Blacklion are illegal and should cease.

In response to complaints that the facility was operating illegally, the EPA sought comment from Westside Waste. The EPA have advised Deputy Stagg that Westside Waste did not specify in their response as to whether or not the facility is currently operating.

We look forward to the result of the EPA's site visit which should lead to enforcement action to cease operations at Blacklion.



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**O Mary conceived with sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3 times)**

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