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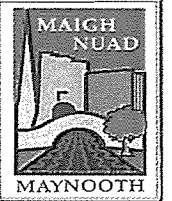
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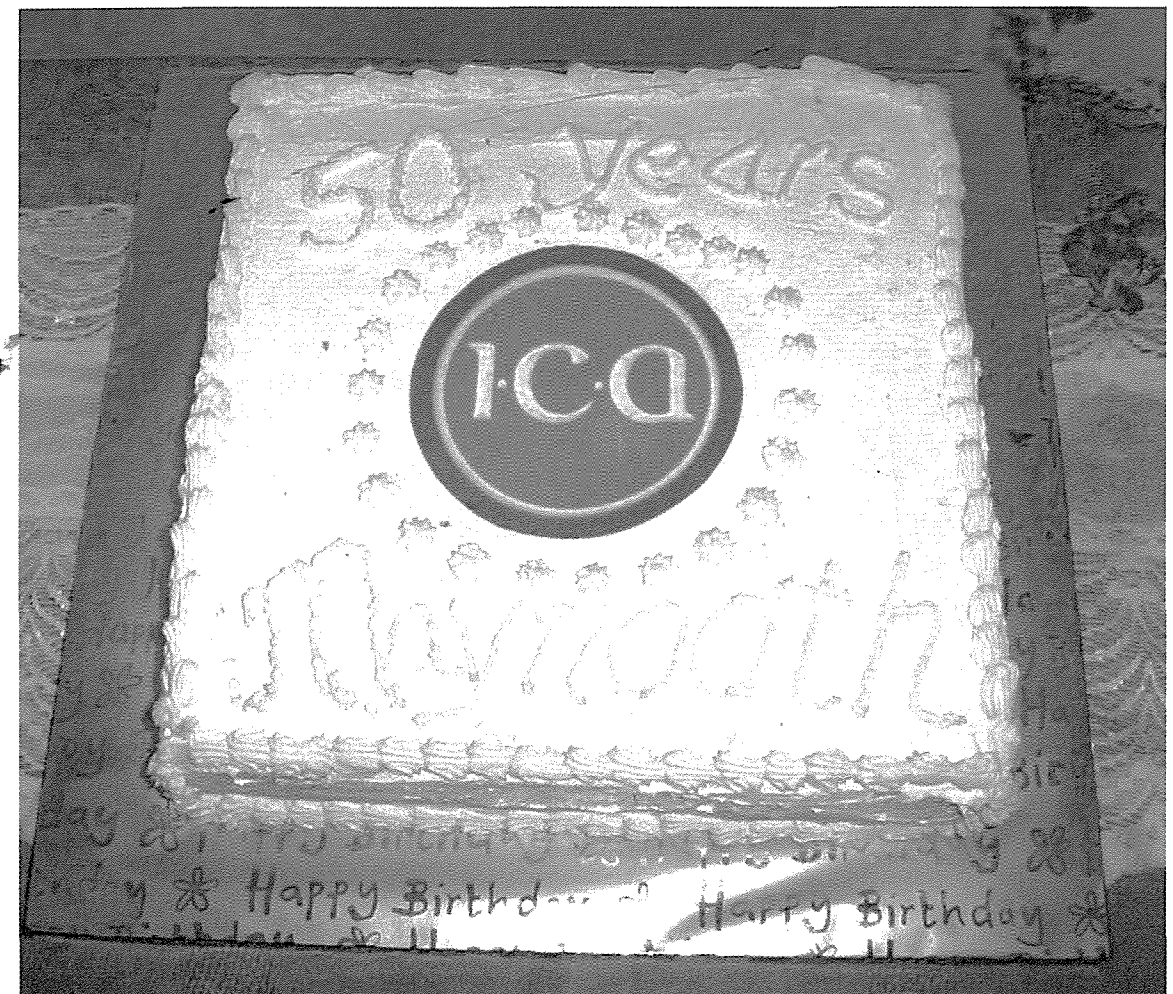
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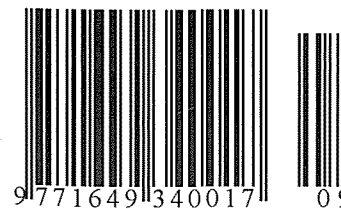
## MAYNOOTH NEWSLETTER



*Maynooth ICA Celebrate  
their Fiftieth Anniversary*



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- 5) DO YOU BET ON MOST SPORTS EVENTS? YES.
- 6) ARE YOUR NUMBERS ODDS VERY COMPETATIVE? YES.
- 7) ARE YOU COMPUTERISED? YES.
- 8) ARE YOU FROM MAYNOOTH? YES.
- 9) WHERE ARE YOU LOCATED?

**BESIDE TED KEOGHS RESTAURANT--HE SAYS HE'S THE BEST,  
& 2 DOORS DOWN FROM THE ROOST.**

## Editorial

As we go to print the new students will be taking up their College places all over the country and the hunt for accommodation will begin. We would like to welcome the new students to College. We hope that they will have a pleasant and enjoyable stay in our town. This is the first year of full semesterization and they will face examinations at Christmas as well as in the summer. Opinion is divided as to the efficacy of this system and only time will tell how it will affect student life. Congratulations to the Leaving Certificate students on their excellent results and congratulations to the local ICA on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the publication of their book.

Arguments are raging throughout the country regarding the new laws on drinking and the proposed ban on smoking in all work places. The cynics would maintain that the Government is using these regulations as a smoke screen for the deeper economic problems that they have created. Bertie Ahern and Charlie McCreevy are now two of the most unpopular men in the country. It would appear that the famous wedding has done the Taoiseach no favours. Are we moving towards a prohibitive dictatorship in this country, a nanny state that leaves us with no personal choice? Health is not longer the issue discussed; personal freedom is now in question. Banning smoking in restaurants and pubs is draconian enough but the fact that the ban extends to both prisons and psychiatric institutions is bordering on lunacy. It shows no understanding for either of these groups. It is one thing to expect drinkers to smoke on the street - at least they have the choice to poison themselves in the open or at home and probably get pneumonia in the Irish winter. But prisoners and psychiatric patients live in their institutions; they are their homes. It is cruel beyond belief to expect them all to go cold turkey on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Are the nurses and prison warders prepared for the mayhem that will inevitably ensue? Loss of freedom is punishment enough without forcing these individuals to involuntarily give up the demon weed, particularly when statistics produced show that the vast majority of both groups are smokers. The Government would do well to look to the other problems that face our society: violence, racism, homelessness, the price of houses etc. etc. etc. Martin Cullen also wants to restore corporate funding to political parties, apparently to clear the debts of Fianna Fáil from their US-style election campaign in June 2002. He would do better to institute Town Councils in the qualifying towns - including Maynooth. But it is probably too much to hope for that the paternalistic politicians supposedly in charged would grant their citizens more local government. Obviously we cannot be trusted with such responsibility.

Not only is our lifestyle under threat from the Irish Government but the currach is under threat on the west coast. Not only is political correctness gone mad but EU bureaucracy has also gone crazy. It is against regulations to grant aid the making of the traditional craft. Without the grants the makers cannot continue to build them. Are we seeing the death of the currach?

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## Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
03/1453	Eugene & Michelle Ridge	51 Parklands Crescent Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	21/07/03	Sought for two storey extension to side and rear of two storey semi-detached house	51 Parklands Crescent Maynooth
03/1459	Seamus Dunne	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	21/07/03	Sought for a single storey granny flat extension to side of existing swelling	Clonfert Maynooth
03/1464	Kildare VEC	Limerick Road Naas Co. Kildare	P	22/07/03	Sought to construct 2 temporary classrooms along with site works	Maynooth Post Primary Maynooth
03/1471	Sallyanne Kehoe	Donoughmore House Pike Bridge Rail Park Maynooth	A	22/07/03	To construct a two storey dormer dwelling, waster water treatment plant and a new shared roadway entrance	Pike Bridge Rail Park Maynooth
03/1472	Edward Kehoe	Donoughmore House Pike Bridge Rail Park Maynooth	A	22/07/03	To construct a two storey dormer dwelling, waste water treatment plant and a new shared roadway entrance	Pike Bridge Rail Park Maynooth
03/1556	Emmet Savage	32 Charter House Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	1/08/03	Sought for a dormer bungalow, garage for domestic use and septech 2000 effluent treatment plant	Cormickstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1587	Carton Demesne Swindon Investments Ltd	Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	08/08/03	Development consisting of a new two storey Headquarters building and the conservation and refurbishment of the existing cottage for a National Golf Museum and accommodation for the National Development Coach and etc.	Carton Demesne Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1599	Michael Mahon	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare	R	08/08/03	Sought for the retention of an existing single storey extension to the side of the existing dwelling	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/1601	Paul & Marguerite Ennis	2 Parkland Place Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	11/08/03	Permission for first floor extension over existing ground floor study and utility room to side comprising of an extended bedroom with en suite and new bedroom, single storey diningroom extension to rear and change of use of existing study and etc.	2 Parklands Place Maynooth Co. Kildare

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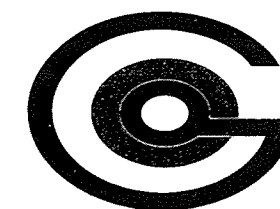
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## Maynooth ICA Golden Jubilee Party



*The Nineteen fifties style. Well Done, Betty.*

### The Golden Jubilee Party

Thursday evening, 5 June 2003, the members of Maynooth ICA guild welcomed the President of the County Kildare Federation. They came together with some former members and friends for the celebration of fifty years of friendships, achievements and bonhomie. Monsignor Alex Stenson, parish priest, was present. We were delighted to meet Breda Cronin, a former member and her son Michael, a participant in the Special Olympics.

The catering was of the period with freshly baked apple tarts, currant cake and many other delightful goodies. The centrepiece was the Golden Jubilee cake, expertly iced by Jo O'Connell (secretary of the guild). Marian O'Donnell was hostess.

What would the women of fifty years ago have worn? Many of the present members of the guild were not born, or were toddlers that far back. So when word went around that it would be fun to arrive in 'period costume', a search was made for suitably full skirts and starched petticoats, hats, jackets, costumes, even some stilettos and beehive hairdos (though they were a later creation), plaits and ribbons. Peggy McIntyre was on hand to graciously and good-humoured judge the appropriateness of the dress. Betty Farrell's smart shirt-waister was selected.

Members displayed their recent craft creations. Marian O'Donnell's slide show brought us back to a selection of fashions over the last fifty years. Women looked at each other - Did we really wear that? Yes they did - the height of fashion!

It was a fun evening. Now we look forward to the next decade. Will the ICA survive? Some younger women think that the ethos of the ICA with its emphasis on crafts and drinking tea is outdated. It is a way of preserving our ancestors' crafts, but it is much more than that. It is a women's club. New members are welcome - whether it is for the computer classes, or the bog oak classes, this autumn; or as a place where new comers to the area can meet and form groups for walks, theatre outings, exchange ideas and become better informed.

We look forward to meeting you on Thursday 4 September 2003 at 8p.m by the Harbour in Maynooth



*Enjoying the party.*

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## Clubs, Organisations & Societies

### Maynooth Community Centre Partnership

#### Established:

The lack of facilities for the Youth of Maynooth is a major concern to the Parents, Guardians and Community volunteer Groups. This issue has been raised at all Community forums within the Town and the central identified failing is the lack of a building / facility where activities for youth can be accommodated. Out of two of these community groups namely the Maynooth Action Strategy (MAS) and Maynooth Community Council Ltd (MCCL) our group was formed to address this problem.

Having reviewed the immediate problem it was apparent that much of Maynooth's community and voluntary activities were operating from premises that they did not own nor have any long term agreement in place. Therefore not only were Youth facilities lacking or disadvantaged but so too were all of the other groups and at best their operation depended on the good will of schools, St Patrick's college, peoples homes and the local Hotels and pubs.

On foot of these startling facts Maynooth Community Centre partnership was formed with the initial brief to deal with Youth facilities. It was evident to our group from a very early stage that the resolving of our goal would not be too far removed from the goals of all the other community Groups. We widened our objective to achieving a Community centre that would be home to the widest possible range of activities. These others would be as diverse as Senior Citizens, Mother and Toddlers Group, Scouts, Arts and Music Groups and an eclectic mix of groups that would be too small to sustain a venue of their own but viable in the security of a Community Centre.

#### Vision:

Maynooth is a Town of some 12,000 residents, a high percentage of these are in the 12-20 age group. It has a vibrant and active range of Voluntary and Sports Organisations and a continually expanding demand on these from the ever-growing population. However many of these organisations operate independent and unaware of each other's activities. The lack of a Community Centre where the opportunity to meet and mix with one's neighbours is a major weakness in the social fibre of Maynooth.

Our Vision for a Community Centre is elaborate and ambitious, our expectations are high and our sense of reality rooted in the knowledge that by taking this project one step at a time, all of the above will be realised. Having sought public opinion in a variety of forums we believe we are mandated to pursue this

project to completion. We will create an atmosphere that will be positive and a belief that Maynooth can have the Centre it so long deserves.

Our vision is a vibrant, active and organic Centre that will not be just a building but an environment of Welcome, Warmth and Belonging to all that will use it. It will create a strong sense of Community and give the residents of Maynooth a true feeling of belonging to the Community of Maynooth.

In the coming months we expect to work closely with many of our local groups bringing their ideas into the plan for the Centre. We also know that we will have high expectation from Kildare County Council as outlined in the Maynooth Development Plan (sect. 2.3: 1) to back and support this project and assist in every way this community driven project. Many other statutory bodies will have a role to play as this project moves forward and from them we would have the same high expectations to help us deliver the Community Centre.

#### Progress / Achievements

Formed in April 2002 M CCP represents many of the Towns Voluntary & Sporting Groups. The Steering Group of 5 members meets weekly and reports to the main Group at a monthly meeting. All of the members are active in the project and this is an important element in ensure that the outcome will bring results that meet the current demands of the Town.

Over the past year apart from the regular meetings members have been completing research tasks and reporting back to the Group with their results. The following lists are the main achievements to date:

- Visits to other Community Centres and consulted with the organisers of these projects.
- Meetings with many experts in the fields of Community Projects. We have formed good links in this area, which we can draw upon at a later stage.
- Met with and informed the Local County Council representatives of our plans.
- Met with representatives of Kildare County Council.
- Affiliated with other Community Groups in Maynooth to give strength and awareness of our intentions to develop a Centre
- Members have attended seminars on issues relating to funding for Community Initiatives
- Completed a survey of the local Clubs etc to assess their needs.

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## Clubs, Organisations & Societies

#### Contd...

- Met with Minister Charlie McCreevy and Minister John O'Donoghue
- Identified sites in the Town suitable for the Centre.
- Canvassed with the assistance of the Local school the perceived needs of the youth of Maynooth.
- Completed a first draft of what we believe is Phase 1 of Maynooth Community Centre.

#### Draft of Phase 1 Needs:

- The following are the main Points identified from analysis of the surveys and discussions with Groups with an interest in using the Community Centre:
- Meeting Rooms of various sizes.
- Coffee dock area.....expected revenue generation side to this facility
- Multi-function Hall. Ability to facilitate small and large groups or several groups simultaneously by dividing partitions.
- Adequate storage space
- Accessibility for all members of the Community
- Reception area and office space
- Outdoor playground

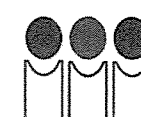
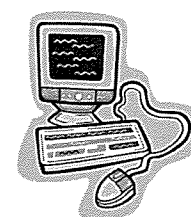
### Official launch of Maynooth Community Centre project.

Following on from the work of just over one year since the inaugural public meeting to establish a Community Centre for Maynooth there was an evening of music held in the Straffan Court Hotel on the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2003. This marked the milestone decision to choose a site for the Centre and to bring this to the attention of the wider community. Over the course of the preceding year there have been numerous meetings of the steering group both at committee level and with other agencies including politicians, local community groups, groups involved in centres in towns adjacent to Maynooth and a range of other contacts relevant to our goal. We now feel that in having chosen a site on the Dublin Road adjacent to the existing football pitches a significant advance has been made.

We believe this site presents not only a location for the Community Centre itself but also has great potential for the inclusion of a range of other outdoor activities. Given that the site will be part of the planned Public open space adjacent to the Carton Avenue we feel that the opportunity to include tennis, basketball, skateboarding and passive amenity areas and possibly the site for the swimming pool, is greatly improved and will provide much needed recreational amenities for the Town.

As we move forward in to the next phase of the plan we welcome all inputs from the community. The project can best serve all of the needs by having those needs identified and the support of the community behind it. The members of the committee are available to discuss any ideas that will contribute to the final shape of the Centre and we will endeavour at all times to communicate our progress through the pages of the local publications.

The committee can be contacted at 087 2854089 or you can email us at tbean@eircom.net



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### Summer Project

So the project is over for another summer and what a great success it was! We ventured to places both familiar and strange, we ran amuck in playgrounds all over Kildare and Dublin, we witnessed the magic process of creating chocolate and even got some hands on experience, bringing home the wonders that we made. We tested our knowledge at table quizzes and took a gamble at bingo and tried our hand at bowling. Oh and let us not forget that we danced our hearts out at a disco in the Glenroyal Hotel. Both old and young got something out of the fortnight of fun! So if you feel up to the challenge our AGM will be held in the Community Council Office, unit 5 Newtown Shopping Centre, Beaufield, Maynooth on Wednesday 1st October 2003 at 8 O'clock. For more information you can contact Madeleine @ 6286443 or Paula @ 6285810. Come along and get involved.



*Maynooth Summer Project 'Lunch Time'*



*Maynooth Summer Project Committee  
Left to Right: Paula Tracey, Mary Farrell, Madeleine Stynes and Margaret Houlalin*



*Waiting for Roll Call*



*Picnic in Newbridge House*



*Bingo in the I.C.A. Hall*



*The Chocolate Warehouse*

# Clubs, Organisations & Societies

## Know Your Rights A

### Question

I heard that you now have to pay for information requested under the Freedom of Information Act. What happens if you cannot afford to pay for the information?

### Answer

The Freedom of Information (Amendment) Act 2003 introduced changes to the 1997 Freedom of Information legislation. One of the changes was the introduction of additional fees in certain circumstances.

### Personal information

There is no charge for the following with regard to personal information:

- A request for records containing only personal information.
- A request to have incorrect personal information changed.
- Requests where you might be looking for reasons for decisions taken by public bodies that affect you personally.

### Non-personal information

An up-front fee of €15 must accompany requests for non-personal information made from 7th July 2003. A reduced fee of €10 will apply if the person making the request is a medical cardholder or a dependent of a medical cardholder. This fee is in addition to the fees which may be charged for search, retrieval and photocopying.

Type of Request/ Application Fee	Standard Fee	Reduction
<b>Request for records under section 7</b>		
Initial Request	€15	
10		
Internal Appeal	€75	€25
Appeal to Information Commissioner	€150	€50
<b>Request under Section 7 for personal information</b>		
<b>Application under section 17 for amendment of a record containing incorrect, incomplete or misleading personal information</b>	No charge	No charge

Application under section 18 for the reasons for a decision affecting the individual

No charge No charge

### Question

I am 65 years old and working as a bookkeeper for a small company. I would like to continue working but I am concerned that I will not be able to claim my Old-Age Pension. Can I continue in my job and still apply for the Old-Age Pension?

### Answer

Yes. You are entitled to work and receive an old age pension at the same time once you reach 66.

### Contributory Pension

A contributory pension, such as Widow's/Widower's Contributory Pension or the Old Age Contributory Pension will not be affected by other income, including your earnings from employment.

If your partner works and earns less than €88.88 per week this will not affect your pension. If your partner earns between €88.88 - €203.16 you will be entitled to a reduced rate payment for them. However, if your partner earns over €203.16 gross per week you will no longer receive an increase for them on your pension. It is important to check if they are entitled to claim a pension in their own right.

### Non-Contributory Pension

If you are claiming a Non-Contributory Old-Age Pension your earnings\* will be means tested against your pension.

For example, if you are working and your gross earnings are €200\*\* per week, then the amount (less PRSI, travelling expenses to/from work and union dues) will be assessed as your means for pension purposes. This will result in approximately a euro reduction for every euro earned. Income from self-employment is taken to be the gross profit less allowable work-related expenses, but not drawings.

\* Income as a home help for Health Board is not taken into account.

\*\* In the case of a couple the means are halved.

### Tax

Your income from your earnings and your pension are both considered taxable income. Your pension will not be affected but your certificate of tax credits for your job will be adjusted downwards to take account of your pension. It is important to notify your employer if you are on a taxable social welfare payment.



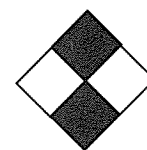
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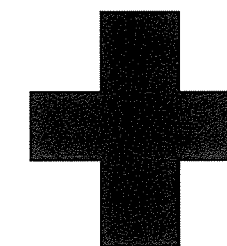
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### Know Your Rights Contd. . . .

#### Question

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#### Answer

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The scheme is also available to full-time students who are attending medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine and teacher training courses in publicly funded third-level institutions in other EU Member States.

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No of Dependents	Full maintenance and full fees	Part maintenance (75%) and full fees	Part Maintenance (50%) and full fees	Part Maintenance (25%) and full fees
Less than 4	€32,000	€34,000	€36,000	€38,000
4 - 7	€35,165	€37,365	€39,560	€41,760
8 or more	€38,180	€40,565	€42,950	€45,335

\*Non adjacent rate: this applied in all other cases including mature students.

	Non Adjacent Rate*	Adjacent Rate**
Full maintenance	€2885	€1,555
Part maintenance (75%)	€2,165	€865
Part maintenance (50%)	€1,445	€580
Part maintenance (25%)	€720	€290

\*\*Adjacent rate: This is paid if you normally reside 15 miles or less from your college. This rate does not apply to mature students.

#### Question

We have just returned from a package holiday in Spain. Unfortunately the holiday was a disaster as we did not have the hotel facilities promised in the brochure. Is there anything I can do about it in terms of making a complaint and getting our money back?

#### Answer

The Package Holidays and Travel/Trade Act 1995 implements an EU Directive and gives you a certain level of protection should the package not be satisfactory or if the operator goes out of business. Your holiday should be a package holiday, sold at an inclusive price that covers a period of more than 24 hours or overnight accommodation and be made up of a combination of at least two of the following pre-arranged by the organiser:

- Transport
- Accommodation
- other services (e.g. golf/fishing)

If things are not as the appeared in the brochure, what can you do?

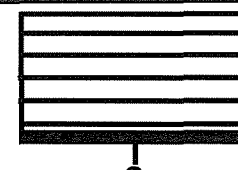
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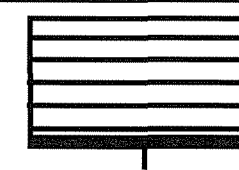
If the brochure was inaccurate, or things went wrong during the holiday itself, you can look to the tour operator and/or the travel agent or retailer for compensation. Your contract must give you at least 28 days from the date the package ended to lodge your complaint.

If your holiday is altered or cancelled you have the right to either a replacement similar package, a lower grade package plus compensation up to the cost of the original package or a full refund. Alternatively you can sue for breach of contract, though if cancellation was caused by factors beyond the organiser's control, or the minimum number was not reached, you will not be entitled to any compensation.

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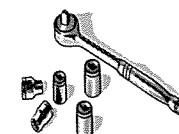
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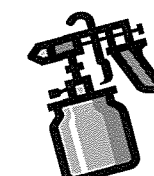
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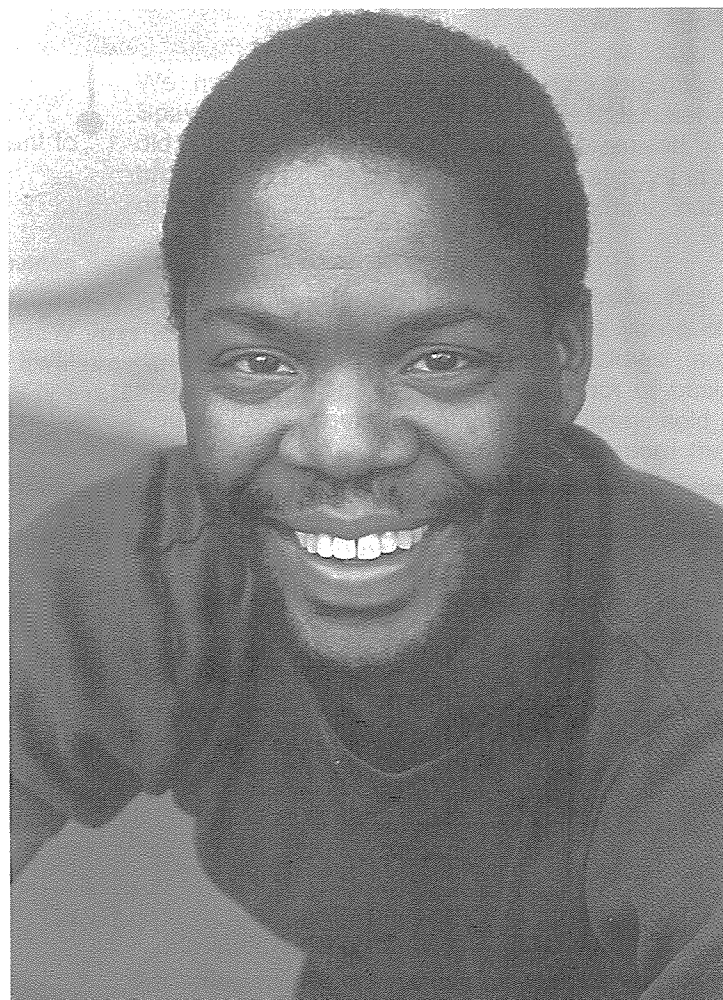
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## Clubs, Organisations & Societies

### MAYNOOTH ACADEMY DANCE TEACHER

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## Features

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	East/West	Christina Dix and her Dad - Phil Dix
2nd	North/South	Kevin Timoney & his Mum Mary
	East/West	Katie Timoney & her Aunt Cepta
3rd	North/South	Niav Watters & her Mum Mary
	East/West	Ashling Plunkett & her Mum Catherine

There were 7 tables taking part and everyone enjoyed the evening.

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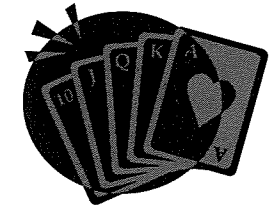
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*Cutting the Golden Jubilee cake*



*Mary Halton, Betty Farrell, May Haren,  
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*Peggy McIntyre, Norah McDermott & Imelda Delaney*

### Message from President McAleese

It gives me great pleasure to send warm greetings to the members of the Maynooth Guild of the Irish Countrywomen's Association on the occasion of your 50th Anniversary.

Organisations like yours are a vital part of the community, women are playing a more active role in maximising local talent, energy and resources to empower communities to take the initiative and shape their own future. Through your work, women gain the confidence and the support they require to bring their own style of leadership and cooperation to all areas of society. I commend your efforts on the production of this booklet and I congratulate all who have contributed to the success of the Maynooth Guild, past and present, and I wish you every success in your celebrations.

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### Maynooth Local History and Civic Forum

The year 2003 marks the bicentenary of the short-lived rebellion led by United Irishman, Robert Emmet (1779-1803) and his subsequent trial and execution. After much planning, on the morning of the 23 July 1803 Emmet's agents rode from Dublin into surrounding counties to inform the insurgents that they were to assemble on Thomas Street in Dublin at 6.00 that evening, when final instructions and weapons would be handed out. The rising itself was to take place at 9.00p.m. Among the insurgents in Kildare was a well-organised group in Maynooth under the leadership of Owen Lyons, a local shoemaker.

Emmet's rebellion failed, partly through bad luck, partly by lack of co-ordination and partly by lack of leadership. When the contingent from Kildare arrived in Dublin before 6.00p.m., they quickly realised that promised weapons were not available and marched back to their own county. Too many had died in 1798. The rising collapsed after a few skirmishes and Emmet's 200 or so followers quietly slipped away through the laneways and streets of Dublin.

Emmet then went into hiding, protected by his trustworthy housekeeper Anne Devlin (1781-1851). He also stayed in contact with his fiancée Sarah Curran (1782-1808). On 25 August he was arrested in Harold's Cross in Dublin at the home of a Mrs Palmer. He was tried and executed at noon on 20 September 1803 opposite St Catherine's Church on Thomas St. He was 25 years of age. The location of his grave is unknown.

Robert Emmet became one of the most popular and important of all Irish revolutionaries. The commemorations of the centenary of the rising in 1903 attracted over 70,000 delegates from all 32 counties in Ireland and abroad to a national demonstration in Dublin. The commemorations of the bicentenary have been more subdued. At 6.00 o'clock on the evening of 23 of July last, a book entitled, *Remembering Emmet: Images of the Life and legacy of Robert Emmet*, by Ruán O'Donnell and published in association with the National Library of Ireland and Wordwell, was launched in the National Library in Kildare St in Dublin. When the speeches were over, a small group carried on to St Catherine's Church on Thomas Street where a further commemorative ceremony took place at about 9.00p.m. Philip Emmet, a sixth-generation descendant of Robert Emmet, was present.

When Sarah's father discovered her relationship with Emmet, he disowned her. She went to Cork where she met and married Captain R.H. Sturgeon of the

Royal Staff Corps. Following a posting in Sicily, Sarah, then pregnant, and her husband sailed for England in 1808. The ship got caught in a storm, and within sight of land she went into premature labour. Following a difficult birth, the baby survived a few days. Sarah died soon afterwards, aged 26, and in accordance with her wishes she was buried at the family seat in Newmarket in Co. Cork, a Celtic cross marking her grave.

Anne Devlin, on the other hand, had a long but difficult life. Soon after the rising she was arrested, tortured and imprisoned. She spent over three years in various prisons, often in solitary confinement and as a result, her health suffered. When she was finally released she found work as a housekeeper and married a man named Campbell. When he died in 1845, she and her invalid daughter had to depend on her son for support. Anne Devlin died in poverty on the 18 September 1851 aged 70, at 2 Little Elbow Lane, Dublin. She is buried in Glasnevin Cemetery near the O'Connell Circle.

While the major players in Irish history are remembered and commemorated, others are often forgotten. By way of paying tribute to the part played by Anne Devlin in the events of 1803 Maynooth Local History group have organised a talk which will be given in the library on the Main Street in Maynooth during Heritage Week which this year takes place from Sunday 7th September to Sunday 14th September. The speaker is Mary Cullen, the title is 'Anne Devlin—heroine of 1803', the date is Thursday 11th September and the time is 8.00 p.m.



*Taken outside  
St. Catherine's Church on Thomas Street in Dublin  
on Wednesday evening 23rd July 2003.*

*L - R Anton O'Toole, former Dublin All Ireland  
footballer, Liam Kenny, Naas Local History group,  
Seamus Cullen, Donadea, Dr. Patrick Geoghegan,  
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Local History group, Kevin Kenny, Naas Local  
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### *Heritage Week in Maynooth*

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# Come to Dinner with Andy Mac

## Chilli Tomatoes on Crostini Salmon and Scallop en Papillote Vanilla Creams with Brandy Snaps

### Shopping list

8 Medium ripe tomatoes  
1 Tub of black olives  
1lb of butter  
1 Red chilli  
1 Green chilli  
1 Bulb of garlic  
1/2 a French stick  
1 Rocket leaves  
4 x 4ozs of Salmon fillets  
8 Scallops  
1 Shallot  
1 Lime  
1 Large bunch of Coriander  
12oz Mascarpone  
1 Small bottle of Vanilla extract  
12oz of Raspberries  
1 Orange  
1 Lemon

### From the Store Cupboard

Caster sugar  
Olive oil  
Icing Sugar  
Plain flour  
Golden syrup  
Ground ginger  
Brandy

### How to get ahead

The day before make the vanilla creams in there moulds, cover with Clingfilm and chill. Bake brandy snaps and cool, keep in an airtight container. Make raspberry and orange sauce.

On the day make up Salmon en papillote, place on a baking tray and chill until required, stuff the tomatoes, put into an ovenproof dish and pour over chilled butter. Make vegetable dishes, make the crostini bake fish parcels while serving the starter, assemble the dessert before serving.

### Step by step en papillote

Cooking en papillote is the term for baking in paper. The sealed paper lets the ingredients inside gently steam and the flavours mingle together. Most fillets of fish can be cooked this way.

1 For 4 parcels you will need 4 sheets of grease proof paper, fold it in half and cut out into a heart shape.

2 Put the salmon, scallops, shallots lime and melted butter in the centre of one side of the paper, brush the edge of the paper with melted butter.

3 Fold over the paper and bring the edges of the paper together, make small pleats starting at the curved end all the way around the edge to seal in the fish. Bake as for recipe, serve immediately and let your guests open the parcels and enjoy the aroma released with the steam.

### Minted new potatoes

You will need 1lb of new potatoes, put into a saucepan and cover with water and season, bring to the boil and simmer for 15-20 mins to tender. Drain and toss with butter and fresh chopped mint leaves.

### Ratatouille

Heat 2 tbsp olive oil in a saucepan add 2 roughly chopped red onions and 2 crushed garlic cloves, Cook for 3-4 mins. Dice and de-seed 1 aubergine, 1lb of courgettes, 1 red and 1 yellow pepper and 1lb of tomatoes. Cook for 3-5 mins, stirring continuously, cover with a lid and simmer for 30 mins.

### Wine choice

The rich Mediterranean flavours of the crostini will be balanced well with a fragrant rosé. Choose a delicious cabernet sauvignon from the provence region - this will also go well with the main course. You can also choose a young light wine from Spain, such as rioja from the bodegas muga or bodegas la rioja alta.

### Chilli tomatoes on crostini

Prep time 15 mins

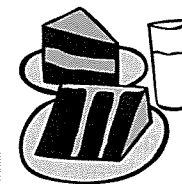
Cook time 12 mins

8 medium ripe tomatoes  
5oz of stoned black olives  
1 tsp caster sugar  
2oz of butter  
1 red chilli  
1 green chilli, de-seeded and chopped  
1 garlic clove crushed  
1/2 thin French stick, cut into 8 slices  
2 garlic cloves peeled  
2 tbsp. of olive oil  
3oz rocket leaves

Preheat oven to 200°C / 400°F or gas 6. Using a small sharp knife, cut a deep cross in the top of each tomato.

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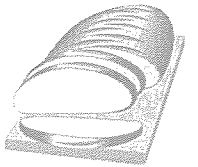
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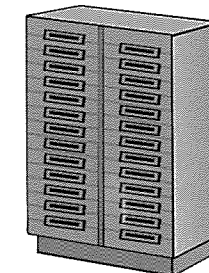
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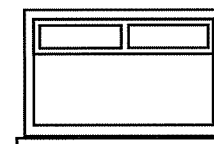


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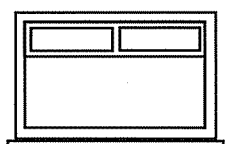


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## Come to Dinner with Andy Mac *cont'd*

Lightly press down on each tomato to open out and flatten the base slightly, then put into an oven proof dish. Stuff the tomato with half the chopped olives and pile the remainder on top. Sprinkle with sugar, season well and put aside in a small saucepan, melt butter and add chilli and garlic, pour over tomatoes, bake for 10-12 mins. Meanwhile for the crostini, preheat oven to high and lightly toast bread on each side. While still hot rub with the garlic clove and sprinkle with olive oil. Put 2 crostini on to each plate, to each with a tomato and spoon over any chilli butter and olives left in the dish. Serve with rocket leaves.

### Salmon and Scallop en papillote

*Prep time 20 mins*

*Cook time 15 mins*

4x4oz of salmon fillets

8 Scallops cut in half horizontally

1 Shallot finely chopped

1 Lime zest and juice

1oz Butter, melted

1 Large bunch coriander

6 tbsp. Olive oil

Preheat oven to 200°C /400°F /gas 6. Cut out 4 pieces of greaseproof paper, put salmon and 4 pieces of scallop in the centre of each paper, scatter over the shallots, lime zest and juice, then drizzle with melted butter, bring the edges of the paper in and pleat to seal in the fish. Put aside. For pistou, put the coriander and olive oil into a blender for 1 minute, season and put aside. Put salmon and scallop parcels onto a baking tray and bake for 12-15 min. Put a parcel on each plate and serve the pistou separately.

### Vanilla Cream hearts and Brandy Snaps

*Prep time 30 mins Plus chilling 2 hours*

*Cook time 10 mins*

#### For vanilla creams

12oz mascarpone

2-3 tsp vanilla extract

Icing sugar to taste

#### For raspberry and orange sauce

12oz raspberries

1 orange zest juice

Icing sugar to taste

#### For brandy snaps

1½ oz butter

1½oz caster sugar

1½tbsp golden syrup

1½oz plain flour

½tsp ground ginger

1 tbsp brandy

1 tsp lemon juice

Line 4x 150ml/¼ pint ramekins or heart shape moulds with clingfilm. Put mascarpone in a bowl with vanilla

extract and enough icing sugar to taste, beat until soft and smooth. Spoon into lined moulds and chill for 2 hours. For the sauce put 8oz raspberries, orange zest juice and sugar to taste in a food processor and blend for 1 min, then chill. Preheat oven to 190°C/375°F/gas mark 5. Lightly oil a rolling pin and line a baking tray with baking parchment. Put butter, caster sugar and golden syrup and ginger together and stir into a saucepan with brandy and lemon juice. Drop tablespoons of mixture onto the lined baking tray, leaving plenty of room for it to spread. Bake for 8-10 minutes until biscuits are golden brown and have a lacy texture. Remove from oven and leave to firm up slightly, loosen with a palette knife and set over the rolling pin. Leave for 3-4 minutes. They will keep in an airtight container for 3-4 days.



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## Features

### Welcome to Dalkey... Failte go Deilginis

It's quite an unusual to read this in the local paper, but this sounds, as it does – an invitation to an old heritage town of Dalkey. Located some 12km from Dublin City Centre this peaceful place has a lot to tell and to show - starting from the old times when it served as a main port for medieval Dublin and ending with the literary associations from world renowned Ulysses by James Joyce.

Stimulated mostly by personal curiosity my journey starts in the heart of Dublin and soon the Dart line brings me along the busy shores and port area to this formerly big town and now a famous tourist spot of Dalkey.

Everything runs at a slow pace – from far away you can hear the music from the local restaurants, the crowd of tourists are crackling their maps, the wind from the seaside brings the smell of salt. It, finally, sets me in the mood. In a second I start feeling as a determined traveller who goes mile after a mile in his exploration of the new lands and territories.

After a string of curvy side streets I am on the main street of the modern Dalkey - Castle Street with its Goat Castle, which now accommodates Dalkey Heritage Centre. Leaving behind pubs and a busy restaurant I walk inside, driven by my goal – the old Dalkey.

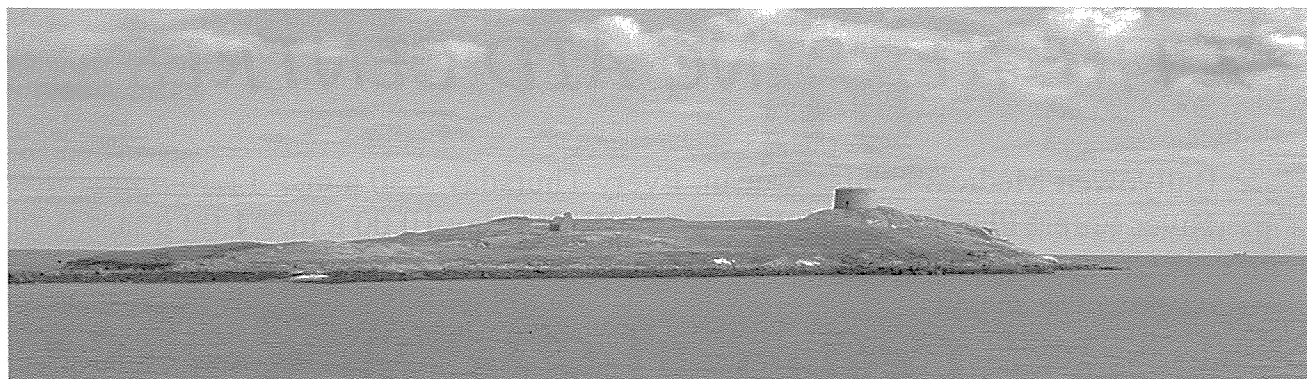


Although its history dates back to 3,500 BC when Stone Age settlers first inhabited it, one can learn more about Dalkey of much later period. The ruins of the two early Christian churches (circa 10 AD) will remind you of a story of St.Begnet, the patron of Dalkey.

Begnet was an Irish princess who, according to the old legend, when, she was a child, saw an angel asking her to devote her life to the Lord. She promised so and the Angel gave her a bracelet marked with a cross as a sign of this vow. When she grew up and her parents arranged her marriage she left her home to avoid breaking the promise given to God. She sailed to Northumbria where she became a first abbess of nuns.

The Goat Castle where I'm standing now is one of the seven castles, which were built in the 15<sup>th</sup> century by merchants to store goods. These goods were later transported from Dalkey, then the main port of Ireland, to Dublin. Due to the changed commercial situation in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, the town found itself in decline. That lasted for three centuries until the construction of Dun Laoghaire harbour in 19<sup>th</sup> century, brought the town back from oblivion.

After observing the medieval fireplace and a notorious murder hole, I climbed up the old stairs of the castle to the very top – where from the battlements I saw an old cemetery, the sea and a visible part of the Coliemore Harbour. The wind is playing with a flag above my head while I'm looking at the remote Dalkey Island with its ruins of the St.Begnet's Church and Martello Tower.



## Features

Contd...

### Welcome to Dalkey... Failte go Deilginis (contd...)

Centuries fly behind my back when I come downstairs to enjoy the modern part of the exhibition. Comparatively modern, one would say, looking at this collection of century-old tram tickets and models of the tram railway, the one, which, starting from 1879, was linking Dalkey and Dublin during 70 years.

The most unforgettable would be the literary hall – where one can view the works of many contemporary and very well-known writers who are associated with Dalkey – George Bernard Shaw, Samuel Beckett, Hugh Leonard, Maeve Binchy - to name a few. But this would be incomplete without mentioning the Dalkey of June 16<sup>th</sup>, 1904. Bloomsday as they call it today in Dalkey, the day, which James Joyce chose for the activities of Stephen Dedalus in Clifton School on Dalkey Avenue – the second chapter of the legendary 'Ulysses' takes place in Dalkey.

At this stage, my insatiable longing for the new and undiscovered leave me with the things I've encountered today – and I can't but invite you to this marvellous old town.

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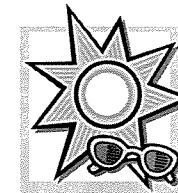
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By Patrick Mooney

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Nothing helps to brighten the long; dark days of winter more than some nice bowls of bulbs in flower over the Christmas period or early in the NEW YEAR. By starting them at different times or by using different subjects or varieties, quiet a long flowering succession can be achieved.

Most people are now familiar with the fibre-in- bowls method so why not try other ways this year? Some bulbs can be grown for early flowering in this way entirely on water, which not only saves the cost of the fibre but also provides a novelty. The bulbs to use are crocus, the narcissus varieties BRIDAL CROWN, CRAGFORD and PAPER WHITE, or the white ROMAN HYACINTHS.

One way is to use a wide, shallow bowl in the bottom of which is placed an inch or so of sand or shingle. On this, pebbles are placed out so so that the bulbs can be arranged among them, not too close together, in such a way that the pebbles hold as firmly in position as possible and at the same time keep the base of each bulb just above the level of the sand. It is important that the bulbs do not "sit" in water as they tend to rot.

It is a great advantage to use rain -water, even when adding more later. [Even in an apartment you can put an empty bowl out on a window-sill to catch rain for this purpose.

keep the bowl of bulbs in a cool, dark place until growth has started. You can then bring it into the light, but not immediately into direct sunlight. Keep the water at the correct level at all times. Again, use rain-water and place a few lumps of charcoal in the bottom. Keep in darkness until you can see that roots have formed, then bring into the light. You can then watch its progress, which is quite fascinating. Don't try to force it too quickly with too much heat or the leaves will be much taller than the flowers.

### Chores For The Week

Sow Lawns this is a good time to make lawns using seed. The days shortening, and by the time the seed has germinated and the grass begins to grow we shall be well into autumn. There will be ample time for good root development before winter sets in, and little risk from sun scorch.

### MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

On September 16 five of our members will be demonstrating their skills on club night. This is always a popular evening and most enjoyable meeting will be in Loftus hall, St. Patrick's College at 8pm.

Non members most welcome to come along.  
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### Apples and Pears

Early varieties of apple and pear can be picked when slightly underripe. Take care not to leave pears for too long, or they will get soft from the middle.

### Lift Lilliums

Lilium regale is early-flowering and often builds up into large clumps. These may be lifted and re-set. Plant about 15cm (16in) deep in well drained soil improved with compost. Drainage can be improved by scattering a little sand in the planting hole.

### Sow Poppies

Poppies do not transplant well, so make a sowing outdoors where they can flower next year. The seedlings are hardy and will only require thinning.

### Strawberries

Strawberries runners for forcing can be moved on into 15cm (16) pots using J1 No3 compost or equivalent pot reasonably firmly.

### Save Seeds

As the seed heads of animals and perennials ripen, collect seed, remembering to label with care.

### Boost Crops

Autumn green crops will benefit from a light dressing of general fertiliser hoed into the soil around them.

### Spring Cabbage

There is still just time to plant spring cabbage, but do the job without delay. Water in well even if the weather is wet.

### FREE AUTUMN GARDENING SEMINAR

An exciting Autumn Gardening Seminar will take place at Intel Ireland, Leixlip at 8pm on Wednesday 17 September. All are welcome and admission is free. Everyone attending on the evening will receive a small gardening gift. Chris Byrne, Kilmeague Landscaping will talk on fruit trees suitable for small gardens. Jody Price, Leixlip Garden Centre will plant up some containers for winter colour and show a wide display of very unusual plants to add a touch of magic to any garden.

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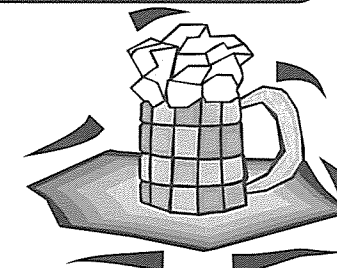
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### Poets, druids and early Irish poetry

We have seen that Find acquires knowledge in various ways but that after the last incident he finds himself a decrepit old man. When he is given the opportunity to become young again his hair remains grey. Find is now a young warrior in the body of an old man and chooses not to entirely lose this characteristic by having his hair remain grey. Find is commonly described or understood to be an old man in the tales. The liminal character Cuilenn, between plant and human, leaves his underground home to give the knowledge above ground. The cup leaves and then returns to the other world.

Find is the hunter living outside society in the wilderness but also acts as chief warrior of the king of Ireland; he belongs and does not belong to society. Because he lives in nature Find comes in contact with the other world; thus he mediates between this world and the other world and has access to supernatural knowledge. One of main functions of the poet is to know about the past, the future and the other world. He stands between these realities and his own, the society of the present and reveals the former to the latter. The poet knows the truth because he is a paradigmatically in-between figure, who has access to all worlds and all categories of existence. One of the great seers and wise men of Irish mythology is the ageless Fintan, who has lived in Ireland since the beginning of recorded time and survives by assuming the forms of various creatures so that he is the wisest creature of all.

The poet then is omniscient and he has a freedom that he shares with other craftsmen in Irish society at the time. They receive protection and can practice beyond the boundaries of his native area. The poet and his art transcended political and social limitations of his world; he mediated not only between the distinct units within society but also between society in general and its past or future, and between this world and the mysterious worlds beyond it.

The poets were wealthy members of society, the fee for a poem was a *dúus* and the amount depended on the quality of the poetical composition. *Bretha Nemed déidenach* (The second law of Nemed) lists the various payments that are made for the different types of *aiste* (metrical composition). The highest payment is a chariot worth a *cumal* (literally a female slave, but usually taken to be equal to 3 milch cows) for the composition entitled *anamain*. The last one was the *díán* for which he received a *samaisc* (a three-year-old heifer) and a cauldron. Therefore a good, successful poet could become very wealthy and Triad 255 mentions that the three people whose wealth is difficult to judge as the king, the Church and the *nemed file* (great poet). But the poet is supposed to give value for the payment that he receives and if this not the case

he is declared as *diupartach* (fraudulent) by overcharging or bad subject-matter. If he is seen as overcharging then he is in danger of losing his *nemed* status. It is expected that his compositions should be technically perfect but the law text *Gúbretha Caratniad* §47 (The false judgements of Caratnia) allows a poet his fee even if he is guilty of *rudrach* (monotony) in *díchetal di chennaib*.

The rules for metrical composition seem to be the same countrywide which indicates a great degree of contact between all the poets. As we have noted, the poet had the opportunity to unlimited travel from place to place unlike the rest of the community. The metres appear standardized; the hereditary aspect of the profession may be responsible for this. The poet should be the son and grandson of a poet. Triad 167 says that the son of a poet who leaves his profession is among the three in society whose status in society falls from *sóer* to *doer* (from free to unfree). This is a serious change in status.

According to a Middle Irish metrical tract, the bard is only entitled to half the honour-price of the equivalent poet. It appears that the basic difference between poet and bard is the latter's lack of professional training. *Bretha Nemed déidenach* gives a list of sixteen grades for the bard, 8 *sóerbaird* (noble bard) and 8 *dóerbaird* (base bard). Another text gives a simple sevenfold division from the *tigernbard* (lord-bard i.e. a lord who is a bard) down to the *drisiuc*.

The involvement of the poet in law-making of judgement-giving is difficult to establish – there may have been variation in his involvement depending on the school to which he was attached. There is the opinion that the *brithemain* (jurists) were an offshoot from the *file Bretha Nemed déidenach* it says that a poet is only entitled to his *dúasa* (fees) he must know three types of judgement: one relating to freemen, a judgement relating to a noble *fili*, and a referred (?) judgement (*breth fuigill*). But other law texts make a clear distinction between the *fili* and the *brithem*. But there is the fact of the *fili*'s involvement in the framing of the law for example one text talks of the poet, *Dubthach moccu Lugair* a convert to Christianity, showing the law to St. Patrick and what did not conflict with God's law was retained 'in the legal system of the judges by the Church and the poets'. The text describing the archaic method of distraint says that it originated from 'the advice of the Church, the customs of the *túatha*, the true laws of the poets, the opinions of lords, and the advice of judges'.

Another feature is the law text that sets out the seating-arrangement in court when a case is heard – *Cóic Conara Fugill* (Five paths of judgement) along with texts on distraint, legal entry, sick maintenance. They all give information on procedure. The *Cóic Conara Fugill* says that the court is presided over by

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## Features

Contd... the king, bishop and the *súí cach bér lai ollamam* (an expert of every form of language with the rank of *ollam*). The gloss says that this is the *ollam filed* (chief poet). The poet may also be entitled to use satire to enforce cross-border law. One text includes *tobach do thúathaib* (the enforcing of claims for members of a *túath*) among the three prerogatives of a chief poet.

We know that the king was involved in judgement-giving from the saga material in particular. He is included in *Cóic conara Fugill* as noted above. The best known incident involves the law-giver king Cormac mac Airt. One account comes from the tale *Scéla Éogain* (The story of Eogan king of Munster) where Cormac challenges the sitting king of Tara, Lugaid mac Con. The text says:

§16 That [child] was reared until the end of thirty years and he went by reason of his grandfather's advice and magic to Tara on an auspicious day. And his father's sword was given him and his golden thumb-ring and his father's attire [was put] about him. [All] fitted him.

§17 That tall straight stripling came alone to Tara. Cormac saw something, a man before him outside Tara trying to appease a woman and moreover the woman [was] crying. He came behind the man. He drew a sword on him. The man said to him:

'You have no warrant to draw a sword on me (?) seeing that I am Mac Con's steward. Nechtan is my name'.

'Grant me my demand', said Cormac.

'It shall be given', said the steward.

'Food for me, not to give information about me, safety for me'.

'You will have it', said the steward.

'Why is the woman crying?' said Cormac.

'She is crying', said the steward, 'about a judgement the king pronounced on her that does not please her, that is to say, her sheep to be forfeited in requital for the stripping to the queen's field of woad'.

'One stripping for the other would be more equitable. The man who gave it never before gave a false judgement,' said Cormac. 'Let me go to him'.

§18 The steward made known these words to Mac Con in Tara.

'Go to him', said he, 'he it is who will succeed me. If there be a descendant of Art in Ireland that man is he. Let him come under my protection so that I may leave Tara in his possession, for it is not mine since I gave the judgement. [The end of] my term has come. It is thirty years today since I assumed the kingship'.

The same story appears more dramatically in *Cath Maige Muccrama* (The Battle of Moytura):

§59 After that Lugaid mac Con seized the kingship of Ireland by force and was in Tara seven full years. And he took Cormac mac Airt into fosterage ...

§63 Now on one occasion sheep ate the *glassen* of Lugaid's queen. The matter was brought to Mac Con for decision.

'I pronounce', said Mac Con, 'that the sheep [be forfeit] for it'. Cormac, a little boy, was on the couch beside him.

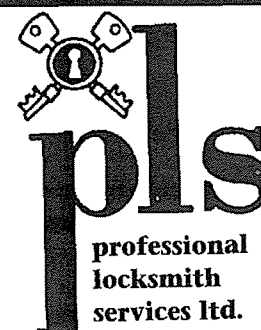
'No, foster-father', said he, 'the shearing of the sheep for the cropping of the *glassen* would be more just, because the *glassen* will grow [and] the wool will grow on the sheep'.

§64 'That is the true judgement', said all. 'Moreover, it is the son of the true prince who has given it'.

§65 With that one side of the house falls down the cliff, namely the side in which the false judgement was given. It will remain for ever like that, the *Clóenfhera* (crooked mound) of Tara ...

§66 After that he was a year in the kingship of Tara and no grass came through the earth, nor leaf on tree, nor grain in corn. So the men of Ireland expelled him from his kingship for he was an un-lawful ruler.

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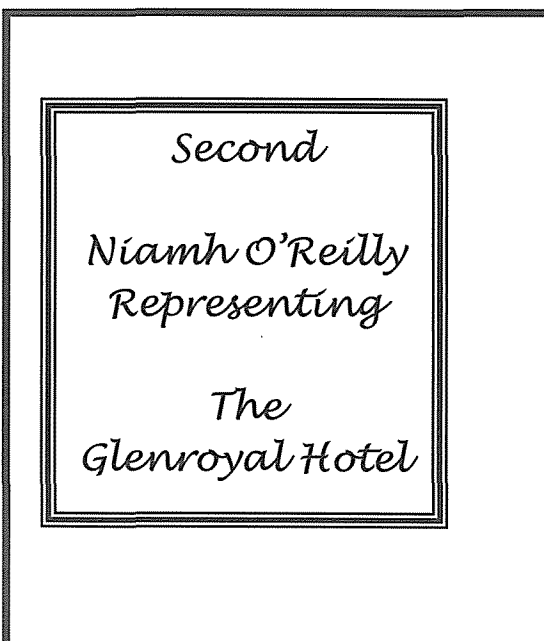
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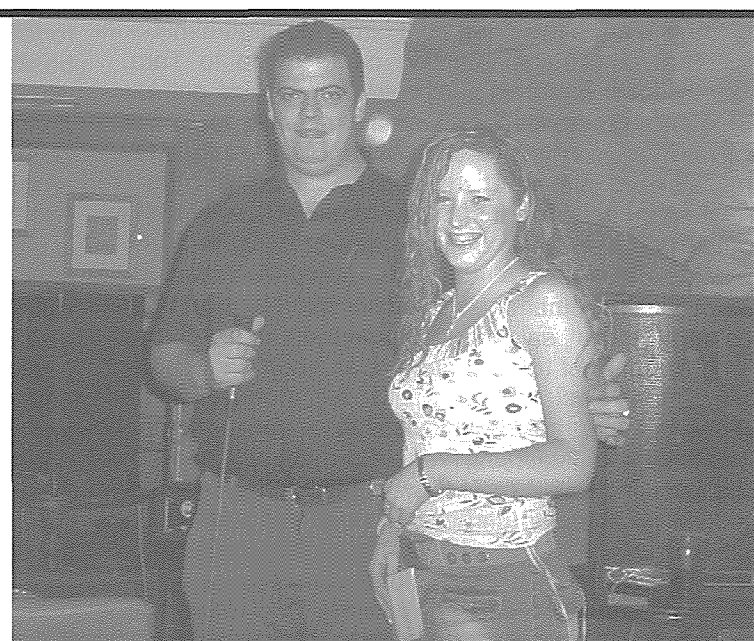
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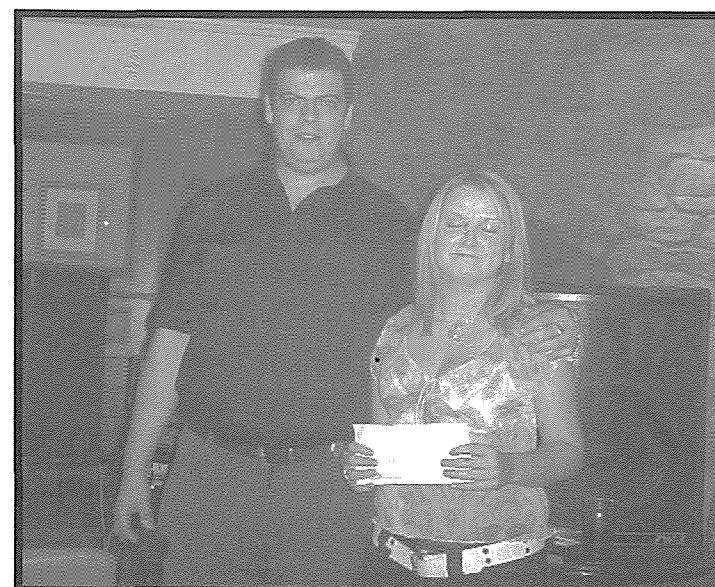
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## Maynooth ICA Golden Jubilee Party

### Maynooth Irish Countrywomen's Association Golden Jubilee

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*Over the years we have made many friends*  
*And burnt the candle at both ends.*  
*In competitions we have taken our part*  
*Even trying our hand at some art*  
*We arranged flowers painted pictures*  
*Planted trees and made teas*  
*Had some good times and some sad*  
*But to have been part of it all I am so glad.*  
*The guild will be together*  
*I hope for many more years*  
*And to one and all I say 'cheers'.*  
*Betty Farrell*



**Mary McNamara introduces Breda and Michael Cronin - a participant in the Special Olympics from Woodlands.**



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### Message from Mary Macnamara President Maynooth Guild Irish Countrywomen's Association

Congratulations to the members of the guild on the occasion of our Golden Jubilee. We are indebted to our founders for the foresight and energy with which they established and maintained the ICA in Maynooth. Great changes for the betterment of the lives of Irish women have occurred since the ICA was founded in 1935, and in Maynooth in 1952-3.

Today, members are involved in our town community in our churches, community council, school committees, local history forum, community games, sports clubs, flower club, bridge clubs, and in this memorable year in the Special Olympics.

Thank you to the members of the guild who have brought about this publication. It will stand as a tribute to the women who have gone before us and will give inspiration to future generations, so that this Heritage Town may be a place we are all happy to call 'home'.

Tá súil agam go mbainfidh sibh taitheamh as an leabhar seo.  
It is my privilege to be President of Maynooth Guild at this time.



**Mary McNamara & Mary O'Gorman**



## Clubs, Organisations & Societies

### Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

It's been a while since I have put pen to paper regarding our club. However as our last report was in June, allow me to bring you up to speed on what we have been up to. Our Summer outing took place in July to the National Botanic Gardens. This was a beautiful excursion and the reception when we arrived was hospitality at it's best. After a welcome tea and scones we enjoyed a leisurely tour of their splendid gardens. It was a lovely day and the homeward drive on a balmy evening was equally enjoyable. I take this opportunity to thank Pat and Fergal Barton for their generosity year after year, while not forgetting their convivial and helpful drivers, Victor and John. We finished off the evening in the Springfield Hotel who, under the competent supervision of Kathleen Holbrook, completed our day perfectly.

The Tony Smith Memorial walk took place in June and we thank the Labour party, the walkers and sponsors for their generosity and their energy. The amount raised was around 6,000 euro, which we will receive in the near future. The walk took place too late for the presentation to take place during the Community Festival. Speaking of energy, a special thanks to Ellie and Kitty, two of our Seniors, who raised around 1,5000 euro between them. They are great walkers who set a high standard.

Next up our Annual holidays at Kerdiffstown, where our Senior Citizens take a weeks break to refresh and refuel for the active months ahead.

As most of you know we have been holding monthly parties in the Post Primary School for many years. This was a great facility and we thank all those concerned for their cooperation in this regard. Last year we launched a pilot scheme of afternoon Tea-Dances and opened them to all Senior Citizens clubs in the area. This proved very successful and in a survey conducted in July, the general consensus among club members was to continue the Tea-Dances in the GAA club. This we will gladly do and we thank the GAA club, especially Fergus and Dominic for their hospitality and courtesy to all.

Our club reopens on September 2nd and continues on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10.30 until 12.30. All are welcome. Our committee meeting will also take place on September 2nd at 8pm in the Health Centre. I take this opportunity to welcome two new members, Ann Quigley and Anna Kelly and I understand two more will be coming on board in the near future. New members to our committee or to our club are always welcome. The committee phone number is 087 2982455 or contact any committee member.

Our annual 'Sale of Work' will take place on November 16th and then Christmas is just around the corner. Now there's a sobering thought.

The long awaited Community Unit is now up and running and we welcome this facility with open arms. What a welcome relief this is to many of our over worked carers in our community and to many who otherwise would spend their 'Autumn' years as far away as Athy. While the nursing home in Athy is one of our finest, it's all about location. While this new unit is run by the S.W.A.H.B. community help is always welcome.

Many thanks to all who so generously assist our organization through the year both fiscally and physically without which we could not survive. A special thanks to Seamus Grant for his loyalty and dedication for over twenty years and more recently to Eamon Gorey who provides a good service in Major/Minor. This is also the company who provides the bus on Saturday evening to take our Senior Citizens to Mass. This service also applies to our Church of Ireland members. Anyone wishing to avail of this service may phone our Secretary at 087 2982455.

Finally, while on the subject of Mass, may we welcome Fr. Paul to our Parish as we bid farewell to Fr. Sean. In a short time he became very popular with those he visited. When I asked our older people what they like most about Fr. Sean, they said simply 'he had time for you'. In a world that is in such a rush it is nice to think that some people have their priorities right. It was then fitting that one of our Senior Citizens should make a presentation to Fr. Sean on behalf of our community on his departure. This was done, quite eloquently, by Ellie Leavy on the night. Not only does she walk well but she talks well too. Well done Ellie and good luck to Fr. Sean in his new post. We wish him well.

Josephine Moore  
Chairperson

### Maynooth Summer Project

Table Quiz Winners:	
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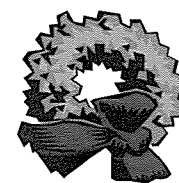
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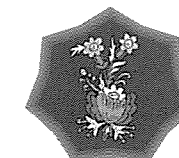
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## Clubs, Organisations & Societies

### Maynooth Girls U-10 Gaelic Footballers

Maynooth Girls U-10 Gaelic Footballers who are training and been coached on Saturday mornings at 10.30am. Many of the girls are playing Gaelic football for the very first time, it is hoped to eventually play a game against some local opposition. The photo below are the girls at training. The coaches are Gerry Egan, Mary Murphy and Kieran Finnegan. Any parent who would like to be involved should go to Maynooth Gaelic Football pitch on Saturday mornings at 10.30.

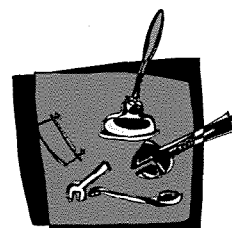


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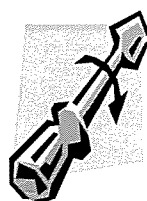
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## Features

### Health Care

What's going on here? It seems the Health Service is in continuing crisis. The consultants are not happy, the junior doctors with nurses warn dire consequences and local politicians, whatever local you are, take to warning the Government not to interfere with "their" hospital arrangements. Get a life, most important sector in all of this is the Taxpayer. He takes a PRSI hit on every pay cheque and then under the illusion of private healthcare system gets taken for a sucker on the double. There is no reason why things should not be better. It is not a lack of resources that is plaguing the system. The government has poured billions of Euro into a system, which acts like a sponge that absorbed the additional funds and not improved the service. Why is this happening, why is it cheaper to have waiting list surgery completed in the United Kingdom and at the same time with more money the Health Boards' waiting lists are actually getting longer?

Does this make sense? Are the taxpayers mugs to be taken advantage of by every vested group in the health service? Are we to assume that improved methods and organisations are for the private sector only? Check this, most reasonable people are not seeking an underpaid and overworked service but we are looking for results for the massive amount of taxpayers money that goes into healthcare. Is that unreasonable?

Over the coming months this magazine is going to ask people, experts in their own fields, where in their opinion the roadblocks are. We may find that most sections of the community may have answers to find in relation to how they deal with and use the healthcare system. Can the drunks who clog the A&E every weekend be treated in a non-hospital facility with mats on the floor without worry of litigation by the authorities. Can the unfortunate drug abuse victims be handled in a different area without endangering the life of nurse and doctors. Can it be driven home to patients who use A&E instead of a local GP that it is now going to cost big. What is just as important is what self-interests are manifesting themselves within the system. Are they justified or are they an obstacle to more efficient and better service.

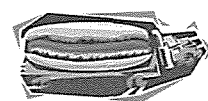
The PAYE taxpayer, the decent member of our communities, the family man, one of the rocks that this county is built on deserves better. It really is time for a "road map" to a better health service to be formulated. What are the objections to say Swedish or German health experts looking at the way we run our system. Are groups within the service operating restrictive practises? Best practise organisation should be imported and implemented without interference from any group. The beleaguered taxpayer is also entitled to benchmarking and entitled to know the answers to some of the following questions:  
How do we compare to the European average in

relation to the following:  
Consultant/patient ratio  
Doctors/patients ratio  
Nurses/patients ratio  
Hospital beds per 100,000 of population

The Minister for Finance has thrown in the towel. He is not willing to sanction additional funds for a service, which he feels is out of control. That is the simple part. He is a member of a government that has a responsibility find a solution. The reorganisation of the health boards is not sufficient. This is not a situation solely confined to Ireland as the Blair government is experiencing the same type of problem but at least they have issued a policy document for the way forward. It may well be that the narrow tax base (PAYE) that is used in the main to finance the health service is not broad enough and there may well be a requirement to move to a health contribution system independent of PAYE/PRSI. In the end we should have a system whereby nobody can hide from his or her responsibilities. This means that the providers of the healthcare system give a fair return for the funds invested and the users recognise that the system will have to be paid for by all citizens in a position to do so. It is a sobering thought and an indication of where we are, that some of us would object if the cost for a better health care system was equivalent to a couple of pints a week.

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## Features

### Maynooth Festival 2003 Children's Art Competition and Exhibition

The children's art competition and exhibition, which was organised by Maynooth Castle Keep Art, was held in Tesco during the Maynooth Summer Festival. It proved to be a great success again this year. The artwork submitted was divided into three age categories 4-6, 7-10, 11-13. Thanks to Tesco, for the exhibition venue and sponsorship. Kennedy and Sons Ltd, Artists Suppliers, Harcourt Street supplied most of the prizes, and the Castle Keep Art Group sponsored other prizes. The prize giving took place on Friday 27 June in Tesco where the paintings were on display during the festival week. Certificates of appreciation were given to all who entered and there was a first, second and third prize given in each age category. We would like to thank the judging panel Brenda Kearney, Sarah Baxter and Ellie Creighton – their job was not an easy one.

A lot work and effort was put into the various art works and it was obvious that there was great enjoyment in creating them. There was a diverse range of subject matter – animal studies, buildings, street scenes, people and abstract studies. There were pencil drawings, paintings, mixed media and collages. Thanks to everyone who took part to make the event such a success. Next year we hope to run another exhibition and competition during the festival. Details will be included in the Newsletter and in the Community Library.

### Prizes

#### 4-6 Category

1. Madeleine Martin
2. Conor O'Reilly
3. Ben Maloco

#### 7-10 Category

1. Mia Martin
2. Clara Murray
3. Katie Curran

#### 11-13 Category

1. Jennifer Feehan
2. Eanna MacCann
3. Alison Brennan and Johnny Curran

Thanks to all the other entrants – Laura Doherty, Ailbhe Quinn, Noelle Brennan, Lorna Brennan, Sarah Curran, Tara O'Neill, Ronan MacCann, and Elaine Houlihan

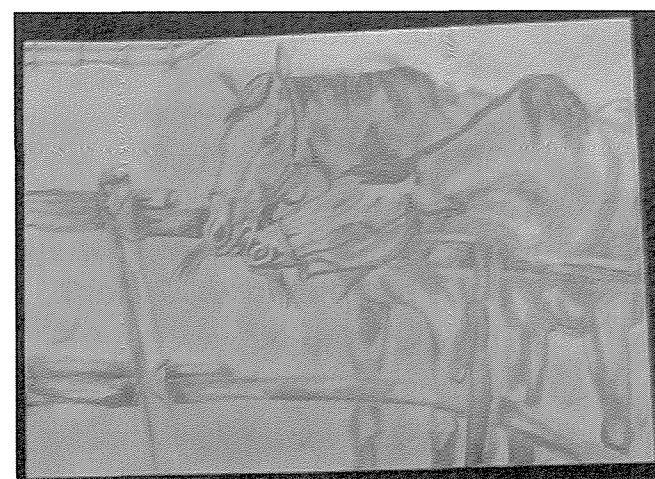
Well done to everyone!!!



***"The Big Red House" by  
Madeleine Martin, Aged 6***



***"The Holy Ground" by  
Mia Martin, Aged 8***



***"Hey! That's Mine!"  
By Jennifer Feehan, Aged 13.***

# DID YOU KNOW...

## The right school bag can cut a child's chance of having back pain by 23%

A study of 1178 children published in the Scandinavian Journal of Rehabilitative Medicine showed that 68.6% of children who used hand held bags reported back pain. When backpacks were carried over one shoulder, 53.7% of children reported pain. The figure was significantly lower with children who correctly wore backpacks, positioned on the upper back with the straps over both shoulders - only 45% reported pain. So by changing from a hand held bag to a good quality backpack, correctly worn over both shoulders, the incidence of back pain can be decreased by 23%. Spinal damage is a serious problem parents need to be aware of. Especially when it is increasingly apparent that many of the spinal disorders suffered by adults are the outcomes of an accumulation of factors beginning in childhood. With an estimated 80% of adults suffering at least once in their life with low back pain for 2 weeks or more, the significance of correct posture and spinal care can't be underestimated.

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- 4) The width of the bag should not exceed the chest width.

When wearing the pack the following points should be adhered to:

- 1) the bag weight (including books and materials) should be no more than 10% of the child's body weight.
- 2) The bag should not be worn too low (the top of the bag should be level with the top of the shoulders and the lowest point of the bag should not sit lower than the small of the back).
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## Clubs, Organisations & Societies

### North Kildare Tennis

The final of the Kit Kat Parks Tennis Tournament for the county was held in Clane Tennis Club on Thursday 31 July.

The day long event welcomed teams from Leixlip, North Kildare, Prosperous and Clane.

#### Representing North Kildare:

Boys:	U.17	Karl Grogan
	U.14	David Grogan John Mulnally David Murphy
	U.12	Ross McDonald John Mulligan Stephan Sheeran
	U.10	Greg Murphy Darren O'Connor
Girls:	U.17	Emma Waldron
	U.14	Elaine Houlihan Sarah Connelly Alex Smyth
	U.12	Rachel Neary Emma Fox Anthea O'Meara
	U.10	Aisling Mooney Niamh Mooney



North Kildare Club with the winning trophy



North Kildare Boys Team



North Kildare Girls Team

North Kildare Boys took the overall spot with 65 points runners up and Prosperous with 59 points.

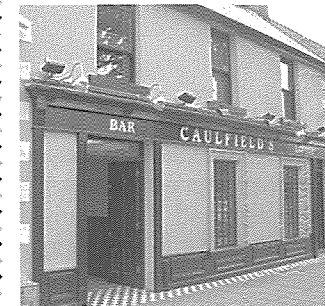
Girls of North Kildare were runners up with 61 points and Clane winners with 65 points.

Overall club on the day were North Kildare pictured with coach Philippa Pente and Trophy.

Kit Kat Parks Tennis coaching session runs for five weeks in July for ages 7-17.

Anyone wishing to join tennis in North Kildare can contact the club at 01 6287243.

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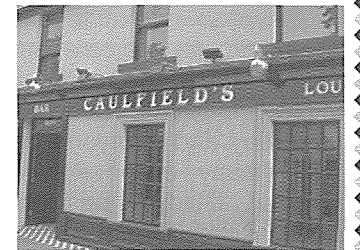
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## Features

### Murder of the Month – the bride who never arrived

It was the normal wedding day scene at the house in Ridgefield, New Jersey as Gladys Ricart, 39 years old, was preparing for her marriage to James Preston. It was a sunny Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> 1999. Gladys was surrounded by her friends, family, neighbours with the catering company preparing the wedding feast; the chauffeurs were outside with the stretch limousines. Everything was ready for the perfect day and everyone agreed that she deserved to be happy ever after. Originally a Dominican immigrant, Gladys had been the dream American success story. When she arrived in New York and shared a one-bedroom apartment with her young son Davis, she hardly spoke a word of English. But she found a job through an agency specialising in the placement of immigrants and welfare recipients and within nine years she was a rising star within the company Consortium Tours and everyone loved her. She had brought her mother from the Dominican Republic, her son was going to College and they managed to buy a house in the suburbs. As well as her day time job she also worked in a supermarket at night.

Then one day she met the man of her dreams. In July 1999 while walking down Fifth Avenue she decided to have a cup of coffee and there she sat when James Preston came in. He began talking to her and was smitten straight away. He was an accountant, originally from Trinidad and a devout church-goer. Her son was delighted with this event and the couple decided very quickly to get married.

James Preston, 40 years old, was now waiting at the altar for his bride – she was late but that was normal. The white Rolls Royce stood outside Gladys's house to bring her to the Church on the Hill at Flushing meadow. Before anyone could see what was happening there were a series of loud noises. Yolanda, Gladys's sister, was heard screaming as Gladys herself raised her arms to defend herself. She could not fight off the .38-calibre Smith and Wesson revolver that fired shots into her head, arms and spine. She fell to the ground, the white dress a mess of red. Her mother tried to hold her, the bridesmaids were screaming, their dresses also splashed with blood. Her son Davis had posed for photographs 10 minutes earlier and now he knocked over the gunman – one Augustin Garcia, a 47 year old Dominican business man and single parent of 2 teenage children. He and Gladys had been going out together for a time before she met James Preston.

The neighbours were concerned when they saw him approach the house some minutes beforehand. Augustin was well-dressed and carrying a briefcase and he assured them all that all he wanted was to

wish his ex-girlfriend well. No one noticed him as he drew the gun from his bag and began shooting at Gladys.

It appeared a clear cut case of murder in front of many, many witnesses. He was arrested immediately as the bridesmaids ran out screaming and the neighbourhood realised that a terrible tragedy was unfolding within. At the church the priest received the dreadful news by telephone. He had the unenviable task of telling the congregation that the wedding was cancelled and then telling James Preston that his bride to be would never stand beside him at the altar. The following day, James was in court as Garcia entered in chains on both hands and feet. The charges were read out but Garcia was not about to give in easily. A month after the killing, surrounded by the Garcia family, his lawyer Edward Jerejean held an unprecedented press conference. The claim was that he was totally unaware of the fact that she was marrying someone else and that he believed that she was still engaged to him. The lawyer maintained that when he arrived to the house that he had no idea that she was marrying that day. He tried to express his client's shock at the fact that the woman whom he believed to be his girlfriend was to become another man's wife. But the lawyer could not say much more because the Ricart family attacked the press conference. They argued that Garcia was well aware of the fact that Gladys had broken up with him and that she was intending to marry someone else.

There were two quite different images of Garcia being presented, depending on who one talked to. He was not the usual killer type – having arrived in New York at the age of 17 he had brought up his two children alone for the previous 10 years. He had graduated in economics and political science from the University of Puerto Rico and he was also an active member of his community and the director of Asociaciones Dominicana Incorporated, a charity organisation that help other Dominican immigrants by teaching English, computer skills, how to get a job or start a business. He had been the president of the Dominican Chamber of Commerce in Washington Heights until 1997. Friends maintained that he was no killer but a peace-loving father who loved his children more than anything. Politicians and friends came to his support and said that Gladys had played him along. They said that she had been sleeping with him all along.

Gladys's friends and family told of another side to Garcia. He work colleagues had heard him threaten her on the phone. On one particular morning it was noticed that she was hiding bruises on her face but she thought that she was in control of the situation. They also maintained that he was cheating on her with other women and lying to her constantly.

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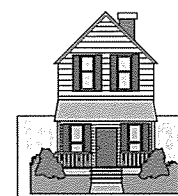
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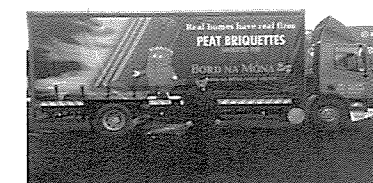
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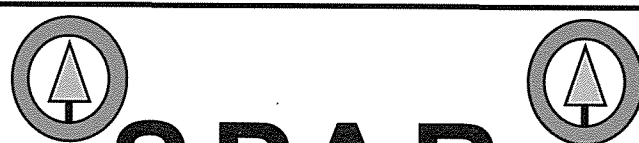


## Features

### Murder of the Month – the bride who never arrived Contd...

Her neighbours had also seen the nasty side of Garcia; he had even sent her 100 white roses on the day before the wedding asking her to change her mind and to cancel the wedding. Gladys's cousin said that he had threatened her with a gun and that he had promised that if she would not be with him that he would ensure that she would never give another boyfriend. Gladys had tried to reason with him, talking to him right up to the day of the wedding.

When the case finally came to trial in October 2001 the videotape of the shooting was admitted in court. The judge watched the video evidence and Gladys's sister collapsed. Garcia was seen to wipe tears from his eyes as the evidence proceeded. The entire episode was revealed in slow motion to the crowd. The defence was trying to build up the case for manslaughter and that it a crime of passion. The video evidence seemed to bring that to an end. Garcia was convicted and jailed for 50 years. The jury were swayed by the video – one of them said that he heard three short bangs before the events. It was Garcia knocking on the door. The defence also tried to claim that the Ricart family attacked him when he came into the house but the video negated this also. It was noted that it was a miracle that no one else got killed in the process.



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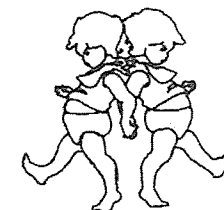


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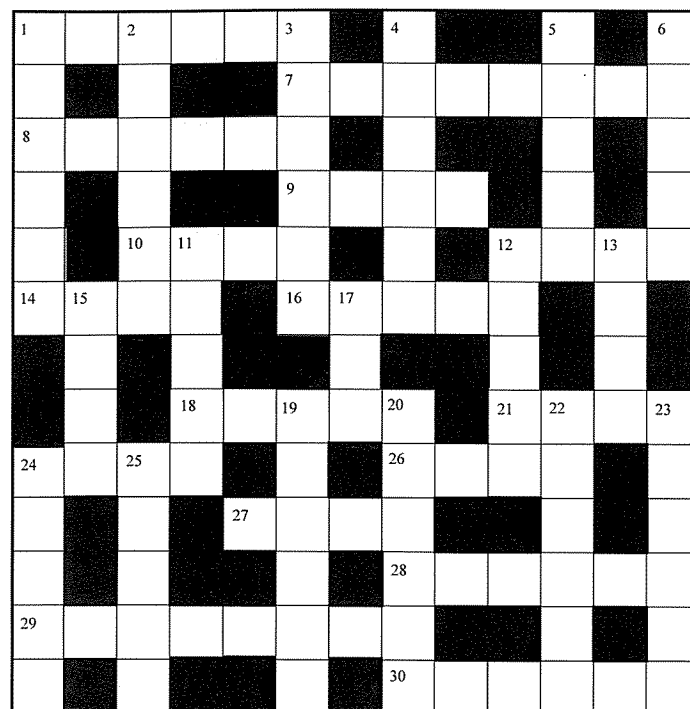
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No: 16



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## Across:

1. Risky undertaking (6)
7. Body part (8)
8. Baby's hat (6)
9. Prayer ending (4)
10. Direction (4)
12. Nuisance (4)
14. In two minds (4)
16. No \_\_ \_\_ \_\_, road sign (5)
18. Make a speech (5)
21. Cereal crop (4)
24. Covet (4)
26. Fruit skin (4)
27. Commotion (4)
28. Attraction (6)
29. The \_\_ \_\_ \_\_, Sir Walter Scott novel (8)
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## Down:

1. Chalice (6)
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3. Housing complex (6)
4. Unassuming (6)
5. Idolise (5)
6. Welcome (5)
11. Harass (5)
12. Power-cable support (5)
13. See (4)
15. Candid (4)
17. Kernel (3)
19. Season (6)
20. Shopping trip (6)
22. Change (6)
23. Astute (6)
24. Unload (5)
25. Strongroom (5)

## CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS NO 15

**Across:** 1. Clubs, 7. Comedian, 8. Laird, 10. Gamekeeper, 12. Connolly, 14. Team, 16. Shop, 17. Stallone, 20. Wordsworth, 23. Hitch, 24. Negligee, 25. Flair.

**Down:** 1. Celtic, 2. Borg, 3. Dove, 4. Sewer, 5. Simpleton, 6. Antrim, 9. Damon, 11. Encourage, 13. Let, 15. Cloth, 16. Sewing, 18. Either, 19. Aspic, 21. Oyez, 22. Hill.

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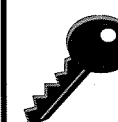
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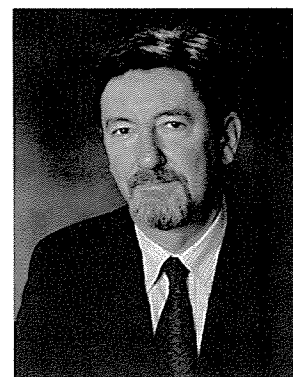


## Party Political



Emmet Stagg T.D.

### Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

#### Carton Avenue Action Area Plan

A Special Meeting of the Leixlip Area Committee was held on 23 July to discuss the Action Area Plans (AAP's). The Council Officials were very reluctant to go into much detail as they felt that this would be unwise as the Press were present. The Council's Consultant, (CAAS), on the Carton AAP gave her views on what should go there.

She will be recommending to the planners that the development should consist of 450 mixed dwelling units on the 42 acres zoned residential and she suggests that those opposite where the Mart was should be four storeys high. She sees the density varying from 20/24 per acre opposite the Mart, 10/14 per acre at the Dunboyne Road and 8/10 per acre at the Blacklion Road.

She sees the community facilities of, possible swimming pool complex, community centre, playgrounds, skateboard park being located adjacent to the four storey buildings. As agreed in the Maynooth Development Plan 2002, 53 acres will be handed over to Kildare County Council for amenity use and a management programme for the future maintenance of the park has to be agreed with the Council.

Cllr. John McGinley expressed his total dissatisfaction with the densities and the height of the buildings proposed. While he acknowledged that the densities were less than the 33 per acre sought by the developers he asked the planners to come up with more realistic proposals, which would be more in line with adjacent developments, in the Draft AAP which will be discussed at a Special Area Meeting on 29 August.

#### Harbour Action Area Plan

Progress on the Harbour AAP has been held up as the Council has yet to make a decision on a number of issues e.g. future of the fire station, the Council depot and car parking in the area. A major submission has already been sent to Councillors by consultants for the landowners. Here again they are proposing some 4 storey buildings in a proposed development of 270

dwelling. The controversial element of their proposal is that of a new road from Parson Street to the canal and branching off to Leinster Street in order to service their proposed development. Their proposal would mean knocking down houses in Parson Street. It is Cllr. John McGinley's view that knocking down any of the houses in Parson Street should be out of the question and the Maynooth Development Plan supports this view as the Street is designated as an Architectural Conservation Area Objective.

#### Pound Park and Pound Lane get €150,000 for Improvement Works

When the Council were advised in July that they were getting €150,000 under the Village and Urban Renewal Scheme for use in Pound Park and Pound Lane they contacted Cllr. John McGinley to get his suggestions at what the money should be used for. Having first discussed the issue with members of St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band Cllr. McGinley made the following suggestions:

- Install a bandstand in Pound Park. It is beside the Bandhall of St. Marys Brass and Reed Band and it is a natural amphitheatre which would make it ideal for public performances.
- Install more public lights in the Park in order to deter unruly elements from congregating there.
- Additional landscaping and planting in the Park.
- Remedial work on the Pound.
- Improving the surface on Pound Lane and install traffic calming ramps.

At the Leixlip Area Meeting on 23 July there was unanimous agreement on Cllr. McGinley's proposal for the Bandstand. It is unfortunate that the Department of the Environment's system of awarding the grants gives so little time for proper public consultation i.e. they awarded the grant in July and the funding has to be spent by November.

Some people have expressed concern that the Bandstand could be used by unruly elements for drinking sessions and Cllr. McGinley shares those concerns.

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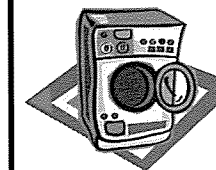
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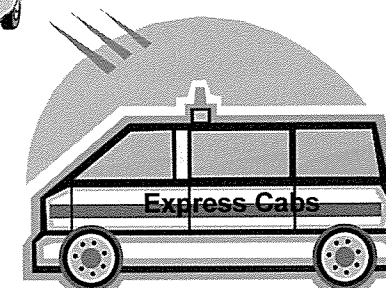
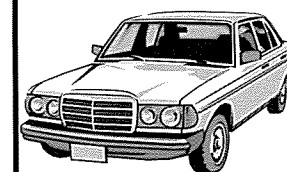
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This area and the Harbour and other areas is already used for such activity despite the fact the it is illegal to drink alcohol in public under the Bye Laws introduced some 4 years ago. Cllr. McGinley has asked the Garda Superintendent to increase enforcement of this law in Maynooth so that citizens can enjoy their amenities without fear of assault.

Furthermore, residents in the Pound Lane area regularly have their gates blocked by illegally parked cars. In order to overcome this illegal activity Cllr. McGinley has asked that Cross Lane, Double Lane, Back Lane and Pound Lane be designated "Residents Only Parking" in the upcoming review of the Maynooth Parking Bye Laws.

Improvement Works at the Castle/College Gate Area  
Cllr. John McGinley was very pleased to be able to assist The Tidy Towns Committee, through Discretionary Grant Funding, for their excellent work at the Castle/College Gates area. However, such an important area needs an in-depth study on what the area should look like and how it should properly align with Carton Avenue. Cllr. John McGinley has discussed the issue with the County Architect and he has agreed to address the issue. The intention is that a Draft Plan would be drawn up by the architects and following extensive public consultation that a Plan would be agreed that would attract funding under the Village and Urban Renewal Scheme.

Requests for bus shelters in Maynooth  
Cllr. McGinley raised the issue of bus shelters with the Chairman of CIE and he got the following reply on 28 July 2003:

*"Dublin Bus advise that all the bus stop locations in Maynooth Village were recently surveyed in order to establish where bus shelters could be potentially installed as part of the Village improvement works. The survey revealed the following:*

- *Some of the bus stop locations were not suitable for a bus shelter to be installed.*
- *Planning Permission was refused regarding certain stop locations.*
- *Objections to the installation of shelters at other locations were made by local businesses*

*Dublin bus is currently preparing planning applications for shelters to be erected at locations opposite Glenroyal Hotel and Opposite Tesco at O'Neill Park.*

*There are no immediate plans to erect a shelter outside Buckley's on Main Street, Maynooth at this stage in time because of objections by some businesses in the area including Buckley's who are also objecting just to the existing location of the bus*

*stop. Dublin Bus is having discussions with Kildare County Council about this matter. The planning and building process takes 3-5 months to complete."*

Motions for September Leixlip Area Meeting  
Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motions for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

1. *"That a footpath be laid and the hard shoulder resurfaced on the roadway from Hands Corner to GB Glass, Dentist on the Leixlip Road, Maynooth in order to ensure the safety of pedestrians "*
2. *"That an additional two new seats be fitted on the footpaths on ether side of Upper Main Street, Maynooth"*
3. *"That the box junction on the Straffan Road at the exit from Greenfield Estate/Shopping Centre be lengthened in order to facilitate more cars"*

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### Book Launch in Maynooth

The women and men of Maynooth and surrounding towns and villages made their way on a glorious June evening to the Maynooth Town Library. Professor Susan McKenna Lalor launched the book *By the Harbour In Maynooth* during the Geraldine Festival 2003. She was introduced by Dr Tom Kelly of NUIM. The ICA were honoured that they were guests.

The book is the brainchild of Maynooth ICA. It recalls the early beginnings of the ICA, and just as the women of Ireland have done since the foundation of the United Irish Women nearly one hundred years ago, it quickly moves from the larger scene to the local place, to the rural village life of Maynooth and the making of the town we know today.

The editor Maeve Mulryan-Moloney spoke about the foundation of the United Irishwomen as part of the Gaelic Revival in the early years of the last century. In the mid-1930s the name of the organisation was changed to the Irish Countrywomen's Association. Members of Maynooth guild of the ICA organised the launch evening with their usual kind hospitality.

The book is available through Byrne's bookshop, or through any member of the ICA.



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### HANDBALL HAPPENINGS

In 2002 Aidan Sinnott and Martin Connolly were running a summer camp for young hurlers. They suggested to the handball committee that they run a camp for handball simultaneously. After some consideration it was decided to give it a go. Fiona Healy, All Ireland Gold medalist, was engaged to coach the handball. It was anticipated that about fifteen juveniles would participate in the camp. But to the surprise of all concerned nineteen girls and twenty-seven boys arrived. The committee panicked but Fiona to her credit got them all organised. They all seemed to enjoy the fortnight and Fines enthusiasm for the game must have rubbed off on them because most of them are still playing. Credit is also due to the FAS scheme which made sure that the children were safe all the time.

Alas, due to work commitments, Fiona is unable to coach this year. However, three new young vibrant coaches have been drafted in to run this years camp. One, Eimer Fallon, played in the minor All Ireland Final only last week. Her partner, Sinade Gallogley, is also coaching. Last but not least is Aidan Ryan, who seems to have a coaching badge for all the GAA sports.

This years camp runs from the 18th to the 30th of August. With the Final day being devoted to Caint, ceoil agus craic with perhaps a little handball thrown in for good measure.

Not everyone would know that there is a long tradition of our national game of handball in Maynooth. Players from Maynooth have won national titles as far back as the twenties and as recently as the nineties. They have still to strike gold in the twenty first century at national level, but have already won several County Championship medals. At one time there were nine ball alleys in the town of Maynooth. Eight of those were in the college and the other was up the bridge. There are only two now. One each in the College and the GAA. The last competitive game was played in the Gael Linn competition in the alley up the bridge in 1974. It was about that time that the old club went out of existence. The present club was formed in 1996 and has eqated itself well since then. With Paul Ruane at the helm and Eamonn Gorey as the youth officer have no doubt that the only way is up from here. It is great to see that people are still willing to put so much of their spare time into promoting our national game.



**Maynooth  
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handball  
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at the 2003  
Féile parade  
in Mullingar**

## Features

### MAYNOOTH GOLF SOCIETY

John Byrne Prize at Mullingar Golf Club.

1st Overall	Barry Farrell	(25)	36pts
2nd	Fintan Gannon	(17)	37pts (N/Q)
3rd	Gerry McTernan	(12)	34pts
4th	Tom O'Haire	(19)	33pts
5th	Terry Moore	(11)	32pts
6th	Steve Greenwood	(19)	31pts (B.9)
7th	Norman Kavanagh	(13)	31pts

Front Nine	Martin Doyle	(16)	17pts
Back Nine	Philip Doyle	(18)	17pts
Past Captains	Gerry McTernan	(12)	34pts
Nearest the Pin	John Carroll		

	Barry Desmond	
	Steve Greenwood	
Longest Drive	Norman Kavanagh	
Twos Club	Gerry Reilly	
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### FROM A HISTORY OF SAGGART AND RATHCOOLE PARISHES By Maeve Mulryan-Moloney

#### Thomas Street, 1803

The Military and yeomen raided a house in Thomas Street. They found thousands of copies of a proclamation, several car loads of pikes, machines for manufacturing gun powder and many bullets. They also found a green superbly made regimental coat, seemingly intended for a leader, green pantaloons, a couple of helmets and ostrich plumes and a very big quantity of bread. An unusual number of countrymen thronged the public houses in the afternoon.

#### Lord Kilwarden

The Lord Chief Justice Arthur Wolfe, Lord Kilwarden, his daughter and his nephew Rev. Mr. Wolfe left his home at Newlands, Clondalkin to travel in to Dublin. In Thomas Street his coach was stopped by a group of men. Rev. Wolfe was killed. Lord Kilwarden was wounded. The lady escaped unharmed and was allowed to go to Dublin Castle. As night fell several of the rebels and military were killed.

#### Bryan Rourke wounded

Many people were wounded including Bryan Rourke when a ball lodged in his shoulder. A week later he was arrested in his bed and taken to the new prison. Two doctors had attended him but both of them had kept their attendance on him a secret.

#### Felix arrested

On the 6 August Felix Rourke was arrested by Alderman Blonham and the Liberty Rangers. He was taken to the new prison at Kilmainham. Kilmainham Jail was built in 1787. It replaced the thirteenth century jail at Old Kilmainham. It contained fifty two cells but two hundred persons were there following the rebellion in 1803. The building that is now the Bank of Ireland in College Green was used as a prison to cope with the great number arrested. It was the Irish House of Commons for 70 years until the Act of Union in 1800. Robert Emmet was arrested nine days later at Mrs Palmer's house in Harolds Cross.

On 24 August a special commission was opened for the trial of the rebels. Felix Rourke was indicted for high treason and sent for trial. In evidence his brother John said that Felix had left to go home. His other brother Matthew said that his mother was worried about Felix when she heard about the insurrection in Dublin. Matthew told his mother that Felix was in Grimes' house near Saggart. The only witness to Felix being involved in the rebellion was a pedlar called Mahaffy. He was then in the Kildare Militia. He swore that he saw him in Dirty Lane on the night of the insurrection, armed with a

blunderbuss, commanding as a Colonel of the rebels. Another man, named Ryan, said that he couldn't positively recognise Rourke. Felix thanked the court and the jury. He said that he "relied on a verdict influenced alone by a rigid sense of justice".

The verdict of guilty was returned a few minutes later by the jury. Two days after the trial began Felix was called to the bar. He gave a short speech. He protested his innocence. "He had never contributed in any manner to have injured a neighbour in either person or property". He was sentenced to death by hanging outside his father's door.

#### Felix Rourke's last letter

Newgate Prison  
9 September 1803

*Dear and honoured father and mother*

*For the last time I address you in this world hoping to convey to your minds that peace and consolation I feel and which I trust will support you in that moment which tomorrow is destined to terminate my life. My innocence inspires me with a fervent hope of meeting through the merits of a crucified Jesus that mercy which He promised all who would truly repent and avail themselves of the opportunity held out by His suffering.*

*I remain dear Sir and madam  
with love to brothers and sister  
Your dutiful and I hope happy Son  
Felix Rourke*

#### 10 September 1803

He was taken by cart from Dublin out by Dolphin's Barn and up the coach road through Jobstown and on through Saggart. On 10 September 1803 he met his death at the burned out house of Father Harold. His sister petitioned the Government for his burial. The town of Rathcoole at the time of execution of Felix Rourke that Saturday seemed to be deserted of all its inhabitants. Not one in coloured clothes was to be seen.

#### Lord Kilwarden (1739-1803)

Arthur Wolfe was the son of John Wolfe and his wife Mary Philpot of Fornaughts. He became a King's Counsel in 1778; Solicitor General in 1787; Attorney General and member of Privy Council in Ireland in 1789; Member of Parliament for Coleraine in Irish House of Commons in 1783; Chief Justice and elected M.P. for Dublin and for Ardfert but elected to sit for Dublin; created a peer by the title Baron Kilwarden of Newlands in 1798; Vice Chancellor of Trinity College in 1802. His home was at Newlands House, Clondalkin where Newlands Golf Club now is.

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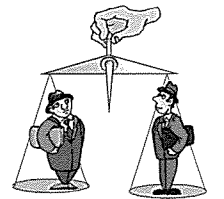
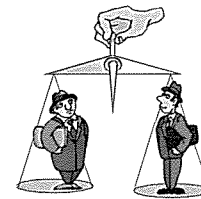
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The husband and family of the late Jane Simons, Maynooth wish to express their heart felt gratitude to all who sympathised with them at the time of Jane's sad and untimely death (R.I.P.). Thanks to all those who attended the removal of remains, Mass and Funeral. Those who sent mass cards, cards of sympathy and floral tributes. Our thanks to the medical staff, nursing and general staff of Unit 6, Blanchardstown Hospital. Also the doctors and nurses of the Cardic Unit of the Mater Hospital. Our thanks to the parish priest M. Stenson.

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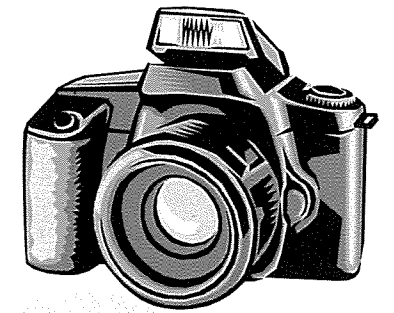
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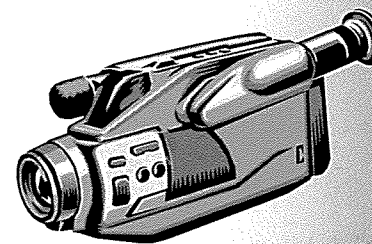
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