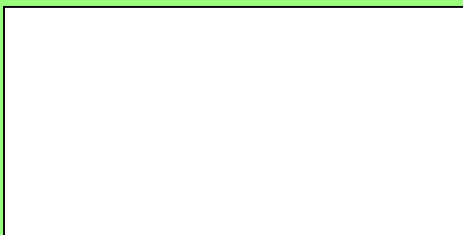
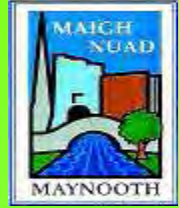


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Editorial

March is the month of St. Patrick with all the myths and legends that surround him. He is said to have lit his first Pascal fire on the Hill of Slane and his feast day is commemorated on the 17th March. St. Patrick's Day is becoming a huge financial success both here and abroad.

I would ask the businesses, clubs and societies to support the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Bíodh lá maith, taithneamh agaibh uile. Lá 'le Pádraig faoi mhaise dhíbh.

At a time when commercial success is good we should pause and reflect on whether our heritage means anything to us.

Where did it say in the last FF/PD manifesto that we gave them the right to silence the media and the guards, spy on drinkers and ban smoking in pubs? Where did we give them the right to build a hotel opposite Trim castle (featuring so prominently in the movie *Braveheart*), opt for incinerators and super dumps rather than the greener alternatives and finally and most sinister – build the M3 right through the sacred hinterland of Tara/Skryne? What has this government got against Meath? Against our pre-Christian past? Where is their mandate?

So grave did UNESCO consider the situation that they sent a delegation to Ireland to investigate the planned Newgrange incinerator and the conservation issues surrounding this plan.

The Minister for the Environment spent millions on his TV campaign asking us to recycle but what has he done as Minister? Nothing. All our recycling is done abroad.

The Taoiseach refuses to nominate Irish as an official EU language.

The Minister for the Environment is hell bent on electronic voting – so much so that he declares that we have no right to spoil our vote. He will not listen to experts.

The Minister for the Environment is judge and jury in planning decisions – he must object to the destruction of the monuments during construction. Did he object? In most cases he did not. In fact he abolished *Dúchas*, dismantled the old Department of Arts, Culture, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands, he is drafting a new Monuments Act because of the Supreme Court's decision protecting Carrickmines - intent on diminishing their protection. 1,514 archaeological reports on digs carried out during construction have not appeared. The EU has declared the EIS for Carrickmines fatally flawed. The EIS for the M3 is similarly flawed according to Conor Newman the expert on Tara, formerly with the Discovery Programme funded by the very same government that plans Tara's destruction. The minister will not listen to experts – he knows better.

Tara is not Carrickmines, Tara is a thousand Carrickmines. The world is watching – will they allow us deave this Valley in two and desecrate Tara's sacred hinterland? This government will be remembered for butchering Tara, our premier archaeological and historical site. Tara belongs to the world – we have no right to claim it and then destroy it for ourselves.

Finally I would like to say that this will be my last Editorial for the Newsletter as I am resigning as the Editor. I have enjoyed the experience and wish that I could continue but due to other commitments I do not have the time required to devote to the work.

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Community Council Notes February

February meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on 9th February in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Letter re Funding from Progressive Democrats

A letter requesting funding for the Progressive Democrats was received for a fund raising drive. Maynooth Community Council was asked to buy a €130 raffle ticket. Overall a dim view was taken of this as Maynooth Community Council support a Community Employment Scheme, and do not support any political party.

Office

Paul Croughan stated that the office is running very well. He said that there is a very good group working there and they co-ordinate very well.

Fare Trade Town

Peter Connell talked of Maynooth as a fare trade town. He raised the issue about goods being produced under fair conditions. He said he would like to get the support of local businesses, also that most supermarkets support fare trade. He hopes to set up a support committee to kick-start same.

Regional Planning Guidelines

Peter Connell said this is an opportunity to make our feelings known. We have people giving out about no roads, etc. It is expected that the Maynooth population will reach 15,000 inside the next five to six years. It would be in our interest not to have any more land rezoned. It was noted that submissions have to be in by the 5th March.

Clr. Senan Griffin pointed out that the student population is now at 6,000. He said students are out of college for 5 months of the year, but that students registered on night of the census should be included in the population of Maynooth. Tony Bean said Maynooth has no facilities and no services. He said the town needs these services for it to work as a community. We are behind in facilities, services, recreational etc. Clr. John McGinley said that if these are not included in the proposed Development Contribution scheme they will not be funded.

Maynooth Community Council has arranged a special meeting to discuss the Regional Planning guidelines on tuesday, 17th February.

Maynooth Community Council Notes.

St Patrick's Day Parade

John McGinley said preparations are well on the way, and they are looking for volunteers as stewards. He said time involved will only be one and a half hours, leaving Greenfield Shopping Centre at 11 o'clock.

Maynooth Community Centre Partnership.

Tony Bean said at this point they were looking for information regarding population, usage of centre and that they are waiting for the results of the M.A.S survey that was done for last year, this would give a better view of what was needed. Clr. McGinley stated that he had submitted an amendment to the development contribution scheme to include funding for the community centre.

Tidy Town

Paul Croughan said that they are setting out their plans for 2004-2008. He said that progress had been made on obtaining flowers for the town. He also noted that they will have to look to the community at large for funding.

Motion. Tony Bean

Tony proposed reviving the Lord Mayor Campaign. He said he was not sure how it should be run. Suggestions were put forward. Groups could nominate people. Also it could be tied with the Festival with a long run into it. It was also noted that the Chamber of Commerce has agreed to hand over this project. It was decided to write to groups in Maynooth for their views and comments. It is hoped that these will be back by the end of March.

A.G.M. Maynooth community Council.

The A.G.M. will take place in April. The Council will be looking for people

to put themselves forward for positions.

Local Matters

Paul Croughan said there is a serious amount of H.G.V. coming through the town. Notices have been put up directing them out of the town. It was felt that it may take some time for the trucks to adhere to the signs.

O'Neill Park Residents Association

Mary Clougher said that they are experiencing a lot of trouble from H.G.V. traffic. They find it very hard to exit because of the convoy of H.G.V.s.

Bond Bridge.

John Doogan said he hoped that there would be some progress on Bond Bridge before the Meadowbrook link road starts.

Clr. John McGinley said he expected Kildare County Council to bring firm proposals to their March meeting for the construction of the bridge. Clr. Senan Griffin said that they were very close to getting Bond Bridge sorted but Waterways Ireland put in an objection regarding the stone work on the bridge.

John Doogan said he hoped that K.C.C. will come up with definite plans for Bond Bridge now.

Soccer Club.

John Doogan said people are using the soccer pitch for playing golf. He asked that these people stay off the pitch as they are taking lumps out of the ground. It was stated that if people using the pitch like this regarded themselves as golfers they left a lot to be desired.

Next Maynooth Community Council Meeting on 8th March in the Glenroyal Hotel.

P.R.O. Marie Gleeson.



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Applications with entry fee to be sent to Community Council Office before Friday 5th March or phone Christina Saults (office hours - 6285922 or 6285053) or John McGinley (6285293 (H) or 7026536 (W))

Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
04/36	Wesley O' Connor	7 Rockfield Green Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	09/01/04	A first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion and extend utility room on the ground floor	7 Rockfield Green Railpark Maynooth
04/40	Robert Burns	Clonagh Maynooth	P	09/01/04	Bungalow, domestic garage and secondary effluent treatment system	Clonagh Maynooth
04/47	Raymond Crofton	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	12/01/04	Extend car sales showroom, motor parts storage to existing commercial garage premises to relocate public entrance, alter forecourt and enlarge parking areas, reposition gate to service yard	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/61	Huma Bloodstock Limited	Huma Park Stud Newtownmacabe Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	14/01/04	(1) stud offices (single storey) including kitchen and toilets; (2) Separate living quarters (single storey house) for stud groomers; (3) EPS Bison Sewage treatment system (upgrading already granted (02/2010) Biotech system) etc.	Newtownmacabe Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/63	Breda Byrne	14 Portersgate Green Clonsilla Dublin 15.	R	14/01/04	Single storey Day Nursery previously permitted for five year period by Planning Permission 97/1482	Newtown Grove Newtown Maynooth
04/74	Mr. & Mrs. P. Horan	13 Parklands Lawns Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	16/01/04	Alterations and extension to existing semi detached dwelling house to provide additional first floor accommodation over existing single storey converted garage and utility room	13 Parklands Lawns Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/81	Patrick & Juliet Cooper	Graguelin TD Derrinstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	R	19/01/04	Retain extension to side of dwelling and retention of "as constructed" windows to front and rear of dwelling all of which differ from approved planning permission ref. no. 00/1228	Graguelin TD, Derrinstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/118	Hugh Nevin	258A Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	22/01/04	Four Velux windows and two no. bedrooms and a bathroom at first floor and permission for three new dormer windows	285A Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare

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Emmet Stagg T.D.

Please note that Emmet's weekly Advice Service at 4.00 p.m. on Saturdays has returned to Caulfield's, Main Street



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Cllr. John McGinley can be contacted at 50, Greenfield Drive or on the following phone numbers 6285293 (H), 7026536 (W) or 087-9890645.

Cllr. Colm Purcell

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Cllr. Colm Purcell

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File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
04/147	Edward Frayne	4 Landsowne Terrace Ballsbridge Dublin 4.	P	28/01/04	A garage for domestic use	Barreen Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/154	St. Patrick's College	Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	28/01/04	Reconstruction of existing vehicular/ pedestrian entrance piers, walls and gates (in ruin) with new recessed entrance piers, walls and gates at the entrance to the University Student Apartments	Moyglare Road Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/183	James & Karen Dunne	20 Parklands Place Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	02/02/04	A two storey extension to side and rear and further single storey extension to rear and porch to front	10 Parklands Place Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/188	Padric McAndrew	14 Beaufield Avenue Maynooth Co. Kildare	R	02/02/04	Existing granny flat consisting of 1 no. bedroom, bathroom, kitchen and living room	14 Beaufield Avenue Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/194	Christopher John Davis	32 Parklands Square Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	02/02/04	Front elevation incorporating a first floor extension above existing single storey structure to side of existing house and two storey extension to the rear of same and velux window to the side	32 Parklands Square Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/202	Catherine Kiernan	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	04/02/04	A dormer bungalow, garage and waste water treatment system	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/211	Fergal Downes	9 Rockfield Close Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	05/02/04	The construction of first floor accommodation to the side and rear over the existing single storey sections of the existing two storey dwelling with single and two storey extensions to the side and rear, the provision of roof lights etc.	9 Rockfield Close, Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/238	David Thompson	354 Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	09/02/04	A dormer type bungalow with connection to public services and use of existing entrance. File Ref. No: 94/1382	354 Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/247	Patrick & Ann McEvoy	"Fuinseog" Balraheen Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	10/02/04	A dormer bungalow, detached garage, biodisc treatment system and ancillary site works	Balraheen, Baltreacy Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/278	Marie Thornhill	46 Rathdown Park Terenure Dublin 6W	P	13/02/04	A two storey building containing 3 no. 1 bedroom apartments and ancillary accommodation	Back Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/283	Bank of Ireland	Head Office Lwr Baggot St. Dublin 2	P	13/02/04	The construction of a disabled access ramp to the front entrance	Bank of Ireland Main Street Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/306	Marian McNeela	4 Brookview Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	O	18/02/04	Two storey detached dwelling house and associated development works to side	No. 4 Brookview Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare

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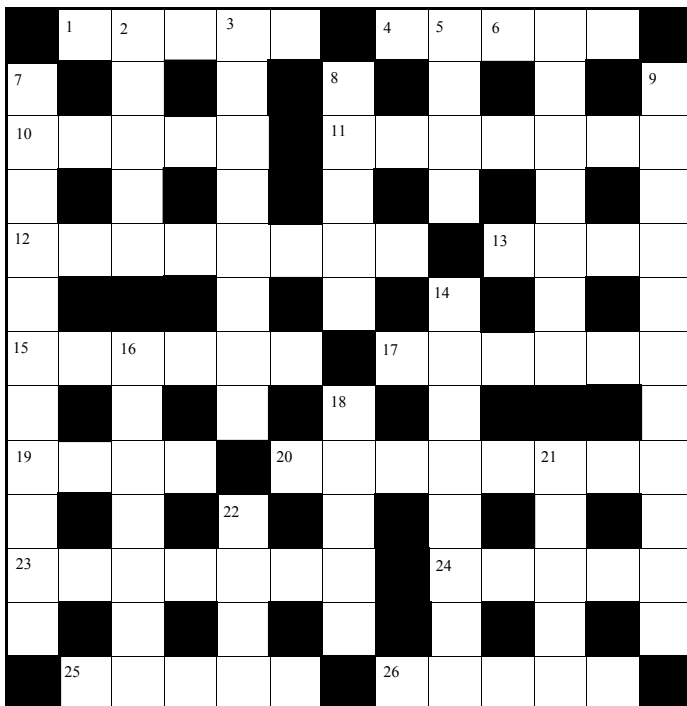
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4. Small wood (5)
10. Ward off (5)
11. Bring to light (7)
12. Patient (8)
13. Mexican lizard, the _____ monster (4)
15. Part of the foot (6)
17. Ancient king (6)
19. Command (4)
20. Only superficial (8)
23. A coy tip (anag) (7)
24. Oxford college (5)
25. Meat slice (5)
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6. Shellac (7)
7. Pirate from Peter Pan (7, 4)
8. Scottish poet (5)
9. Amateur dramatic performances (11)
14. Brass instrument (8)
16. Waterproofing material (7)
18. Welsh county (5)
21. Entwine (5)
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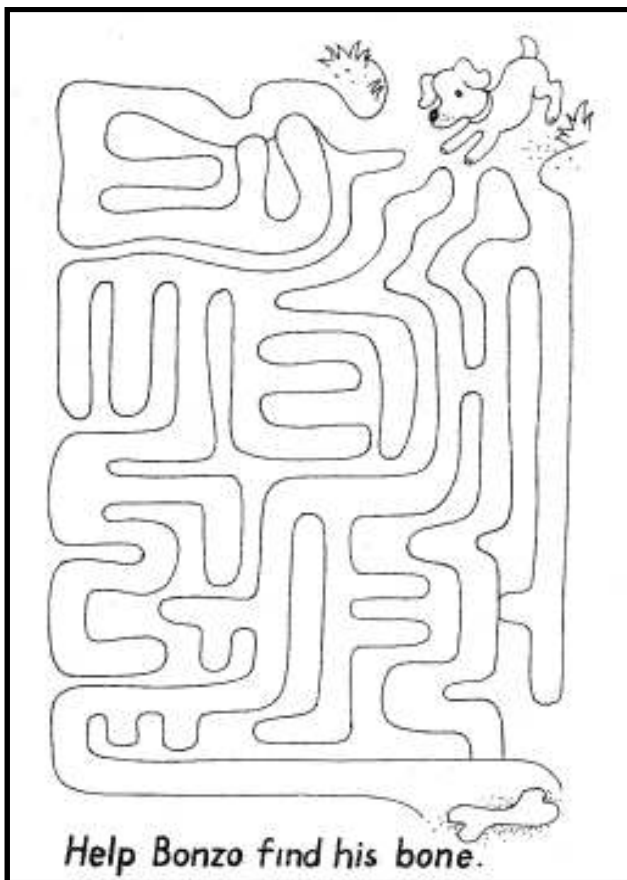
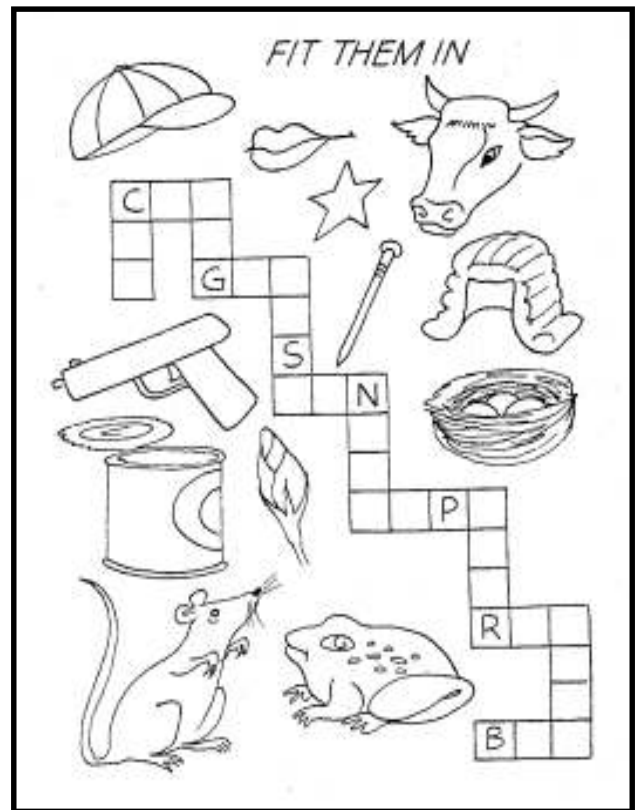
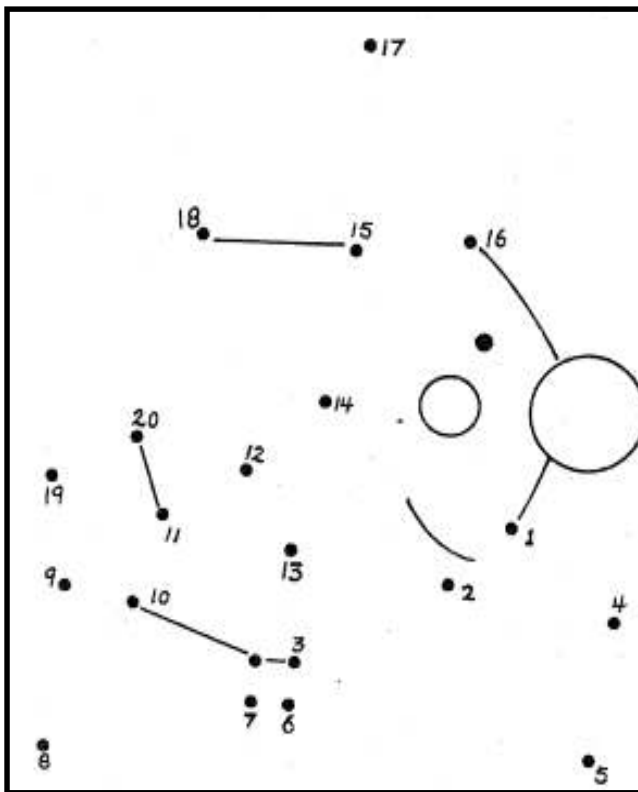
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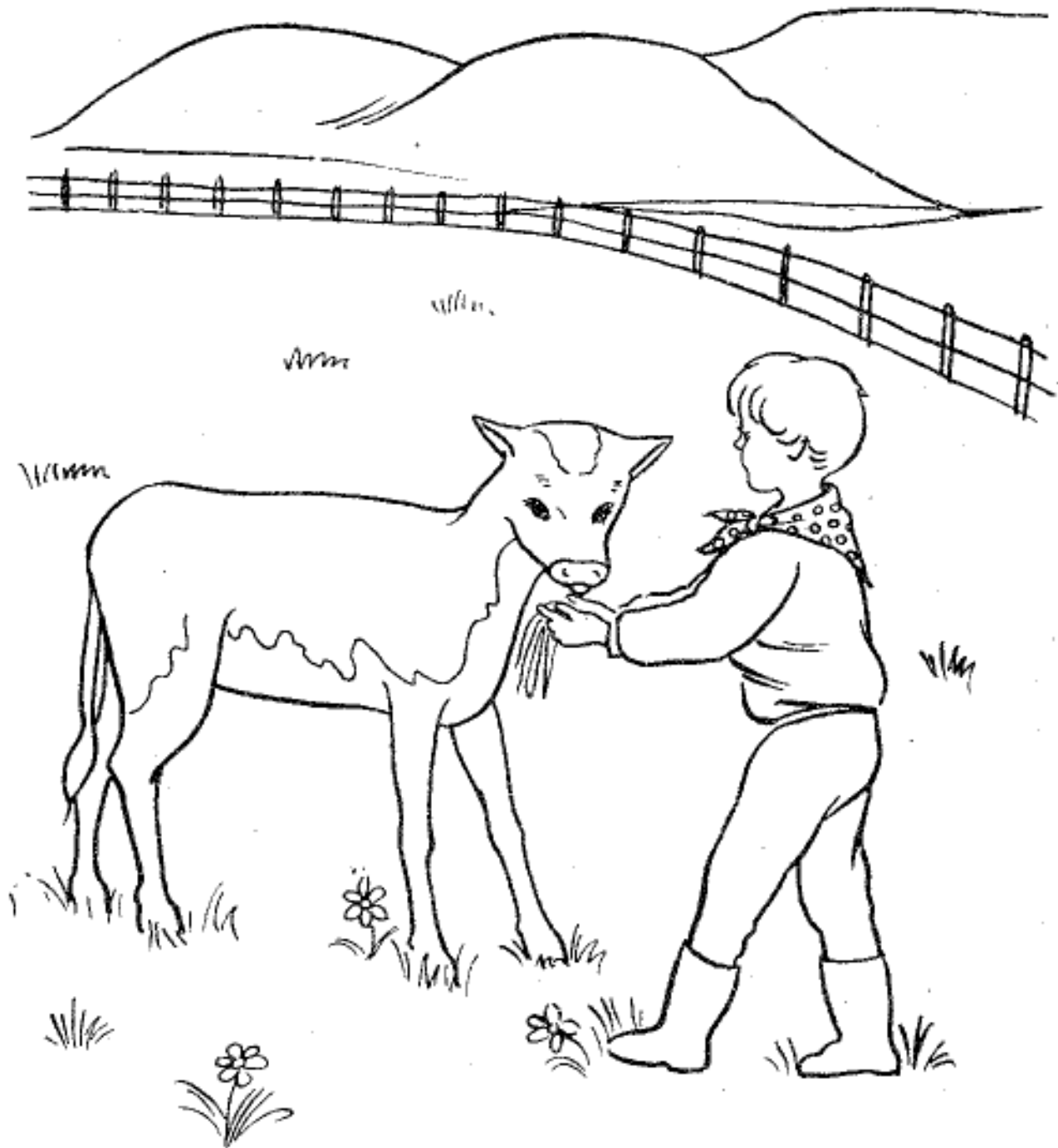
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Address	

Dorin's Recipes

Escalopes of Salmon with tomato and cumin sauce

Serves 4

2 large potatoes, about 1lb 2oz, peeled
4 tablespoons double cream
2 oz butter, diced
Freshly grated nutmeg
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
9 oz cherry tomatoes
5 tablespoons olive oil, plus extra for serving
1/2 teaspoon cumin seeds
2 courgettes
Few sprigs of thyme
4 fresh salmon escalopes, about 5 oz each

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

Method:

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

Deep-Fried Camembert

Serves 4

2 whole Camembert 9oz each, not too ripe
2 eggs, beaten
4 oz dried breadcrumbs
8 oz apricot jam
Juice of 1/2 lemon
Vegetable oil for deep-frying
Salad leaves for serving

Method:

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



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

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

Lamb and Mushroom Pie

Serves 4

1 onion
4 oz mushrooms
1 oz butter
1 lb lamb
1/2 pint beef stock
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
Pinch mace
4 oz frozen puff pastry
1 egg, beaten

Cooking time:

60 minutes

Oven setting:

200c, 400f, Gas Mark 6

180c, 350f, Gas Mark 4

Method:

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

Normandy apple flan

Serves 4-6

12 oz rich short crust or flan pastry
1 pint thick apple puree, well sweetened
3 dessert apples, peeled, cored and sliced
Juice of 2 lemons
2 tablespoons apricot jam
2 tablespoons water

Cooking time:

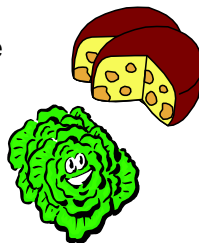
35 minutes

Oven setting:

190c, 375f, Gas Mark 5

Method:

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





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To get rid of cloudy marks on the inside of a glass bottle, pour in vinegar and some coarse sand. Every half hour for up to 5 or 6 hours, shake and swirl it around until the stain disappears.

- **Bruises**

A small bruise requires no special treatment, but if bruising is extensive, remember RICE: Rest, Ice, Compression and Elevation.

R Rest the injured part.

I Place ice or a cold compress over the bruise to help control bleeding and swelling and relieve pain.

C Press your hand firmly over the injured area.

E Elevate the bruised area to a level just above the heart.

- **Clogged shower heads**

If your shower has become erratic, spitting water in peculiar patterns, the openings in the shower head may well be clogged with mineral deposits.

Unscrew and take apart the entire shower head, keeping the pieces in order for easy reassembly. Soak the parts in vinegar overnight, then scrub off the encrusted minerals with steel wool or a wire brush. Poke open the small holes in the faceplate with a pin.

- **Computers**

When you can't get your personal computer to work properly, don't panic - the problem may be easy to remedy.

⇒ Check all the cables and connections; one of them may have worked loose.

⇒ Did you turn everything on? The screen? The printer?

⇒ Did you put a disk in upside-down or back to front? Exit from the programme and start it up again.

⇒ Did you skip a key step?

⇒ Is a special function key in the wrong position?

⇒ If all else fails, refer to your user's manual.

Disks Treat your floppy disks with extreme care. Heat, fingerprints, magnetic sources

(telephones, stereo speakers, televisions, motors), writing directly onto or clipping something to a disk - all these things and more can destroy its contents.

Fatigue If you find it tiring to work (or play) at a computer for long periods of time, check these points:

⇒ Is the console placed too high, forcing your shoulders and upper arms onto a strained position.

⇒ Is your chair the right height? Does it provide good support for your back?

⇒ Is there glare on the screen from the sun or room lighting, causing unnecessary eyestrain? (Wearing a visor may help if overhead lighting is bright.)

- **Stolen Car**

Thieves often repaint cars and change the vehicle registration number so that owners can't identify them. Foil them by having the registration number, or some number personal to you, etched onto all the windows. Put the number at the top of the windows so that it can be seen if the door windows are lowered. A thief is less likely to steal a car on which all the windows would have to be replaced.

Don't keep your registration document in the car, but in a safe place in your home. You will need this record of the year, make and model of your car, as well as the chassis and engine numbers, to report a theft. Keep a copy of the registration document elsewhere as an added precaution.

- **Spiders**

You don't have to kill a spider when you see it. Spiders in Ireland are harmless to human beings. Remove a spider from a bath with a cardboard tube - it will crawl into the tube, because spiders like the dark, particularly if you splash it with a little water.

Spiders are among a gardener's best friends. If you see a large spider on your wall, don't harm it; capture the creature in a wide-mouthed jar or yoghurt pot. Then release it in the garden, where it will make a meal of flies, aphids and other such pests.

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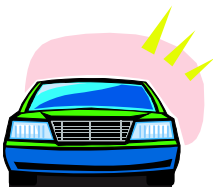


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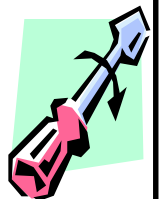
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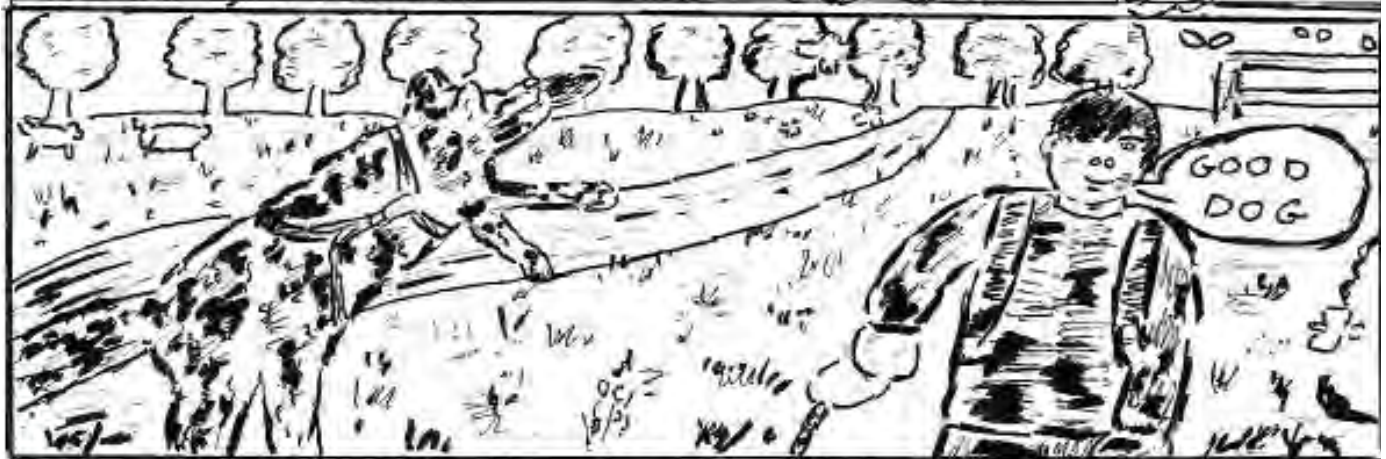
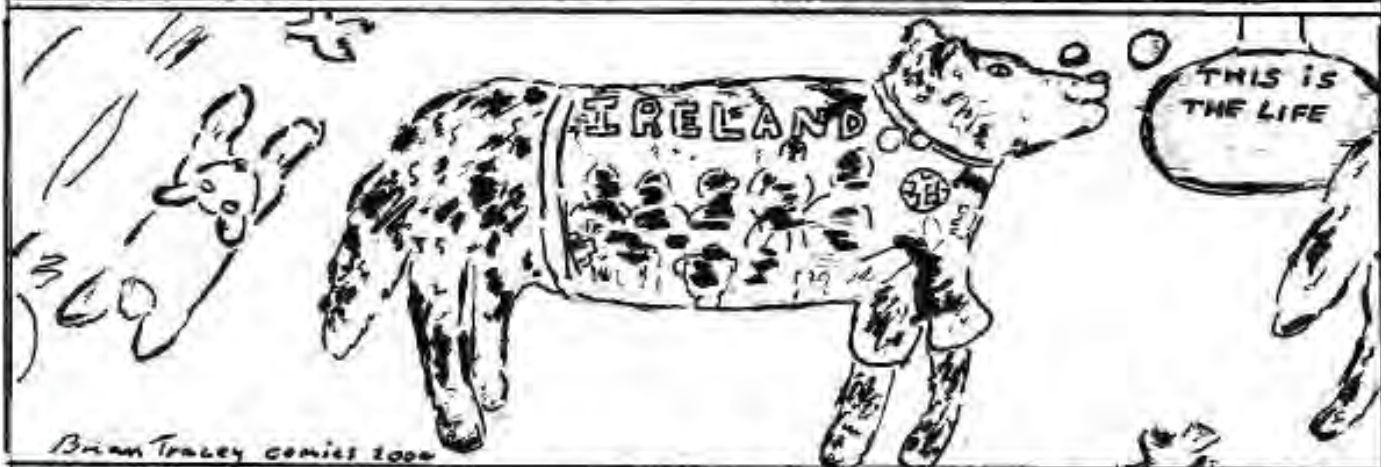


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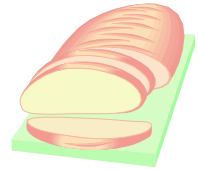
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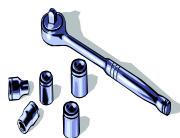
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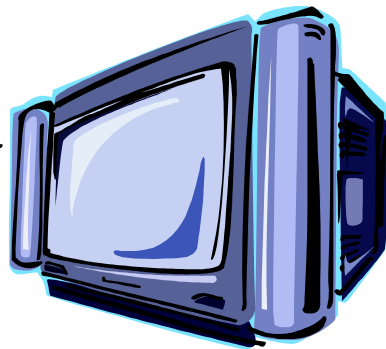
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Question

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

Answer

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

From 31st January 2004 new applicants for the supplement are required to have been in rented accommodation for at least 6 months in total in the previous 12-month period. This does not apply to certain people, such as those aged 65 or over, or those in receipt of certain disability payments. Periods in hospital, prison etc. may count towards the 6 months.

Except in certain circumstances, a person in full-time employment (30 hours or more) is not eligible for Rent Supplement. Since the start of 2004 any new applicant whose spouse is in full-time employment will not now be eligible. Also not eligible for the supplement is anyone who refuses accommodation twice from housing authorities or other approved bodies within a 12-month period which begins on or after the 31st January 2004.

In the means test for the supplement there are a number of income disregards. There is an income disregard for social welfare pensioners aged 65 or over. From 5th January 2004 the income disregard has increased from €23 per week to €26 per household. Family Income Supplement will also now be disregarded in the standard means for the supplements. It was already disregarded when assessing the €317.43 income limit that applies to people retaining the supplement on a tapered basis, such as those on employment schemes.

If you are considered eligible, you have to make a contribution towards the rent. From the 5th January 2004 the minimum contribution which you have to make has increased from €12 to €13. You may have to pay more depending on your income.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Question

What are the new Medical Card income guidelines for 2004?

Answer

The Medical Card income guidelines are updated in January each year. The new income guidelines, effective from 1st January 2004, are as follows:

Medical Card Income Guidelines from 1st January 2004			
Weekly income limit (gross less PRSI deductions)			
Age	Single Person Living alone	Single Person Living with Family	Married Couple
Up to 66 years	€142..50	€127..00	€206..50
66 - 69 years	€156..00	€134..00	€231..00
70 - 79 years			€462..00
80 years or over			€486..00

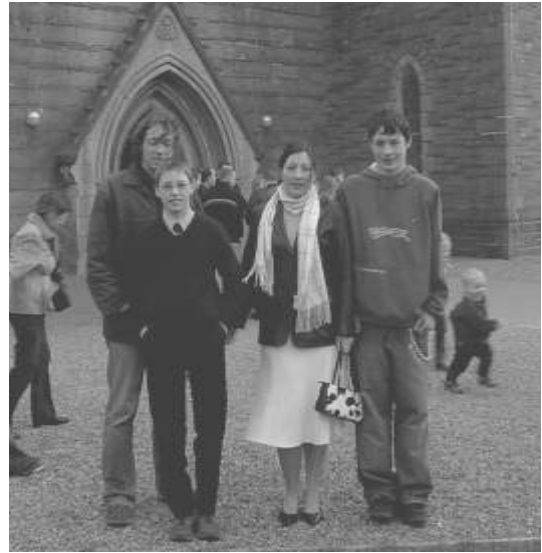
Allowances for each child under 16 €26.00
 Allowances for other dependants €27.00
 Allowance for (rent, mortgage) excess over €26.00 per week
 Allowance for cost of travelling to work in excess of €23.00 per week

For the year 2004 the guidelines have been increased by between 3% and 3.25%. For example, for a single person living alone, aged less than 66, this means an increase of €4.50 and for the age group 66 - 69 years an increase of €5.00. Similarly, for a married couple the increases are €6.50 and €7.00 respectively.

Everyone aged 70 and over normally resident in Ireland is entitled to a Medical Card irrespective of income. This medical card is not means tested. It covers the cardholder only and does not cover their spouse/dependants. If you do have a medical card because you are over 70 but your spouse is under 70



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years of age, she/he can apply for a means tested medical card. For example, where one spouse is aged 75 and the other 68, the means limits applying to the younger spouse are those of a married couple aged 70 - 79 years.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Question

Is it true that the minimum wage has increased?

Answer

Yes, it is true. From the 1st of February 2004 the national minimum wage is €7.00 and hour.

The National Minimum Wage Act, 2000 was introduced on 1st April 2001 setting the minimum hourly rate of pay at €5.97. On 1st October 2002 the rate increased to €6.35 per hour and now it has increased to €7.00. The rate applies to virtually all employees over age 18. Close relatives of the employer and statutory apprentices are excluded.

Employees under age 18 are entitled to 70% of the national minimum wage (NMW) which amounts to €4.90 per hour. If they continue to work in the same employment once they reach 18 they must be paid €5.60 per hour (80% of NMW) for the first year and €6.30 per hour (90% of NMW) for the second year.

Those over the age of 18 who are starting employment for the first time are entitled 80% or €5.60 per hour for the first year, and 90% or €6.30 per hour for the second year, from the date of their first employment over the age of 18.

In both cases after two years they are entitled to the full rate. Employees undergoing training or a prescribed course of study are entitled to a percentage of the national minimum wage for hours worked.

If you have a dispute with your employer about the national minimum wage you can try to resolve the matter with your employer directly and if it is still unresolved you can refer your dispute to a Rights Commissioner of the Labour Relations Commission.

Further information is available from the Employment Rights Information Unit, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Davitt House, 65a Adelaide Road, Dublin 2. Tel: (01) 631 3131, LoCall 1890 201 615 or the Citizens Information Centre.

Question

I was told that eligibility criteria for Disability Benefit have been changed. What are the changes?

Answer

Disability Benefit is a payment from the Department of Social and Family Affairs to insured people who are unable to work due to illness. For 2004 the maximum weekly personal payment is €134.80, €89.40 for your spouse/partner and €16.80 for each dependent child. To qualify for the payment you must be under age 66, be unfit for work and you must satisfy the PRSI contribution conditions.

The current PRSI condition that you must have at least 39 paid contributions since first entering work increased to 52 paid contributions from 5th April 2004.

Previously, people on a social welfare widow/widower's pension or on One Parent Family Payment could qualify for a half-rate Disability Benefit payment along with their existing payment. From 19th January 2004 new applicants are no longer entitled to the half-rate payment.

The weekly amount of Disability Benefit you receive for yourself and your spouse/partner is reduced where your average earnings are below a certain amount in the relevant tax year— for claims in 2004 it is 2002. From 29th December 2003 this threshold has increased from €88.88 to €150.00 for new claimants.

If you return to work after you have been on Disability Benefit but become ill again after more than three days your new claim is seen as a separate claim i.e. not linked. If you have been receiving Disability Benefit for at least 5 years, the new claim is seen as a separate claim only after a 13- week gap. From 19th January 2004 this linking period increases to 26 weeks.

If an allowance for your spouse/partner is not included in your Disability Benefit payment then you will only receive half-rate Child Dependant Allowances are only paid where the spouse/partner's income is less than €300.00 per week.

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Gardening Tips

GARDEN TIPS FOR MARCH.

If you have Ranunculus which were lifted for storage last Autumn, they can be planted as soon as ground conditions will allow. They should be set about 5cm [2in] deep.

Chrysanthus can be sown in gentle heat. Cascades need careful training to obtain the best results, but Charms are an easy way to a riot of flowers.

From now to mid-April is a good time to sow a row of Spinach beet for a summer crop. This is a cut -and -dry come again crop which should be ready in July.

Divide Crocus. Where Crocus have become well established and overcrowded, they can be lifted and divided prior to replanting. If you would rather wait until the foliage has died down, be sure to mark where they are.

Sow Celery for planting out in early June. Can be sown now under heated glass.

Zinnias can be sown now in a sheltered frame. Once started, they should be growing without check up to flowering in July.

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For best results, of course, work should be started in the Autumn, when the bed should be prepared, enriching it with well rotted manure.

Growing from seed is the way the expert does it to ensure they have the best plants to produce the best possible colours and scent. But we can't all do that, so now is the time for the rest of us to buy our pots of seedlings and put them in soil which has been enriched, previously explained. It is important before planting to decide how you wish to display the plants in the garden.

All too often they are planted at the bottom of a fence or wall where they will be teased up strings or canes as they grow.

But far nicer is to make a feature of them in the middle of a bed, at the end of a pathway or perhaps set into a corner in the lawn.

Where the latter is concerned, an area of grass will need to be lifted so that the plants have their own space. Insert 3 or 4 tall canes around which netting can be swathed, tube-like. Then using a dibber to make holes big enough to take the young plants with their roots spread out. They can be planted at the base of the climbing tube. Immediately after planting, put slug pellets around the plants to ensure their safety.

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On Sunday 8th February, Maynooth Scouts were hosts to the inaugural event of the new Scout County of North Kildare. Since the formation of the new Scouting Association (Scouting Ireland) on the 1st January the new scout county of North Kildare was formed bringing together scouting units from ex-CSI and ex-SAI backgrounds under the one association. The inaugural event was the North Kildare Cub-scout/Macoimh table quiz. Sixteen teams took part in the afternoon of mind-bending questions in St. Patrick's College Maynooth but it was the brainy cubs from 19th Kildare Celbridge and 11th Meath Kilcloone that took the laurels. The boys and girls from Maynooth however gave a good chase, coming in third place. The winners will continue to the next stage of the competition at the national finals later in the month.

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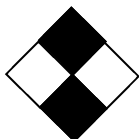
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Features

Poets, druids and early Irish poetry (Contd.)

Who are the poets?

Although the saga writers never gave their names, the poets were much more accommodating with their information and frequently identify themselves in colophons at the end of their poems. Therefore we have poems by individual poets and we know of collections by particular poets. They are not necessarily gathered in one place and are usually scattered throughout the manuscripts through the centuries. James Carney did a lot of work on early Irish poetry including a chronological list of poetry and poets in different groupings according to the time span. Apart from Eochaid Dallán Forgaill who composed the eulogy for Colm Cille, the first poets of whom we are aware are Colmán mac Lénéni, Luccreth moccu Chíara and Beccán mac Luigdech. We only have fragments Colmán whom he dates to 565-604. Along with these there we also have early Leinster poems that appear in the genealogies but the language is very difficult to translate.

Luccreth moccu Chíara who lived c. 600 composed such poems as 'Medb made illegal contracts' (*Conailla Medb míchura*) that is generally regarded as the basis of the *Táin Bó Cúailnge*. In a very difficult text we meet Medb the queen of Connacht, her husband Ailill and her lover Fergus. It says:

Medb enjoined illegal contracts

With the son of Roech of the Red Troop.

She put upon Fergus lasting captivity

He expected the way of a captive in that place.

Luccraid moccu Ciara composed a difficult pedigree of the Eoganacht king of Cashel that appears in the genealogies.

Another early piece of poetry is a hymn to Brigit attributed to a man called Broccán, said to be a pupil of Ultán of Ard Breccán (†656). It is dated c. 650 and there is an extraordinary reverence for Brigit in the early period. Another early poem calls her a second Mary; later traditions say that she was Christ's midwife even his mother. She is associated with the provision of food in great quantities and using her powers to help the poor and the weak from their master. She is said to be the daughter of a slave and a chieftain. The praise is nearly grudging in the beginning, the poem is intermingled with prose commentary.

Victorious Brigit did not love the world (*Ní car Brigit buadach bith*)

Victorious Brigit did not love the world;

She perched on it like a bird on a cliff,

The saint slept like a prisoner,

Longing for her Son.

Not much fault was found with her

With regard to lofty faith in the Trinity.
Brigit mother of my over-King,
Was born as the best in the kingdom of heaven.

She was not slanderous, she was not mischievous,
She was not a lover of vehement woman's quarrels,
She was not a stinging speckled snake,
She did not sell God's Son for gain.

She was not greedy for treasures,
She gave without resentment, without stint.
She was not hard or stingy
She did not love to enjoy the world's goods.
The poem ends like a prayer:

I invoke my Bríg, May she be a protection to our
company,
May her patronage assist me,
May we all deserve deliverance.

The praise of Christ is illustrious speech,
The worship of God's Son is an art full of virtue.
May everyone who has sung it or heard it
Belong to God's kingdom without rejection.

May Brigit's blessing be upon
Everyone who has sung it or heard it;
May the blessing of Brigit and God
Be upon all of us together.

Other famous poets include Blathmac c. 750-770, Oengus who composed the Martyrology of Oengus (*Féilire Oengusa*) and Orthanach ua Coillámae who is usually associated with Orthanach bishop of Kildare †840.

Between 900-920 we find poems by Dallán mac Móire centred around Cerball of Ossory who was killed in the battle of Belach Mugna in †908. This is the earliest court or household poet whose poems have survived in any quantity. His style and approach show that he is the ancestor of the type of poet well known from the 14th century onward – the bardic poet. In the period 950-1004 we find poems from Cinaed Ó hArtucán who died 973 and he was associated with two kings Congalach son of Mael Mithig (†956) and Amlaíb or Olaf king of Dublin who spent a lot of time in Meath (†980). Included in this period are also Flann mac Mael Maedóc and Eochaid Ua Flainn †1004.

Some poets can be firmly dated, such as Airbertach mac Coisse †1016, Cuán Ó Lothchán †1024, Flann Mainistrech †1056, Mael Íosa Ua Brolcháin †1086, Duiblittir Ua hUathgaile and Gilla Coemáin. Duiblittir Ua hUathgaile wrote biblical poetry which is included in the text 'The Six ages of the World' (*Sex Aetates Mundi*) for example a poem on the sons of Adam and Eve:

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Iudas, Iudas, Leui the wealthy (?)
Ubal, Abol and Abilon.

Sarath, Saliath, Silith and Seig,
Gismus, Gesmus with clear meaning;
Lagor, Ligor, Luiath and Lon,
Orth, Heth, Oram (and) Gad of great size. Etc.

This text also includes another of his poems 'Make this Easy for Me' (*Réidig dam, a Dé, do nim*). Here is a section on Adam, Eve and their children as well as Noah, his wife and offspring.
Make this easy for me, O God in heaven,
it is not uncertain, it is a pure deed;
the answer to my question
For the poets.

Famous Adam had fifty sons and
fifty famous and perfect daughters.
Though they were violating (God's) covenant
Thereby, they agreed to mate with one another.

For a time the pleasant world escaped,
They were deceived by the soliciting of womenfolk.
Though they had accepted the king of heaven
Only six of them gave issue.

Three men and three women with power,
of Adam's pre-eminent family;
from them was born the host
That filled this transitory world.

Cain, Seth and Sile
were the three sons without great strangeness;
Pibb, Olla and Pithibb without treachery
Were the three haughty daughters.

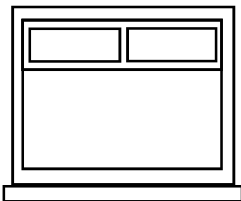
Pibb was the name of Cain's fair wife;
Olla was the ever-pure Seth's wife;
Sile's wife, brilliant her lustre,
Was the perfect and truly modest Pithibb.

Noah and his three sons without shame,
with their bright and noble wives,
were the eight people of Seth's race without
stain who did not accept Cain of the large head.

Sem, Cham and Japheth of the territories
were the three sons of Noe son of Lamech.
Their three griffin-like and pure wives
Were Olla, Oliua, Oliuana.

Copha was Noe's wife of holy purity,
Olla was wife of the long-lived Sem.
Cham's wife was the famous Oliua,
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(Contd. next month)
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(Straight Talking)

Justice Brennan's remarks that she had no confidence in the Guards caused a right rumpus. Naturally the Garda Commissioner was not pleased and the rank and file were outraged. The public perception of the police force has changed in the past decade and one unfortunate feature of that change is that so many sections of our society now hold little respect for the Gardai. From the top we have seen Government Ministers flout the new speeding regulations. We have seen sitting TD's who are up to their necks in tax evasion and planning irregularities. We are mindful of the Junior Minister in the current Government who, according to local press reports, did little to discourage local taxi drivers in their unlawful opposition to the taxi deregulation legislation. All these people at the top, the guardians of our Constitution, seem to be giving the two finger salute to the laws of our land and showing disrespect to its the guardians, the Gardai. We must not forget the now prominent PD Minister who as leader of the major farming organisation stood idly by as his members frustrated a High Court order and the Gardai, to remove themselves from a blockade of meat factories. In all of the above cases there was clearly no respect for the law. Not one of the above high profiled personalities were sanctioned by the political system. This leaves the public at large with the impression that the operation of the law in this area is a joke. It is therefore not surprising that the disrespect shown by our politicians has worked its way down to the general population

We have big problems with anti-social behaviour that is fuelled by drugs and drink. The consensus is that our environment is not safe. Stolen cars driven by youngsters terrorise neighbourhoods, sometimes causing serious injury and deaths. Garda cars are rammed at will leaving the impression that joy-riders hold no fear of the police. Drugs are sold in areas which many believe should be better policed and most are left with the impression, unfortunately, that the Guards are not doing their job. In each area of the administration of justice, the courts, the prisons and the gardai it is clear that there is case for major reform. It is recognised that such reform would be of major benefit to the community but the necessary reforms would meet opposition from within the services. In the case of the Gardai the lack of reform is partly due to the Guards but the major blame lies with the Minister and the department of justice. It has to be accepted that the culture of the Gardai is out of date. The mission and job specification that guided their conduct and training since the foundation of the State has now got to be reviewed. We only have to look at Continental Europe to see why this is so. For many years most Continental

police forces have been paramilitary in style. They have been heavily armed with lethal and non lethal weaponry. They are well trained and well equipped to meet the demands of dealing with violent criminals and drug related crime. To most Irish people whether they are in Berlin or Paris, the police appear to have a formidable presence. Their presence is one of menace with little patience for the time of day. They give the impression of people not to be trifled with. It is hard to understand the opposition of the Garda Representative Body

and civil liberty groups who oppose the arming of the Guards. They claim that Ireland is not like Continental Europe and that there is no need for radical reform. They must be joking, it's worse. After thirty years of civil unrest in Northern Ireland there is now far more guns in circulation than most Countries in Europe. We only have to look at parts of Limerick city and realise how far it is removed from mainland Europe. The National Press report that criminal elements in Limerick city are dealing in kalashnikovs automatic rifles and hand grenades. It is not credible that we wish to perpetuate the myth that Irish society is different, that somehow we are less violent and less prone to crime than our Continental neighbours. We should realise, on the evidence available, that this is not so and do something quickly to re-organise our police force. There is something else far more worrying for the taxpayers and citizens of the country. Recently a senior Garda disclosed that many Dublin City based Garda were seeking relocation to rural towns as they have serious problems in dealing with urban crime and drugs related offences. It is easy to understand why. What defence does a young Garda have when faced by a drug crazed addict armed with a lethal syringe? A 1920's style designed baton for restoring order in a pub. It is impossible to imagine the trauma and devastation caused to a Guard facing the prospect of HIV infection. The Government have a responsibility to ensure that the Gardai are equipped to defend themselves. How can a predominately un-armed police force tackle serious violent crime which everyone knows is escalating to a serious level. Many would claim that the Gardai are coping with the situation but an un-armed force has to commit too much manpower to each individual incident. There now has to be a serious debate regarding the future organisation of our police force. This is not a criticism of the Garda, as man for man we would vouch for their integrity and commitment against any police force in the world. For the protection of our society and for the security of the individual Garda, the force could be re-organised on the following basis:

Elite or Paramilitary:

The training should be Military in character. The new mission must be a determination to deal with the current violent crime culture. Entrants to the new elite force should be extremely fit and be able to meet minimum fitness levels at all times. The units should have the use of the best cars and equipment available to do the job. They should be highly paid and not involved in routine Garda work, that should be left to other sections of the police force. The Government should lay out the parameters under which the new force will operate and legislate for changes in current Court procedures to facilitate the successful prosecution of lawbreakers.

Traffic and Community Policing:

Is self explanatory. This section of the Garda force could assume a vital role in reducing the level of atrocious driving that is challenging the initial gains made by the introduction of the penalty points system.

(Straight Talking) Cont'd.

Administration:

A highly and expensively trained Garda should have no place in a station. Civil Service employees should complete the computer and clerical work. The rules of evidence should be changed to avoid where possible a Garda presence in court. Would it not be possible for a civil servant to appear with a sworn Garda affidavit?

We as a society have a prized possession - a Police force that is civil, uncorrupted and still highly respected. The Government is obliged to make sure that its members are given every facility to protect their security. The Gardai themselves have to accept that times have changed. In line with nearly every Country in Europe they should accept that an increase in defensive weaponry is a must for their own protection. We might not like the prospects of change, but

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The Nice Treaty, backed up by the majority of Irish voters in October 2003 opened the door to Europe for 10 new members. Despite the concerns raised and fears over lessening control, the Irish nation made its choice. "The truly historic enlargement of the European Union can go ahead," said Prime Minister Bertie Ahern. "We want to welcome the people of the applicant countries into the European Union with open hearts as well as open minds."

Among the countries Ascending EU in May 2003 are Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, and Slovenia. Today we would like to introduce the first three of our new neighbours:

Cyprus

The strategic position of the island (Mediterranean sea off the coast of Turkey) made it a long wanted territory. It was the part of Roman Empire, Bizantium, Venice, Ottoman Empire and a finally a British colony since 1925. The war for *enosis*, unification with Greece started in 1955 by Greek guerrillas of National Organisation of Cypriot Combatants (EOKA). Archbishop Makarios and other enosis leaders were deported, but after years of negotiations, he was allowed to come back to become the president of the newly established Greek-Turkish state.

In 1963 the Turks argument for a federal state began the ground for the Turkish military conflicts, which were intervened by UN peace forces. In 1974 Turkey sent troops to help Turkish Cypriot leaders which resulted in the establishment of the Attila Line, separating Turkish and Greek Cypriot territory. Talks between

two sides sponsored by UNO in 1980, 82 and 85 failed resulting in establishment of the South Cyprus and North Cyprus (recognised only by Turkey).

Czech Republic

A part of former Czechoslovakia, the republic was created as a result of the agreement of separation between Czech and Slovak parties. It came into being in 1993 and a year later joined NATO's partnership of peace. The year 1993 also saw major economic reform programme – the reopening of the Prague stock exchange, the beginning of voucher-based privatisation and reduction of unemployment. By 1996 with 70% of the economy privatised and unemployment of 3% it was one of the most successful countries in Central Europe.

The Czech Republic actively sought membership in Western economic alliances – becoming an Associate EU member in 1994, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development in 1995 and in 1999 it joined North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

Estonia

The former republic of the Soviet Union, in 1988 it adopted the new constitution with a power of veto on all Soviet legislation. In 1990-1 the need for separation and growing nationalist discord called for a referendum, which voted 78% for independence.

In 1993 Estonia started a privatisation reform and actively sought Western investments. With the majority of the population involved into industries of shipbuilding, mining and manufacturing of machinery, today its partners include fellow Baltic States – Latvia and Lithuania – as well as Finland,

Russia, Sweden and Germany. Since independence (1991), citizenship has generally been limited to ethnic Estonians, a practice widely criticized because it denies political and civil rights to the many Russian-speaking inhabitants (30% of population). In 1993 ethnic Russians were officially declared foreigners, raising even stronger objections. Long-term non-Estonian residents can become citizens, however, after two years and completion of a language test.

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Here are some of our new titles this week.

A Place in the Sun as seen on Channel 4

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ICA NOTES

The Maynooth Guild of the ICA meets on the first Thursday of each month in the ICA Hall, by the harbour. And on other nights the following activities take place: Mondays at 8 pm, a variety of crafts are demonstrated and worked upon, and on Thursdays at 9.15 pm there are set-dancing classes with Rita Doyle; both of these take place in the ICA Hall. Badminton will resume in March, on Monday and Tuesday mornings, in the Parish Hall. Anyone interested is welcome to come along to any of the activities.

A Computer course, run by the ICA and sponsored by KELT, is

taking place in the Post-primary school, on Wednesday nights. The tutor is ICA member Jo O'Connell. The course is full now but more will be offered in future. Watch this space!

National Daffodil Day is March 19th. Extra volunteers are always needed.

The Maynooth Guild will host the Kildare Federation Meeting of the ICA on Thursday March 25th, at 8 pm, in the Post-primary school. But coming up first, is the Kildare Federation Dance, which will be held in the Ambassador on February 27th

— Always a great night out!

And don't forget too that the book, *By the Harbour in Maynooth*, edited

by Maeve Moloney, published to celebrate our 50th anniversary, is still obtainable from the Maynooth Bookshop on Main Street, or directly from the ICA.

The April meeting promises to be an especially interesting one. The Maynooth ICA, prompted by its fiftieth anniversary celebrations, has been giving itself a quality review. The results of the questionnaires which were sent 'round to members will be discussed. Anyone interested—including non-members—in helping to shape the future of the ICA, or who might wish to take part in any of the ICA activities, will be very welcome at the April meeting.

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Challenge games were played against Straffan, ST. Kevins and St. Margarets (Dublin).

The U-14 Summer League B was entered with games against St Laurences, Suncroft, Geraldines Leixlip & Sarsfields All games were played on home and away.

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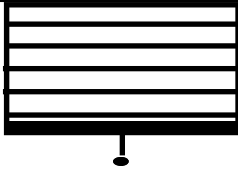
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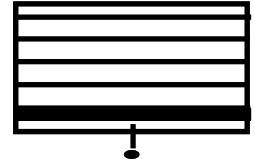
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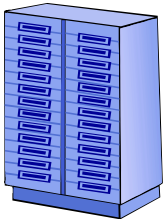
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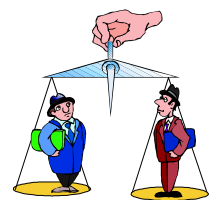
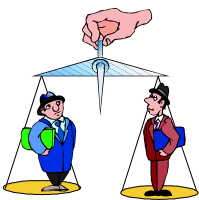
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Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

Our Sale of work took place in November '03 and raised the sum of €11,944. We thank everyone who helped to make it a huge success as usual.

The Annual Christmas Dinner in the Straffan Court Hotel in December was enjoyed by a large number of our Senior Citizens and our invited guests, we wish to thank the Hotel Staff for their attention and courtesies to all.

The AGM was held in the Health Centre in February. The following committee were elected:

Chairperson;	Josephine Moore
Vice Chairperson and P.R.O.	Patsy O'Rafferty
Treasurer ;	Catherine Mulready
Asst.Treasurer;	Mairead Bean
Secretary;	Joan Lennon
Asst.Secretary;	Patricia Cusker

Our next Tea Dance takes place on Sunday, March 21st in the G.A.A. Club on Moyglare Road at 3 pm. Our future tea dances take place on the third Sunday of each month.

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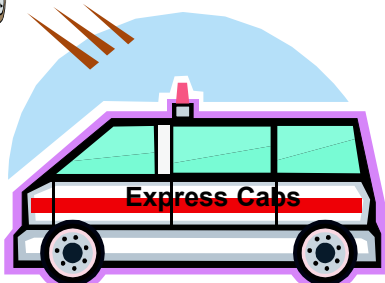
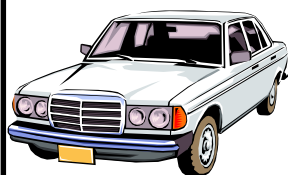


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Stan Cosgrove – Moyglare Stud Farm

Moyglare Stud is located just outside the town of Maynooth in sight of Saint Patrick's College University Campus. Located in 450 acres of beautiful manicured pastures it houses some of the most expensive Blood Stock in the world. The Stud Farm is owned by Mr. Walter Haefner who resides in Switzerland and is managed by Mr. Stan Cosgrove. Here in this oasis of rich County Kildare grasslands, world famous for its limestone base, mares give birth to a new generation of foals that will further enhance the prestige of the Irish Blood- Horse. At this time of year the carefully nurtured gardens are waiting to explode into colour as we advance further into spring. The granite built Reception and Administration area is a throwback to a more leisurely and genteel time when people were able to absorb and appreciate the quality of nature that surrounded them. In the adjoining field four mares and their foals rested, before their curiosity of the writer with his arms on the gate made them move ever closer. It was a moment of sheer magic and made me understand why Stan Cosgrove has such a firm belief in God and Nature. We at the Newsletter were delighted when our request to interview Stan Cosgrove was so readily acceded to. We also acknowledge the help and advice given by his secretary Ms. Ita Murphy in arranging the date and time.

Stan Cosgrove always had an interest in horses. From an early age he had a pony and rode out on his uncle's farm. His father was a qualified Pharmacist and Doctor who ran a chemist shop in Newbridge. His uncle was a Vet and probably influenced Stan in that direction. He liked farming but in those days, unlike now, the backing of a bank was not readily forthcoming in purchasing farming land. He qualified as a Vet and was taken on in that capacity by Moyglare around 1962. Stan became manager of the Stud Farm in 1971. His career has spanned over forty years and in that time he has earned the respect of his peers as one of the leading experts on the breeding and management of the thoroughbred Race-Horse. In discussing how Ireland has reached such an important position in the world Breeding Industry he put forward a number of factors that has contributed to our success. First, was the inaugural running of the Irish Sweeps Derby at the Curragh in 1962. The Derby was sponsored by the McGrath /Freeman/ Duggan Sweepstake Organisation. It was now going to take a better quality horse to win our Premier race. This brought new owners from abroad into Irish racing. It was new money and it helped to lift somewhat the quality of our blood stock. Another factor was the

emergence of the late Captain Tim Rogers and the Airlie Group of studs. Starting in the late fifties he brought in his first stallion, Ommeyad (by Hyperion). He was to subsequently stand some of the best stallions in Europe at his stud over the next twenty years. The names read like a Roll of Honour, High Hat, Habitat , Petingo , Sea Hawk and Astec amongst many others. He was a true professional and a dedicated breeder. Vincent O'Brien in his view fully deserves the Racing Post's award as the horse racing personality of the century. Six Epsom Derby winners in Larkspur, Sir Ivor, Nijinsky, Roberto, The Minstral and Golden Fleece pays testament to his flat racing career. Vincent O'Brien's successes attracted some very important owners like Charles Engelhard, Raymond Guest, Kenneth Galbreath and Robert Sangster into Irish Racing. In 1971, John Magnier, Robert Sangster and Vincent O'Brien set up the new Coolmore stud. Michael Tabor subsequently became a partner in the operation. Stan has the utmost respect for the people at Coolmore. He believes that they are extremely professional and are currently standing, in his opinion, the best Stallions in the world. He believes that the day of the stud farm standing one or two Stallions is gone because the economics do not justify it. Blood stock Breeding is becoming an extremely expensive Operation and it will be only the larger players who will remain in the business. Stan concluded by saying that in his view the Tax free Stallion Fees incentive scheme is the single most important element in Ireland holding it's position as a world leader in producing quality blood stock. He has no doubt that should this incentive ever be withdrawn, a significant proportion of the 25,000 jobs involved in the industry would be at risk.

Stan has seen some very good jockeys in his lifetime from the era of Sir Gordon Richards to the current UK Champion, Irishman, Kieran Fallon. He considers Lester Piggott to be the best jockey of all time, without a doubt. Stan considers Lester to be a man apart because of his tactical genius. In winning the Arc on Alleged in 1977, he gave a masterful exhibition of race riding to make all the running to win in a style reminiscent of the immortal Ribot. Returning the following year he rode Alleged from off the pace and produced this great colt inside the last furlong to win handy from Balmerino. Few will ever forget the St.Leger of 1968. Riding Ribero who had suffered a busted abscess in his mouth the night before and hating the rain softened ground, Lester, literally hanging over one side of the saddle carried the weary horse across the line. He considers Richard Hughes a very stylist jockey and feels a lot of horses run for him that might not do their best for other jockeys. He pays tribute to the late Derek O'Sullivan and his team who founded the RACE apprentice school in Kildare. Their contribution in making the Irish jockey into a top

Moyglare Stud Farm



Stan with secretary Ita Murphy



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international race rider was immense. The discipline, education and character building developed at the school helped enormously in a young jockey's career. Stan has seen many great horses in his lifetime. He considers Nijinsky, the last winner of the English Triple Crown, to be one of the best. This great horse by Northern Dancer won the Two Thousand Guineas, the Derby and the St Leger in 1970. He went on to become a great stallion in his own right. He agrees with the Time Form assessment that Sea Bird was the best Epsom Derby winner, of all time. Shergar, the Epsom and Irish Derby winner, would also rank high on his list of great horses. The subsequent kidnap and loss of his investment in this brilliant horse caused great upset to Stan at the time but as will be later explained he had the faith to overcome that trauma.

Stan Cosgrove has looked after and managed Moyglare for the past 35 years. During that time he has seen it grow from its infancy to one of the most powerful players in the field. The farm holds shares in the most expensive and successful stallions in the world. In Ireland, the list is headed by Sadler's Wells and Baratheia. In the United States of America, the list is headed by Gulch and Woodman. They are just a few of the many stallions who have serviced the mares from Moyglare. The farm has produced Great Group One winners like Assart, Dress to Thrill, Go and Go and Refuse to Bend, the winner of last year's English Two Thousand Guineas. Stan also has a particular liking for that great American Stallion, Affirmed, now deceased. His three races for the American Triple Crown against Alydar will live long in the memory of all good racing men. Affirmed finished first on all three occasions with both horses giving their heart for the run to the wire. When I asked Stan did he have any concerns for the Racing and Breeding Industry he said that there are one or two problems on the horizon. There is now a growing shortage of light weight young people to train as jockeys and there is a possibility that we may have to take in people from abroad to ride our horses. Regarding the Breeding Industry he is of the opinion that unless Breeders successfully out cross from the Northern Dancer Line there is a danger that the thoroughbred horse could be weakened.

With the interview drawing to a close, I asked Stan what motivated him through life. He has great faith in God and his doctrines that has been handed down through successive generations from the time of Paul. He believes in character, honesty, personal discipline and the idea that one should always be trying to improve ones self and looking to help the needs of others. He is also a great believer in prayer. There is no doubt that these qualities have been appreciated by the owner of Moyglare who has entrusted Stan to captain the ship for the past four decades and for a good few years more we hope.

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Cllr. John McGinley

Bond Bridge & Meadowbrook Link Road

The cost of constructing the new Bond Bridge is €6m and the County Manager stated, in early January, in his Budget Report "that the funding accumulated through the budgetary process for Bond Bridge was €427,393". As he did not mention the funding accumulated from Special Development Levies over the years Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

"That an account be given on where the following Special Development Levies, which were collected for the construction of a new Bond Bridge, were spent:

❑ Beaufield	£103,981
❑ Meadowbrook	£159,316
❑ Ashleigh Court	£6,000
❑ Woodlands	£34,000
❑ Newtown Court	£81,000
❑ Parsons Hall	€120,000
❑ Castle Dawson	€838,200

A total of €1,459,515"

The good news is that when Cllr. McGinley asked the County Manager at the Council Meeting, held in Carton House on 26th January, when he proposed bringing his funding proposals for Bond Bridge before Council for approval, he stated that he would do so at the March Meeting. He also stated that he expected work to begin on the Meadowbrook Link Road within a matter of weeks.

Cllr. John McGinley Lodges Objection to 241 Dwellings at Newtown, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley has lodged an objection with Kildare County Council in relation to the revised planning application by Sherwood Homes Limited for 241 dwellings at Newtown, Maynooth. Last August the County Council refused planning permission for 238 dwellings on the same site

Commenting on the reason for his objection Cllr.

McGinley stated that in the first instance the application remains premature as the subject site, whilst zoned for new residential, cannot be developed in advance of the implementation of flood alleviation measures on the Meadowbrook and Lyreen Rivers as outlined in the Hydro Environmental Limited report which was commissioned by Kildare County Council in 2001. The Office of Public Works did carry out work on the Meadowbrook and Lyreen Rivers in 2002 but the major works required by the report which included culverting at Bond Bridge have not been carried out to date.

In addition Cllr. McGinley indicated that the density of the proposal at 13 units to the acre was excessive and did not conform with existing low density housing in Castledawson and Parson's Hall Estates. In effect the high density proposed would have an adverse effect on the amenity of adjoining properties because of the poor quality of design put forward by the applicants. This high density proposal would also adjoin open countryside, which is not recommended under the Residential Guidelines for Planning Authorities.

Finally Cllr. McGinley was critical of the proposal to incorporate 24 three storey duplex town houses into the proposal. Existing housing in the area is made up of two storey houses and bungalows and the three storey houses would be out of character and incompatible with same.

Cllr. McGinley was supported in his objection by his colleagues Cllr. Colm Purcell and Deputy Emmet Stagg. In conclusion Cllr. McGinley looked forward to the rejection of this revised proposal and he complimented the Resident's Associations of Castledawson Estate, Parsons Hall Estate and Newtown/Rathcoffey Road who had submitted detailed objections to the proposal.

Castle Dawson Housing Estate, Maynooth

Following requests from residents Cllr. McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

"That the developer of Castle Dawson Estate,

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Maynooth, be asked to take remedial action to rectify the problems with the inadequate sewage system servicing the estate"

Bus Bays at the Girls' School in Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following update on his motion at the Area Meeting in January:

"A revised design has been received and is currently being checked by the Road Design team. I am hopeful, on this occasion, that it will be in order and acceptable to the D.T.O. On a related issue, the D.T.O. will be agreeing its 2004 programme of work in early February and I am hoping that there will be a final closure in relation to this item"

Cllr. McGinley stressed that if the Council was to retain its credibility it was vital that this work was completed immediately.

Signs Directing HGV's to the M4

As a result of Cllr. McGinley's motion to have through traffic HGV's taken out of Maynooth's Main Street, signs have been erected directing them to the M4.

New Bandstand for Pound Park (Green) to be in place for St. Patrick's Day

Cllr. John McGinley's proposal to have a bandstand erected in Pound Park (Green), Maynooth is about to be realised. Council Officials have stated that the new stand is being constructed off site and that it was expected that it will be erected on The Green by the end of February. As it is beside the bandhall it will be a great asset for St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band and for the people of Maynooth.

Lark Homes Pub Development at Beaufield Shopping

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to put a stop to the unauthorised dumping by the developer in the land opposite Brookfield. He has also asked the Council to ensure that truck wheels are washed by the developer in order to ensure that they don't spread muck on the Meadowbrook Road.

Safety at exit from the University Village Apartments, Moyglare Road

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the President of NUI Maynooth to take measures to improve safety at the exit from the University Village Apartments on the

Moyglare Road. The President, Dr. W.J. Smyth has advised Cllr. McGinley that he shares his concern and that steps will be taken over the next few months improve matters.

Flooding on the Rathcoffey Road outside Castle Dawson

Cllr. McGinley has asked the Council to examine the causes for the flooding of this new roadway and to take corrective action to prevent it from recurring.

Trees in Cluain Aoibhinn Estate, Maynooth

Trees that were planted here about a year ago have since died and Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to have them replaced. He has also asked the Council to plant mature trees to replace those removed without permission last year.

The Courthouse Square, Maynooth

The Council did a great job on the Courthouse Square in Maynooth some six years ago. Unfortunately, it looks naked as the creepers for the pergola were removed by vandals shortly after they were planted. Cllr. McGinley has asked the Council to arrange to have new creepers planted, in co-operation with the Tidy Towns Committee. Cllr. McGinley has been advised by the Tidy Towns Committee that it is on their work programme for 2004 and he has offered to provide funding from his Discretionary Grants allocation should that be necessary.

Dangerous Bridge across the Canal at Maynooth Train Station

Cllr. John McGinley has asked CIE to carry out immediate repairs to make this footpath safe. It is old and unsteady and two of the steps have parts rotted off. Better lighting is also needed.

Cllr. McGinley has also asked CIE to consider putting a new bridge at this location and this is an opportune time as the Council are at present drawing up an Action Plan for the Harbour Area.



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