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# GETTING TO KNOW FATHER JIMMY

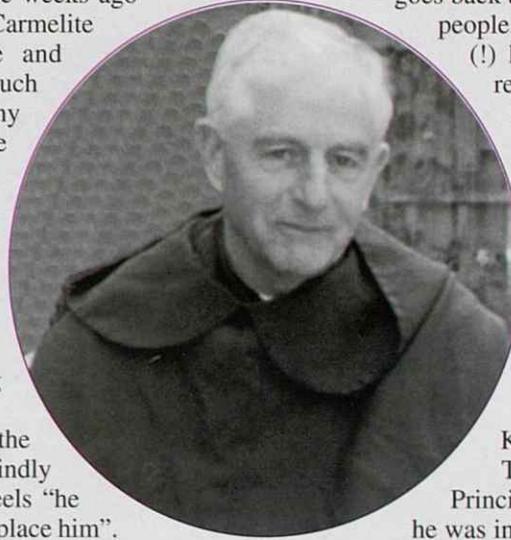
At the installation of Fr. Jimmy some weeks ago Bishop Eamon Walsh thanked the Carmelite Order, on behalf of the Diocese and Knocklyon Parish, for providing such splendid pastoral care over the many years since the inauguration of the Parish. He noted that, once again, the Carmelite Order had been most generous in providing Knocklyon with such a wonderful new Parish Priest in the person of Fr. Jimmy Murray, whom he knew would continue the work carried out by his predecessors in the same marvellous and caring manner.

By now most people will have had the pleasure of meeting Fr. Jimmy, the kindly warm man who in his own words feels "he has succeeded David, but could not replace him". To those of us who have encountered Fr Jimmy to date, it is very obvious that he will guide and direct our Parish, in a very kind and gentle way which seems to be his lovely style!

Fr. Jimmy was born in Westmeath, though his parents lived in Longford. There were six in the family – five boys and one girl, and Fr. Jimmy is second eldest. The family had a pub and a farm and so there was plenty of activity and variety to life when growing up. It ensured that there were few idle moments but it was always fun. ("Work helped to rein in our otherwise wild spirits!"). The family lived in Longford but during his secondary school education Fr. Jimmy lived with his grandmother in Westmeath, as he was attending the Carmelite College in Moate. It was during this time that the desire to become a Carmelite was born.

On completion of his secondary school education, Fr. Jimmy entered the Novitiate in Kinsale. At the end of that year, he came to Gort Muire student house from where he attended UCD, obtaining a B.A. in English and Philosophy. Further study at Terenure College led to a H.Dip. after which Jimmy studied Philosophy and Theology at Gort Muire.

Fr. Jimmy was ordained in 1965 and then taught at Terenure College for one year. To his delight and joy, Jimmy was then asked to return to Moate to teach at the Carmelite College there, which he happily did until 1982. Jimmy had the honour and privilege of being the first past pupil to go back and teach in Moate. These were wonderful years for him, as he felt then, and still feels, that his roots are very deep in Moate – he had gone to school there and then had the pleasure of teaching in his old school, and during that time playing football, as a priest, for the local club. To this day, Jimmy feels Moate is where he calls "Home" and he



goes back as often as he can, where he knows most people, and has lots of friends. In his spare time (!) he likes to go down to the country to relax; to see the old folks (whom he has known all his life), and he always drops into Mullingar & Tullamore Hospital, where he will surely find some patient he knows.

In 1982 Jimmy was appointed Principal of Terenure College where he spent nine very happy years. In 1991 he took a sabbatical and went to study in Berkley, California after which he returned to Ireland to take up the position of Novice Master in Kinsale for one year.

Then in 1993 back again to Moate as Principal for four years – during which time he was involved in the amalgamation of the three schools in the area.

In 1997 Fr. Jimmy was appointed Prior and Manager of Terenure College, a position he held up to his arrival in Knocklyon. During his time there much development and refurbishment took place in the College – which has a junior and senior school catering for approximately one thousand students, many of whom are from Knocklyon.

Fr. Jimmy is delighted to be in Knocklyon. Here he discovered a community celebrating life and love and expressing it in word, music and song in the Sunday liturgy. This is his first experience of parish work and he is fascinated with the amount of activities in the Parish – he listed off the various groups he has discovered ... nineteen support and service groups; fourteen sports, social and educational groups; six music and communications drama groups and many, many more. Much of his time has also been spent in the schools, meeting and getting to know the teachers and the children; setting up structures for next year's Communion and Confirmations, and supporting the new Chaplain in the Community School, where he recently met the new first year students. He has also visited Ballyroan school where he discovered that thirty-two of the sixth years are young adults from Knocklyon.

Fr. Jimmy is finding Knocklyon a wonderfully dynamic parish – so much going on ... he hopes to contribute to that work and keep up with the pace of the people whom he thinks are marvellous and so welcoming! He is amazed at the generosity of the people, who give of their time and talents ... and yet always seem to have a smile!

Fr. Jimmy is looking forward to getting to know the many parishioners in Knocklyon and for our part, we are looking forward to having this gentle, caring man among us for a very long time.

– Sylvia Doyle

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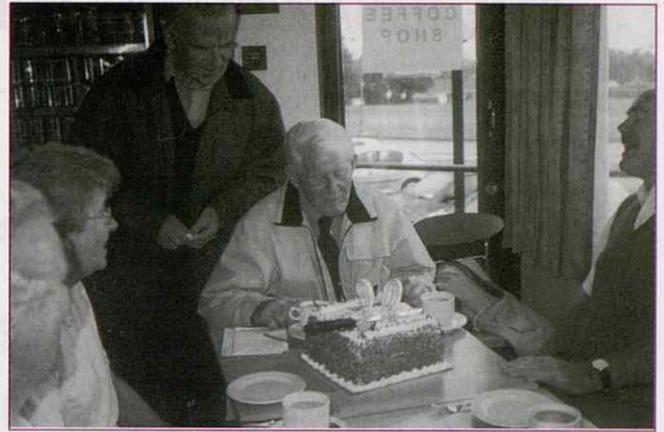
# K.A.R.A. NEWS

Since our last report in October K.A.R.A. members continue to be kept busy. We had a most interesting and enjoyable holiday at the end of September in the Quality Hotel and Leisure Centre in Cork where we were made very welcome by the friendly and helpful staff and availed to the full of all the excellent facilities – the gym, the swimming pool and the jacuzzi. As well as visiting the food festival in the English Market and the Cork City Gaol, we made a trip to Fota Gardens and Wildlife Centre and to the Queenstown Experience in Cobh. Another very pleasant day was spent in Kinsale. The whole holiday was enhanced by the glorious weather conditions.

Our normal activities continue. At some of our Tuesday meetings a group plays bridge and on others we have exercise sessions. Bowls and Badminton can be played on Thursday afternoons. There was a visit to the National Concert Hall on November 1st for an Evening with Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Sullivan. There will also be an afternoon's dancing at the Burlington Hotel on Sunday 16th November.

Once again, our meetings are at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesdays, and Badminton and Bowls are on Thursdays at 1 p.m. – both in Knocklyon Community Centre. For further information contact Terrie Erdpohl (President) Tel. 494 5500, Lyla Kennedy (Vice-President) Tel. 494 2830, Noel Mordaunt (Secretary) Tel. 269 5188 or John Davis (Treasurer) Tel. 451 2222.

# Happy 90th Birthday Bill!



Bill Kennedy celebrates his 90th birthday in The Iona Centre.

## FRANCES JOINS THE PRESBYTERY TEAM

We extend a very warm welcome to Frances Byrne who has joined Cora on the staff of the Presbytery. Frances, from Churchtown, has served with the Carmelite Order for over 21 years. We hope her time with us in Knocklyon will be happy and enjoyable.



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# PRESENTATION TO FRs DAVID, MÍCÉAL AND MARTIN - THE IONA CENTRE, FRIDAY OCTOBER 10, 2003

A celebration was held in the church on Friday, 10th October, to mark the departure of the three priests leaving the parish this summer. There was a good attendance at the Mass, and the combined choirs added to the evening, with their usual excellence. Fr. David was principal celebrant.

A party in the Parish Centre, at which Gay Byrne made a presentation to the three priests, followed the Mass.

In the course of the Mass, Fr. Jimmy referred to the trojan work which his predecessor had done, and which he said he would find difficult to emulate, using the apt phrase "a free range Parish Priest" to describe Fr. David's work ethic.

In making the presentation, Gay referred to the great energy and enthusiasm that Fr. David applied to the many duties associated with running a busy parish, and borrowed a quotation from a recent newspaper article about Pope John Paul, "he has an amazing capacity for hard work". He also spoke about the great prayerfulness that marked all Fr. David's ceremonies.

Fr. Mícéal didn't stay as long with us as we would have liked. However in the short time he was with us he earned great popularity. We will miss his charm, his sense of humour and his wonderful singing voice, which added greatly to every church occasion. Terenure College's gain is Knocklyon's loss.

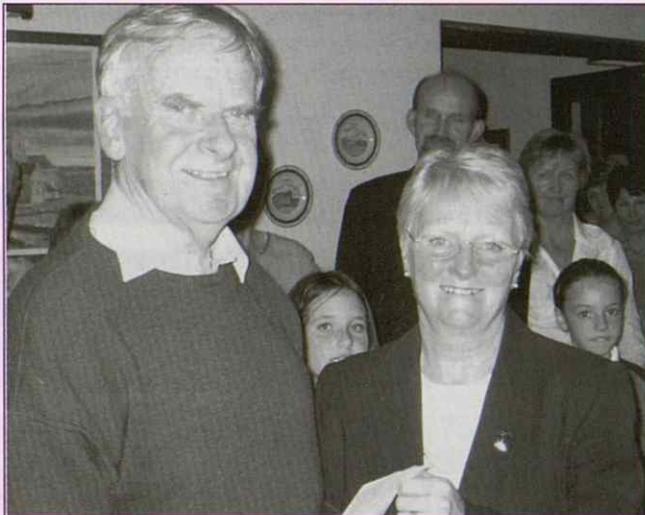
Fr. Martin is returning to his home base in



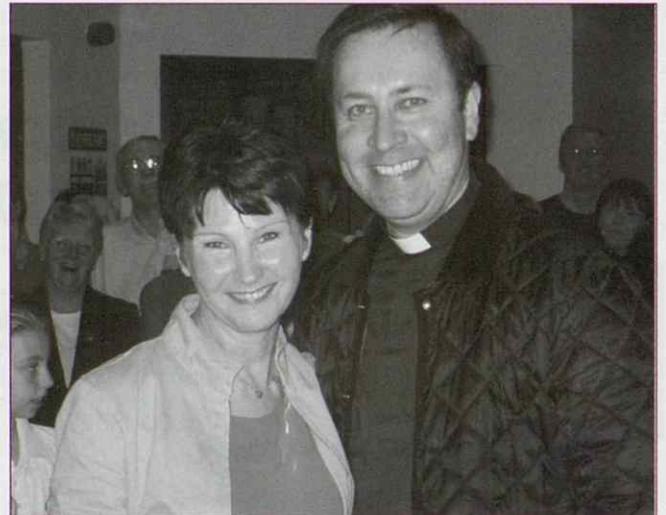
Fr. Mícéal with Sylvia Doyle.

Whitefriar Street, along with Fr. David. Martin was first chaplain to the Community School, and was very popular with the students, and will be greatly missed by them.

The evening allowed us a chance to wish those leaving the Parish good health, happiness and God's blessing for the future, while welcoming Frs Jimmy, Paddy and Philip. The message in Gay's words was, "We miss you guys, so please keep in touch."



Fr. David with Bernie Rossney.



June Keenan-Heavey with Fr. Martin.

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Yes it's that time of year again, the time of door knocking, pulpit preaching and community manoeuvres . . . . . yes it's Christmas Fair time. The time when we ask all of Knocklyon to do their bit in whatever way they can . . . . . Why? . . . Well, to raise some much needed funds and at the same time have a great day out . . . spend a few euro and win a few prizes . . . . . but yes there is always a but . . . . . *we need your help.*

### **What's new?**

Last year was a great success with all the new attractions, we had a great range of new gifts that went like hot cakes – and even the old reliables did great – in fact it was a super day, so this year we will do it all again and maybe add a few extra bits!

### **How can I help?**

Ring 4941204, the Christmas Fair hot-line . . . leave your name and if under 18, your age and we will get back to you.

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## Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna Oscailt Oifigiúil

The official opening of the Gaelscoil on 16th of October was witnessed by teachers, pupils, parents and invited guests (including local representatives, principals of local schools and members of local sports and social clubs).

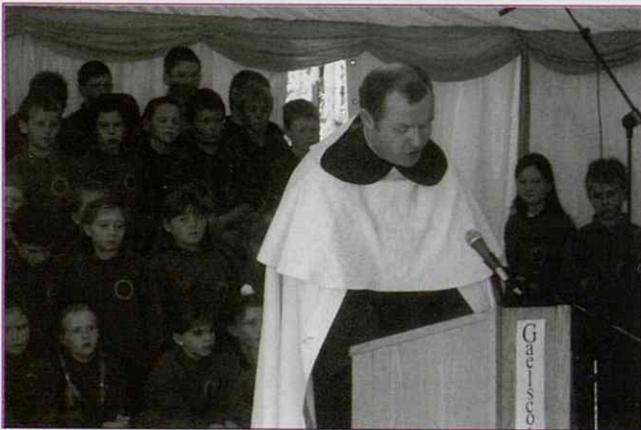
Since the Gaelscoil first opened in 1996 with 36 pupils it has grown from strength to strength and now caters for over 200 children. All of these children participated in a wonderful presentation of music, song and dance, and it was obvious that every single one of them enjoyed their performance (some budding stars were evident here!).

Our own Fr. Philip joined Fr. Coughlan (from Finglas) for the prayers in blessing the Gaelscoil, while Minister Seamus Brennan performed the official opening and unveiling of the inscribed stone at the entrance to the school.

Over the years we have included regular reports from the Gaelscoil in the 'Knocklyon News' so we are aware of the success and achievements of the children in all aspects of education, sport and the arts.

We wish Príomhoide Treasa Ni Chinneide and her staff continued success in Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna and congratulate them on what has grown from classes in a rented hall to a well established centre of education.

"Guimid gach rath ar bhur saothair."



The blessing by an tAthair Philip at the official opening of Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna.

(More photos on Page 22.)

## LOCAL AUTHOR

Mary Rieke Murphy's book of short stories was launched recently in The Irish Writers' Centre in Parnell Square. 'Just Outside' reflects on her experience of settling in Ireland and the differences between two cultures. The process of observing, adapting and integrating into another cultural community is explored in the ordinary events of life – looking for a job, the birth of a first baby, a funeral, Christmas, visitors and so on.

The stories are counter-balanced with a slowly unfolding and deepening emotional complexity, representing a gradual shift from being an observer to being a participant.

Mary Rieke Murphy lives in Orlagh Lawn, Scholarstown Road and is married to Dr. Michael Murphy. They have three daughters, Gráinne, Muireann and Sorcha.

'Just Outside' is engaging and captivating. The book is published by Lagan Press, Belfast.

## K.A.I.E.S. Knocklyon Adults in Educational Studies

After such a brilliant summer we on the K.A.I.E.S. Committee are delighted with the response to our Autumn Programme. We welcome back many familiar faces and are pleased to see so many new ones also. K.A.I.E.S. offers a wide variety of day and evening classes in Knocklyon Community Centre. These classes range from the arts, sports, music, dance and leisure activities, languages, alternative therapies and a Counselling Certificate from NUI Maynooth.

We appreciate the support and encouragement we have received from the community in Knocklyon over the past ten years and look forward to welcoming many of you back again after Christmas to take part in our Spring Programme.

We would like to extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Gerry Hughes who died recently. During his time as Manager of Knocklyon Community Centre Gerry always greeted us with a smile and a helping hand. We will miss him very much.

– Pauline Sheedy

## LOVE IS IN THE AIR!

We send sincere congratulations to Ruth Kelly and her colleague Des Murphy who have announced their engagement.

Some parishioners will have met Des as he has accompanied Ruth at some musical performances in recent months.

We are delighted for the happy couple who work together in the Community School, and wish them every happiness for the future.

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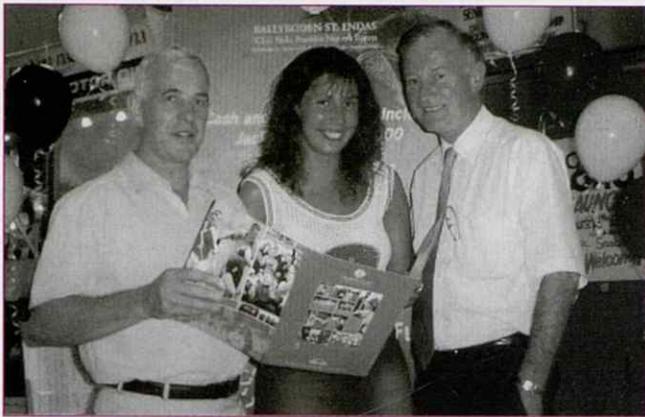
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# BALLYBODEN ST. ENDAS



**Ballyboden St. Endas Club Lotto – At the launch of Year 5 were, from left: Dan Browne, Committee member; Emma O'Regan and Cathal Macarthy, Macarthy Auctioneers and Estate Agencies, Sponsors of Lotto Brochure.**

A treble championship success in camogie in eight days was among the highlights of a great start to the month of October. Added to this the Under 16 hurlers captured championship honours and the Senior A hurlers and Senior Footballers are still in contention for league honours.

On 11 October, the Under 16 hurlers (Liam Hogan, Robert Lambert, Denis Nagle, Brendan Swords, Colin Durkin) overcame Lucan Sarsfields to take the county title and the Under 16 camogie team (Nuala Pope, Eileen McNamara, John Byrne) broke a nine year gap to regain the top spot in the county when they beat Naomh Mearnóg.

A week later it was the turn of the Under 12A camogie team (Mona Uí Shúilleabháin, Catherine Cummins, Fiona Ní Shúilleabháin) to take county honours with a thrilling win over Naomh Bríd. Twenty-four hours later – the Under 13A team (Clarinda Noonan, Michaél Glynn) had a bit to spare in their win over Na Fianna.

The fifth year of the Club Lotto has kicked off with a €110,000 Prize Fund. Proceeds are earmarked for coaching development.

Contact any mentor or Gerry Hogan for subscription details.

Congratulations to Conal Keaney on his nomination for a Vodafone All-Star hurling award and on his selection along with Stephen Hiney on the Leinster squad who will play Connacht in Rome on November 8 in the Railway Cup final. Well done also to Darragh Spain on his selection on the Ireland hurling/shinty squad for the international game with Scotland which will be televised live by BBC Scotland from Fort William. Gary Maguire was selected on the Under 21 squad for the game with Scotland. Paudi Ó Neill, Priomh Oide, St. Colmcille's Senior School is the senior team manager.

Well done to Director of Coaching, Enda McNulty on his nomination for a Vodafone All-Star Football award.

Set dancing classes have resumed and take place each Wednesday night in the clubhouse from 8.30. The monthly céilí takes places on the first Saturday.

Numbers at coaching nurseries every Saturday morning at Pairc Uí Mhurchú, Cherryfield and the Hermitage continue to soar. Contact Enda McNulty, Director of Coaching (087-799 5662/enda@bodengaa.ie) or Coaching Officer Brian O'Regan (087-699 8649/brian@bodengaa.ie) for further details.



**After match scene from Ballyboden St. Endas Under 12 Camogie Championship success.**



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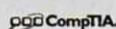
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*Ms Dore with Junior Infants.*

The first two months of the school year have been very memorable for pupils as teachers took full advantage of the local environment during the fine mild weather before Halloween.

All twenty four classes and thirty six teachers were accompanied by many parents on the school's sponsored walk which was a great success. The funds raised will be used to provide Audio-visual resources and video libraries for each class in order to further enhance the delivery of the revised primary curriculum. We are very grateful to everyone in the community who supported this initiative.

**STAFFING CHANGES**

Mr. Kieran Tierney who only joined the staff in 2001, has been appointed principal teacher of Edmondstown National School in our neighbouring parish. Kieran got a great send off from colleagues, pupils and parents before mid-term break. He was a very popular teacher who gave freely of his time to after-school activities particularly as a games coach. Indeed Mr. Tierney has delivered an eight week programme of Hurling and Camogie skills to second class pupils already this term. We wish him every success in his new position. Ms. Orla Monaghan from Rathfarnham, who has worked as a Resource teacher since September has now replaced Mr. Tierney in Room 8.

**NEW BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**

Six new recruits have joined the Board of Management. Principal Mr. Boyle and Board Treasurer Geraldine Kavanagh remain while Fr. Jimmy Murray (Chairperson), Rosemary O Connor ( Teachers' Rep.), Angelina Kirwan and Paul Thompson (Parents' Reps.) and Mary McKenna and Liam Cleere from the local community have newly taken up

the reins. The Board will have its first meeting of the four year term in late November. The governance of schools is a very onerous responsibility nowadays, so all are commended for their voluntary spirit. The outgoing Board who had a very successful stint overseeing some major development and refurbishment of the school are also thanked for their contribution. Fr. David Weakliam, Mr. Gabriel Cuddy, Mr. Quentin Nea, Mr. Liam Cleere, Ms. Ruth Kelly and Mrs. Ethna Rynne played a very important part in the school since their election in October 2000. Most of these volunteers have given long years of service on the Board.

**SCHOOL BUILDING**

Our new administrative office at the front entrance of the school is now open. Our clerical officers Trudagh Mc Elhone and Orla Coakley find that they can provide an even better service to pupils, teachers and parents in this central area of the school. The Board of Management funded this much needed extension from its own resources. We have still not received any indication from the Department of Education and Science that our November 2000 application for additional classrooms and facilities like library and resource rooms will be considered in the near future. As the school approaches its thirtieth birthday, it seems ridiculous that "temporary" prefabricated classrooms delivered over twenty years ago are still with us. Everyone in the school community now believes that these classrooms must be replaced as a matter of urgency as it's grossly unfair that a new generation of pupils is expected to spend between quarter and half of their primary years in prefabs. Parents intend to appeal to the Government to progress this issue so that our school receives some commitment in the 2004 School Building Programme.

**PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT**

The new Parents' Association organized a successful Coffee morning in aid of the Hospice at the Iona Centre on October 3rd. Some parents of our many new families were introduced to the activities of the Parents' Association for the first time. The Association has organised the collection of the pupils' voluntary insurance subscriptions and a very successful Book Fair during the first term. Nearly seventy volunteers have resumed our morning Shared Reading Scheme in sixteen classrooms in recent weeks. This scheme enables all pupils to read aloud to an adult much more regularly than would be possible for class teachers to organize. It is a great example of the in-school parent / teacher partnership in action. Mr. Cuddy, Ms. Copland and all the volunteers deserve great praise for their commitment to this work.



*Ms Mulqueen with Junior Infants.*



*Ms Callaghan with Junior Infants.*



*Ms Boland with Junior Infants.*



*Ms Gallagher with Junior Infants.*

**PENTEL AWARDS**

Ms. Garvey, our Visual Arts co-ordinator, announced the great news that the following pupils were successful with their entries to the International Pentel Competition.

From 750,000 entries worldwide we had thirteen winners: Sophie Fleury, Aisling O' Leary, Alison Doyle, Jenny Troy, Sarah Smith, Michael Hoareau, Megan Fanning, Rachel Keogh, Seán Doyle, Jamie Doherty, Heather Nolan, Rachel Whyte and Robbie Flynn.

The children were presented with their certificates in Lucan by the Japanese director of Pentel International.

**JUNIOR INFANTS 2004**

Nearly three hundred applications have been received for enrolment in next year's six Junior Infant classes. The closing date for applications before the first round of offers will be December 19th this year. As usual first priority will be given to the eldest qualifying applicants who are Catholic residents of Knocklyon parish and to those who have older siblings currently enrolled in St. Colmcille's National schools. Parents who have not yet completed application forms are advised to do so without delay. The first round of offers will be posted in January.

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHING PANEL**

The Board of Management wishes to draw up a list of fully qualified primary teachers from the locality, who may be available for substitute work over the Winter months. Principal teacher Mr. Boyle, Tel. 494 7422, will be delighted to hear from those interested.

**TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

There has been some confusion about the school approach



*Ms Ebbs with Junior Infants.*

route and arrangements for car parking since the beginning of the school year. Before, during and after school hours, visitors driving onto the school grounds must enter via the driveway directly in front of the Senior school and exit near the Iona Centre. The car park in front of the two schools is for staff cars only between 8.00 a.m and 3.00p.m. on school days. There are now 90 staff working at the two schools.

Those dropping and collecting pupils may use the set down area in front of the schools, while those who wish to park may use the playground near the Community Centre before and after school. There is very limited parking available near the Community Centre for those visiting during the school day. After the first year of operation parents have expressed delight with this safer route to and from school. If everyone continues to adhere to the system the safety of our fifteen hundred pupils, which is paramount, will be secured.

**BEGINNING OF YEAR PRAYER SERVICE AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

School Chaplain Fr. Philip and Religious Education co-ordinator Ms. Johnston organized lovely prayer services in mid-October. We prayed that everyone would have a happy and rewarding year in the Junior school. Pupils from Ms. Johnston's class produced a special mime to the tune of Circle of Friends, which encapsulated the school ethos very effectively. Fr. Jimmy, Fr. Philip and the six teachers of Second class will meet parents of First Communicants in mid-November. The 180 pupils will enrol for the sacraments at the weekend masses on November 29th and 30th.

**PENTEL WINNERS**



*Pentel awards pupils with Ms Corduff.*

## Nuacht ón Scoil Shinsearach – Senior School News

**Hallowe'en Activities** – Pupils and staff enjoyed the build up to Hallowe'en with the highlight being the Fancy Dress Day. Other activities included Hallowe'en dramas, writing competitions, poetry sessions and Hallowe'en Art and Craft activities.

**Sports News** – We had four school teams competing in the Cumann na mBunscol football competitions over the last number of months. Many thanks to all the parents who helped out with transport to the various games. Our 4th classes have commenced Badminton sessions every Tuesday. Their coaching sessions are provided by the Irish Badminton Union at their headquarters in Whitehall Road. The reaction of our pupils has been very positive and they are enjoying "The Badminton Experience".

**Extra-Curricular classes** – Our pupils are currently participating in a whole range of extra-curricular activities. Particular interest has been shown in the after-school Chess classes and the Creative Keyboard classes.

**Garda Visit** – Our local community Garda, Ciarán O'Neill spoke at Assembly to all of our classes in the run up to Hallowe'en. Garda Ciarán spoke of the dangers of bonfires and fireworks and he also dealt with other safety issues. Go raibh maith agat, Garda Ciarán.

**Artiste of the Week** – Our musical maestro, Mr Gearty, recently started a very popular 'Artiste of the Week' initiative. He auditioned dozens of hopefuls from 3rd to 6th classes and selected a number of pupils who are particularly talented musicians and singers. These pupils are afforded the opportunity to demonstrate their talent by performing in the main foyer each morning before school begins and they also perform at the weekly Tionóls (Assemblies). The following piece has been written by one of our Artistes, Orlagh Rynne, 5th class:

*Hello. I am Orlagh Rynne and I was Artiste of the week in mid October. This means I played my flute in the foyer of the school in the morning, at lunchtime and at assembly. I received many compliments for my performances.*

*Now a bit more about me. Hate to ruin a perfectly good article, but oh well . . . I am currently doing Grade 3 on the flute and I am in the Knocklyon Concert Band. I passed with 142 on my exam in Grade 2 and I've played in the National Concert Hall. My family have been so supportive and I'm thankful for that! Now my reign of terror is over, it is someone else's turn! I've enjoyed it thoroughly. Good luck to the next Artiste.*

*P.S. Thanks so much to Mr. Gearty and my flute teacher Michelle O'Reilly.*

**Mí-ádh – Hard Luck** – Hard luck to Ms. S. Timmins of our teaching staff, who was a member of the Dublin Ladies Football Squad who were narrowly defeated by Mayo in the recent All Ireland Ladies Football Final. Well done and hard luck also to Sorcha Farrelly, a former pupil of St.Colmcille's

who was on the Dublin team.

**Traditional Music Group** – Our school's Traditional Music Group are pictured in full flow, under the direction of Ms. S. Ryan (opposite page).

**Board of Management News** – The term of office of the outgoing Board of Management has now concluded. All members of the outgoing Board are thanked for their efforts over the last three years. A particular word of thanks to Fr. David Weakliam on the occasion of his departure from Knocklyon and a warm welcome to Fr. Jimmy Murray on his installation as Parish Priest.

**Book Fair** – In order to further promote and develop an interest in reading among our pupils, a Book Fair is planned for late November. A full programme of Reading related activities will run in conjunction with the Book Fair.

For more school news click on to our school web site at [www.stcolmcilles.org](http://www.stcolmcilles.org)



New teacher: Miss O. Maher, with some of her Third Class pupils.



Oíche Shamhna: Hallowe'en activities in St. Colmcille's SNS.

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## Senior School News

The Coiste Uaithne is back in action with new and experienced representatives from each class in the school.

We aim to:

- Keep our school litter-free.
- Encourage the families of Knocklyon to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.
- Examine energy and water conservation at school and in our homes.

To mark National Recycling Week, Room 9 performed an environment awareness play for all classes. Madam Earth is very ill in hospital, as a result of human pollution. We have poisoned her air, land and waters. To help save the planet, we must Reduce, Reuse and Recycle as much as possible.

Remember you can recycle your old mobile phone or toothbrush at Superquinn.

Míle buíchas le: Jackie who supervises our litter pickers during lunch times; Rang a Trí agus a Cúig, who have been on litter-picking duty this term.

We entered the Tidy School Contest last May. The results are due after the Hallowe'en break. Keep your fingers crossed.

Mr. Ruddy and his class have planted bulbs and winter-flowering plants. Alan Titchmarsh watch out!

### H<sub>2</sub>O

Can you work out the average daily water usage in St. Colmcille's. Mecon Water Management Ltd. is presenting €100 to the class with the closest guess.



Ms S. Ryan with some members of the Grúpa Tradisiúnta.

Did you know that one toilet flush uses fourteen litres of water?

### A WARM WELCOME

We warmly welcome the new teachers to the Coiste Uaithne: Ms O'Connor, Room 16; Ms Ryan, PF3; Ms McAllister.

Thanks to the "veterans" for their continued hard work and support!

Slán go fóil.



Artiste of the Week: Orlagh Rynne, 5th Class.



Another Artiste: Becky O'Neill, 4th Class.

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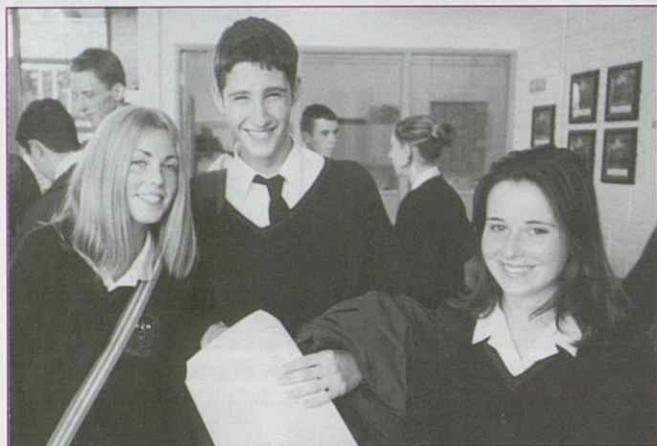
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# St. Colmcille's Community School News

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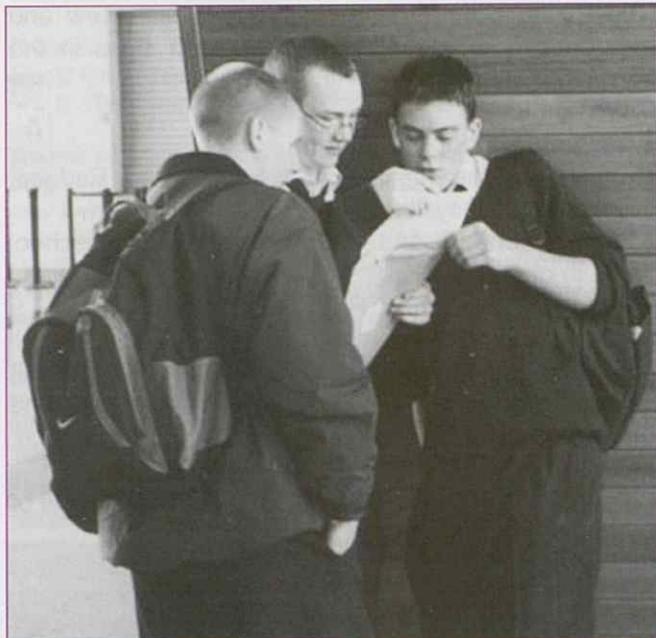
*A happy trio!*



*Sharing the good news!*



*Principal John McKennedy congratulates some pupils.*



*Comparing notes!*

The first set of Junior Certificate results for St. Colmcille's were released to the Students on September 10th. The results were simply outstanding. Teachers and parents along with our many partners in Education have good reason to be extremely proud of all that was achieved by the present TY and 5th Year students. A big well done to all.

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The new term has brought with it an offer of a wide range of extracurricular activities that will appeal to all tastes and enhance every talent. Our students are invited to participate in: interscholastic and intramural athletic programs; service and school clubs; music, art, and drama organisations; academic and vocational clubs. Usually conducted outside the normal school day, the activities are voluntary, and support the academic mission of our schools.

## TRANSITION YEAR NEWS

Our first team of Transition Year students got off to a very positive start. The induction week included a visit to Blessington Adventure Centre that aimed to foster a positive team spirit. This proved to be a very popular exercise with both students and teachers. Since then the

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# St. Colmcille's Community School News

students have started their many varied modules including photography, textiles, computers, DIY & Interior Design. Some students have also visited the following places: Dublinia, Collins Barracks, St. Enda's Park and Pearse Museum, Kilmainham Jail and the Spawell Pitch and Putt course. Some students have completed a certified kayaking course. All students will experience these trips as the year progresses. The first work placement will commence on 17th November for one week. There will be two further weeks planned for later in the academic year.

## WELCOME

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new students who have joined us in St. Colmcille's at 2nd year and 5th year. We hope you have settled into our school community and avail of the rich variety of activities on offer.

## FRENCH EXCHANGE

At present some of our second year students are enjoying the hospitality of French families in L'ile! They have opted to participate in the first French Exchange programme co-ordinated by Mr. Flynn and Ms Callaghan. A week-long event in France will see new friendships develop and give rise to many new experiences. The opportunity to increase their knowledge of the French language will of course be the main focus of the trip. We look forward to hosting our

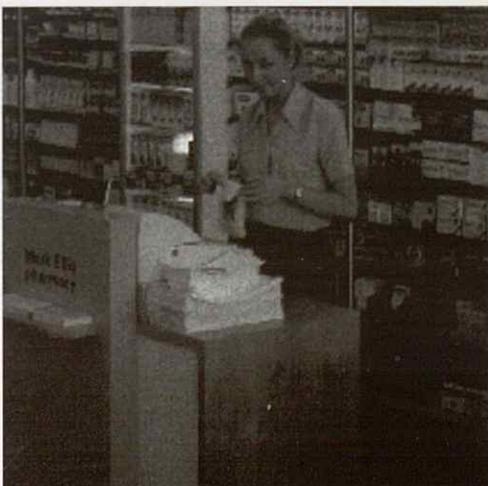
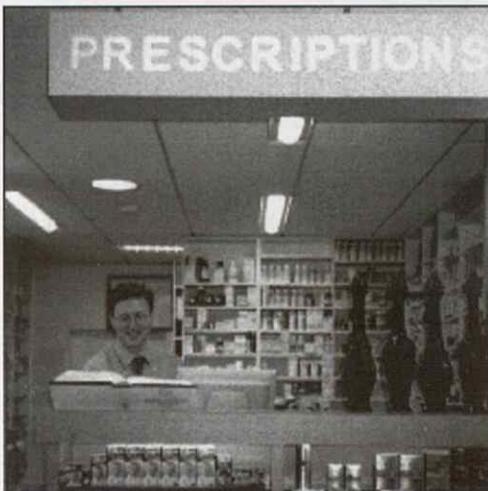
French colleagues when they come to Ireland.

## LITURGY FOR OPENING OF NEW SCHOOL YEAR

A big thank you to Ms Loughman Ms Williams, Ms Gilmer, Mr. Langan and Ms Bermingham and all participating students for the Liturgy celebrating the opening of the new school year. The theme chosen was 'Friendship and Community'. A nice gentle, prayerful atmosphere pervaded the school during the Liturgy. The music and readings presented gave all who attended a focus on the life, responsibilities, and challenges of our school community and how we should embrace them all in a caring spirit.



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Roberto and Premier Physiotherapy are looking forward to providing the community with a first class service.

For further information you can contact the clinic at 296 4964. (See our advert on Page 17.)

## KNOCKLYON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

### DRAW RESULTS

**June:** 1st, €380, Brian Hogan, Beverly;  
2nd, €190, Martin and Paula Callan, Beverly;  
3rd, €65, Finbar Dolan and Madeline, Delaford.

**July:** 1st, €380, Emily Moran, Orlagh Grove;  
2nd, €190, John Archbold, Ballyboden St. Endas;  
3rd, €65, Paul Behan, Coolamber.

**August:** 1st, €380, Patricia Deane, Orlagh Grove;  
2nd, €190, Ian Gaughran, Delaford;  
3rd, €65, Ben Coffey, Coolamber.

**September:** 1st, €380, Barney Coffey, Knocklyon;  
2nd, €190, David Rossi, Coolamber;  
3rd, €65, John Dwyer, Coolamber.

## Tribute to our friend Yvonne McCartan



The sudden illness and untimely death of Yvonne McCartan has greatly rocked and saddened all of us who were privileged to have known this lovely quiet, pleasant and unassuming lady.

We all got to know Yvonne through her attendance over the past sixteen years at the Wednesday morning aerobic classes in the Community Centre. We looked forward so much to her company and the cup of coffee afterwards. She brightened up our day with her witty jokes and good natured mannerisms but alas that is all gone and we miss her so much.

To her husband Michael, son Brian and Dad Kevin we express our sincere sympathy and prayers. May she rest in peace.

*From all her friends at the Wednesday Morning Aerobics Class.*

## KAIES ART EXHIBITION at The Community Centre

### ATTENTION LOCAL ARTISTS

Due to the success of our Exhibition last November we are once again showing the work of local artists. This year it will coincide with the Christmas Fair, on Sunday, 30th November.

There will be a hanging fee of €3 for small paintings and €5 for larger works. A percentage of each sale will be donated to the Christmas Fair.

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***DON'T FORGET***

- Deadline for the Christmas issue of the Newsletter is November 3rd.
- The AGM of Knocklyon Community Games will be held in the Community Centre on Thursday, 13th November, at 8.30 p.m.
- Over the coming weeks collectors will call door to door for goods for the Christmas Fair. Please be generous as in previous years!

***Farewell to Annie McCormack***

It is with much sadness that we in Superquinn will be bidding farewell to Annie who retires on Friday 14th November – I am sure that most of you, if not all, know her well from the shop.



Annie started in Knocklyon in 1985 when she became our resident demonstrator and worked every weekend selling whatever we had on special offer.

She was the face of Superquinn where she would greet every customer and by her sheer charm and expertise get you to buy whatever she was tasting. She definitely has to be one of the best selling agents out there and although her shoes are small(!!!) we will never be able to fill them.

Annie is planning to spend very valuable time with her family, and travel on her retirement, and is looking forward to her well-deserved break.

It goes without saying that all our customers and colleagues will greatly miss Annie who became a special friend to us all and always had a cheerful word and enjoyed the craic.

We wish Annie all the best for the future and hopefully she will make some special guest appearances in Superquinn over the coming years.

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## St. Colmcille's Parents' Association

We are now back in the flow of things following the start of the new school year.

Our first task is to welcome the new Boards of Management for the Senior and Junior Schools and to wish them well for the next four years. It can be an onerous task and the Parents' Association offers our full support and co-operation to the new incumbents.

We had our first lecture of the new school year on Tuesday October 14th. The speaker was Brendan Byrne, and he addressed the issue of bullying. We were delighted with the level of support from parents. Please continue to support our endeavours as a Parents' Association cannot operate in a vacuum and we need your participation.

The inaugural Coffee Morning for Junior Infant Parents was held in the Iona Centre on Friday October 3rd. All who attended had an enjoyable morning and funds raised went to the Hospice. We hope that this will become an annual event and that support will grow.

Please check schoolbags on a regular basis for notes and circulars from us, as this is our main method of communication with parents; again thanks to the school staff for their assistance in this.

The Parents Association, will be running the Book Fair for the Junior School from Wednesday 5th November to Wednesday 12th November. A special "parents' only" night will be held on Thursday 6th November to give parents a chance to browse in peace and to perhaps make a few "special" purchases. All profits from the Fair will go straight to the school in the form of books for the children.

Months or years have passed,  
yet we feel near to them. Our  
hearts yearn for them. Though  
the bitter grief has softened,  
a duller pain abides, for the  
place where once they stood is  
empty now. The links of life are  
broken. But the links of love and  
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On a serious note, parents with a child who has a nut allergy know how serious and frightening this can be. An allergic child does not need to ingest the offending item to have a reaction; contact with hands or even clothing can be enough to set it off. We urge parents to strictly adhere to school policy on this matter.

Congratulations to Mr. Tierney on his new appointment as Principal in Edmondstown Primary School. We wish him every success "up the hill" and undoubtedly the children of Edmondstown will only benefit from his commitment and dedication, as have the children of Knocklyon. We also wish the outgoing Principal of Edmondstown, Denis Coleman, a former Knocklyon resident, every success in his new role as Principal in Tralee CBS.

While on the theme of good news, the Parents' Association were thrilled to hear of Ruth Kelly's engagement to her colleague, Des Murphy. Long life and happiness to you both.

In his address to our AGM, our Senior School Principal Mr. O'Neill explained how our schools have come to reflect our society in becoming multi-cultural. Taking this on board, a copy of this article will appear on our WebPages on the schools website in French. Check us out at [www.st.colmcilles.org](http://www.st.colmcilles.org).

Finally, we want to welcome the new teachers to our schools. We hope that you all enjoy your time in our community and find your time here fulfilling both professionally and personally.

– Lisa O'Neill, 4938723

# Connect News

If you need help with a drug or alcohol problem or are in any way concerned, there are several places to turn to – e.g. your family doctor, pharmacist, clergy, teachers, social workers. Listed below, in alphabetical order, are also some useful phone numbers.

- **Community Awareness of Drugs**, 31 Central Hotel Chambers, Dame Court, Dublin 2. Tel: 679 2681. Drug education, advice and referral.
- **Coolmine Therapeutic Community**, Coolmine House, 19 Lord Edward Street, Dublin 2. Tel: 679 4822; 679 3765. Residential rehab programme for drug dependency.
- **Crosscare**, Clonliffe College, Dublin 3. Tel: 836 0011. Drug awareness programme.
- **Drugs/HIV Helpline**, Freephone: 1800-459-459. Confidential support and information service.
- **Drug Treatment Centre Board**, Trinity Court, 30/31 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. Tel: 677 1122; 648 8600.
- **Garda Station**, Rathfarnham, Community Officer, Tel: 666 6500.
- **Garda Station**, Tallaght, Junior Liaison Officer, Tel: 666 6000.
- **Hanly Centre**, The Mews, Eblana Avenue, Dun Laoghaire, Tel: 280 9795. Counselling service for families with alcohol problems.
- **Health Promotion Unit**, Department of Health, Hawkins House, Dublin 2. Tel: 635 4000.
- **Mater Dei Counselling Centre**, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3. Tel: 837 1892. Counselling service for 12-18 year-olds.
- **Narcotics Anonymous**, 4 Eustace Street, Dublin 2. Tel: 672 8000.
- **Rutland Centre**, Knocklyon Road. Tel: 494 6358. Residential addiction centre. Family intervention programmes.
- **Further information** is also available at [www.drugsinfo.ie](http://www.drugsinfo.ie).

## REMEMBERING PATRICIA ARMSTRONG R.I.P.

It was with profound sadness that we learned of the death after a short illness of our former colleague and friend on 27th Sept. last. Pat was a woman of great energy and enthusiasm – gifts which she brought to her work on the Knocklyon News almost 20 years ago when this publication was in its infancy. Pat was the driving force in establishing and maintaining a strong and loyal base of advertisers which enabled the Newsletter to become self-financing in a short period of time, thus securing its long term future. For many years she was an encouraging, supportive and dedicated member of our small editorial team.

As a person Pat was very special. Her warmth, generosity, thoughtfulness and kindness were obvious to all who knew her – no child ever visited Pat's house without being made a fuss of and coming away with a treat or two. She had a great sense of humour and in a quiet unobtrusive way was always "looking out" for other people.

She was a devoted wife to Jim, and loving mother to her four sons, Eoin, Niall, Damian and Ronan, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy on their tremendous loss.

All (of us) who worked with Pat on the Knocklyon News in those early days feel grateful for having known her and mourn her passing.

May she rest in peace.

– Editorial Team

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# KNOCKLYON COMMUNITY COUNCIL



The Knocklyon Community Council is concerned by the level of development proposed for the community. There are plans in place to provide over 2,000 housing units in and around the Hunterswood and Woodstown areas. Some of these plans have already been applied for, while others will shortly be sent to South Dublin County Council for approval.

The Community Council has been monitoring these planned developments and has a number of worries about what these will mean for the community should they be approved. It would seem that there are already a number of areas where the community is stretched to capacity without a further 2,000 homes being added to Knocklyon.

The roads around Knocklyon already face large congestion problems and the provision of public transport is not extensive enough to cope with a population that already exceeds 20,000. If these developments are given the go ahead, then there could be up to another 10,000 people living in Knocklyon and we are not sure that the community would be able to cope with such an increase.

There is also the issue of school places to consider. Parents in the community already are having difficulty finding a place for their children in the local schools. We have contacted the Department of Education and they have informed us there are currently no plans for any major extension of the primary or community schools. Should these developments be approved places will be even more difficult to attain.

We would like to stress that we are not opposed to the provision of extra housing in the area and would welcome development if the infrastructure is provided to support it. We will continue to keep an eye on these planning decisions and will keep you updated.

The youth organisation, Foróige, will be holding another meeting this month with a view to setting up a club in the area. The idea is to provide a social and activity based club for the youth in the Parish.

This club will only be possible if there are enough parents willing to act as volunteers to support it. Any interested parents should attend the meeting on November 11th in the Community Centre at 8 p.m.

*- David Hickey, Chairman.*

If you would like to contact the Community Council please ring David Hickey 493 7731 or Jimmy Healy 087- 647 9104.

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## FORÓIGE YOUTH CLUB – VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

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The club will give young people aged 12 and over the opportunity to have fun, make friends, socialise in a safe environment and make a positive contribution to the local community.

We need volunteers (aged 18 +) from the area to help in the running of the club. The commitment is only one night a week, with training and support provided. Volunteering is fun, helps you meet new people and makes an enormous contribution to the community.

There will be an information meeting where you can come along to learn more about Foróige and ask any questions about volunteering. The details are as follows:

**Foróige Information Night**  
**Tuesday November 11th**  
**Knocklyon Community Centre**  
**8 p.m.**

I look forward to seeing you on the night, or if you would like some further information, please contact me:

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# KNOCKLYON JUNIOR BADMINTON

Personally, I remember thinking at one of our meetings in the Knocklyon Community Centre on a hot summer evening in the middle of July when problems appeared to be escalating and paper work was building – “Help, I am on holidays get me out of here”. I am sure my fellow Committee colleagues at times had similar thoughts, but nobody said a word, everyone ploughed ahead. It was a pleasure to be a part of this hard-working dedicated Committee who, in the middle of June, set ourselves a goal and thankfully we reached that goal, we resolved those problems, got through the paperwork and on the 7 September 2003 we opened the doors of the ‘Knocklyon Junior Badminton Club’.

The aim of the club is to encourage and foster the game of Badminton and to provide playing opportunities for all levels of play. With this in mind our selection committee along with the support of our “brilliant” coach Dain McMillan have submitted 5 teams to represent us in the BUI Leinster Branch Juvenile League. Our first game took place for our U/17’s on the 1st November. While the external league teams are in action we will also be running internal Christmas Championship Matches for the rest of our members – so good fun should be had by all.

Membership of our club is open to children and young adults between the ages of 9 and 18 years (incl.), Club membership unfortunately, is restricted to 55 members and at the public meeting we held last June, we reached maximum numbers. However, we meet every Sunday morning in the Knocklyon



*We're in the league!*

Community Centre between 10.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. and if anyone wishes to put their name on a waiting list or to find out more about the club please feel free to drop in. As vacancies arise offers of membership will be made by the Committee.

**– Breda Fitzharris, Chairperson, Knocklyon Junior Badminton Club.**

## MARY’S MEMOIRS

Mary Kennedy who lives in Coolamber spent much of the summer writing ‘Paper Tigers’. The co-presenter of ‘Open House’ opens her heart as she shares details of some of the most important events in her life.

Mary has dedicated her book to the memory of her late mother, and one of the most beautiful pieces in the book is the chapter describing the last weeks of her Mum’s life.

We wish Mary every success with this lovely collection of stories and we recommend that ‘Paper Tigers’ is included on all shopping lists for Christmas.



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The Cross Country season is in full swing. Congratulations to our athletes who have taken part in the Winter League. Well done to Lisa Barnwell, Shauna Cannon and Grainne Moggan in the U-14 section and to Oisín Cannon in the U-13 competition.

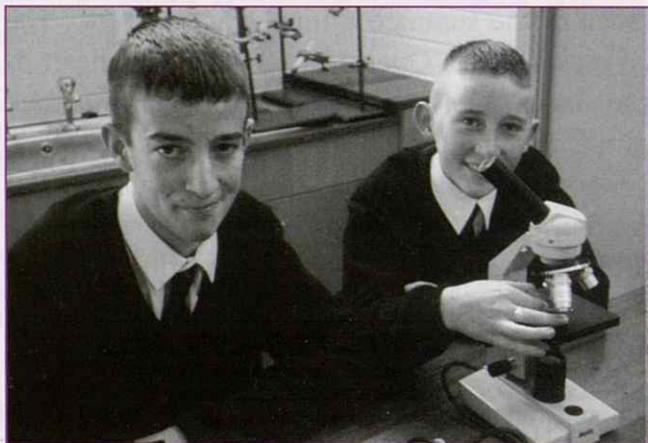
Special congratulations to those athletes taking part in their first Cross Country season. U-10's – Ciara Vincent, Gina Cannon, Cliona O'Sullivan, Karen Bobbett, Lynn Downey, Niamh Connell, Kerrie Griffin and Domhall Ryan. U-11's – Roisin Basquel, Anna O'Connor, Claire McMorrough and Laura Harris. U-12's – Michelle Bobbett, Sorcha McCormack, Aoife Merren, Rebecca Dooley and Niall Connell. U-13's – Marie Claire Foley and Kathryn Whyte.

The Dublin Cross Country Championship take place on the 9th and 16th November. These are the most important dates of the Winter season. All athletes from 1994 and before, are eligible to take part. These are team events and it is essential for all to participate.

Training sessions for the Winter are as follows: Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m., Sancta Maria College, Ballyroan (side entrance); Thursdays, 6.30-7.30 p.m., Firhouse Community Centre, Firhouse; Sundays, 11-12 noon, Cherryfield Park. All sessions will include outdoor training.

For further information contact Aine at 493 1764.

## NEW FACES AT ST. COLMCILLE'S COMMUNITY SCHOOL



Niall Wallace and Brian Coughlan settle in.

# KNOCKLYON UNITED



The new season is now up and running with many of the teams doing extremely well. The soccer nursery, which caters for boys and girls aged 6 and 7, has also started and takes place at the Knocklyon Community School every Sunday morning between 11 a.m. and 12 noon. The committee would like to thank AJ Jones, Gerry Cash, Paul Dennehy and Bernard Jones for their help in setting it up. It is a very important part of the club, as it will ensure teams for the club in the future and helps develop the players in the community.

## DELAFORD DRESSING ROOM

The club opened the doors of our new dressing room at Delaford a number of weeks ago and with the bad weather upon us, it will prove very popular with both players and parents. A lot of hard work went into the development of the dressing room and as it cost in excess of €200k, the club is grateful to the Sports Council, our own members, the local community, local politicians and Councillors for ensuring proper funding towards its construction. An official opening of the dressing room will take place when the surrounding area is finally completed. All parents are welcome to view the dressing room.

## D.D.S.L. FUNCTION

The club was represented at the recent function in the Burlington Hotel to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Dublin District Schoolboys League. The league has been responsible for over 100,000 players coming through its ranks and has had the greatest Irish players play in its league. Many distinguished guests were present including John Giles, Liam Brady, current manager Brian Kerr, a number of the current senior squad, Westlife star Nicky Byrne who played in the DDSL, An Taoiseach Bertie Ahern and many more. The club would like to congratulate the league and its hard working committee on its commitment and huge success.

As a club with over 32 teams playing in the league, it is an honour to be one of the largest clubs in the DDSL which itself is the largest and fastest growing league in Europe.

## PRESENTATIONS

Our annual presentations will take place on Saturday 8th November 2003 at the Spawell Complex in Templeogue. The presentations will take place at 3 p.m. sharp and will finish at 5 p.m. There are many trophies to be given out this year including player of the year awards. All are welcome and we remind managers of all the teams to notify their players.

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# THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

## *The Prayer of the Church*

*"As over continent and island  
the dawn leads on another day,  
the voice of prayer is never silent,  
nor dies the strain of praise away.*

*The sun that bids us rest is waking  
Your people 'neath the western sky,  
and hour by hour fresh lips are making  
Your wondrous doings heard on high."*

(Hymn from the Prayer of the Church – J. Ellerton 1826-93)

Have you ever noticed the small group of people – Carmelite friars, lay women and men – reciting prayers in the church as you arrive for the 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Masses on weekdays? This little group are joining the universal Church in the recitation of Morning and Evening Prayer, adding voices from Knocklyon to that "voice of prayer which is never silent" all over the world. They are praising God, using the same hymns, psalms, scripture and intercessions that are recited in many other languages "over continent and island".

Across the continents, through millennia, the cycles of light and darkness, sun and moon, have controlled the course of the human journey. Countless generations of Christians have woven a tradition of praying at significant moments of the day into the very fabric of their lives. The first Christians built upon the tradition of their Jewish ancestors and prayed at sunset and sunrise, at noon and at night, and later at other natural breaks in the day. Of all these hours, sunrise and sunset have come to be regarded as the two most important "hinges" of each day.

For the past forty years or so since Vatican II, the "Liturgy of the Hours", as it is known, has been reclaimed as the official prayer of the *whole* Church, and not *just* for religious and priests.

The psalms and canticles of Morning and Evening Prayer are our common cry of remembrance and hope, of praise and despair, of confidence and

fear. The human emotions articulated so well by those who composed the psalms draw us together; we find ourselves echoing their cries, and praying for one another in their words. Take some examples:

*"Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,  
Lord, hear my voice!  
O let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleading."*

– from Psalm 129(130)

*"Lord I am deeply afflicted:  
by your word give me life."*

– from Psalm 118(119)

*"In the morning, fill us with your love  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Give us joy to balance our affliction;  
Give success to the work of our hands.  
Give success to the work of our hands."*

– from Psalm 89(90)

*"Like the deer that yearns for running streams  
so my soul is yearning for you, my God."*

– from Psalm 41(42)

*"A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your Holy Spirit."*

– from Psalm 50(51)

Perhaps you find that the words of these psalms echo your own innermost thoughts, prayers or petitions right now.

Why not discover more of the riches of this most ancient form of prayer? Why not take note of the following times and come along and join with those who have gathered? After all, it is meant to be the Prayer, not just of a few, but of the *whole* Church.

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# Gaelcoil Chnoc Liamhna



Bhí lá an-mhór againn ar an Déardaoin an 16ú Deireadh Fómhair nuair a d'oscail Séamus Brennan an scoil go h-oifigiúil. The school was founded by a group of parents who were anxious that their children be educated 'as Gaeilge'. In September 1996, two classes enrolled in Gaelcoil Chnoc Liamhna. These first two classes were taught in the Scouts' Den. As the school grew, prefabs were acquired and a permanent site for the school was sought in the neighbourhood. Last year we moved onto that site and are now well established on Old Knocklyon Road. Táimid an-bhródúil as gach rud atá bainte amach againn go dtí seo. We are proud of the fact that our pupils are educated to a high standard in an atmosphere that also promotes Irish culture through music, games agus labhairt na Gaeilge.

Thosaigh an lá nuair a chuir Cathaoirleach an Bhoird Bainistíochta, Colm Mac Unfraidh, fáilte roimh an Aire ar a 11.15 ar maidin. A marquee had been erected in the school yard for the occasion and it was there that most of the ceremonies took place. The school buildings and pupils were blessed by An tAthair Philip ó pharóiste Chnoc Liamhna agus An tAthair Pádraig Ó Cochláin who has been ina chrann taca don Ghaelscoil ó bhunaíodh í.

The marquee was crowded with parents, wellwishers and those who had helped the Gaelcoil reach this stage. Ceremonies began with a prayer service which involved all members of the school community – pupils, parents, staff agus an Bord Bainistíochta. Cór na scoile, under the guidance of Múinteoir Daithí, added to the solemnity of the occasion. No occasion is complete without speeches and this was no exception. However, mindful of the fact that a lot of youthful listeners were present, all were brief and to the point.

The audience were next treated to a ceolchoirm gearr where daltaí na scoile displayed their talents. Rang a 6 had written a poem and Rang a 5 had composed a song in honour of the event. The lucht féachana enjoyed feadóga stáin, 'rap' as Gaeilge, Hallowe'en poems as well as some action songs. Children from various classes also gave dance displays which included Lord of the Dance, line dancing and Riverdance. Bhí an ceolchoirm ar ardchaighdeán agus bhain gach a raibh ann an-sult as.



**Treasa Ní Chinnéide Príomhoide, Séamus Ó Braonnáin T.D., Páistí na scoile, Máire Ardagh Maor den Chomhairle Chontae Átha Cliath theas le Colm Mac Unfraidh Cathaoirleach Gaelcoil Chnoc Liamhna ag oscailt oifigiúil na scoile.**



**Bord Bainistíochta Gaelcoil Chnoc Liamhna le Máire Ardagh, Maor den Chomhairle Chontae Átha Cliath theas agus an tAire Séamus Ó Braonnáin ag oscailt Oifigiúil na scoile. "Gaelcoil Chnoc Liamhna, is treise sinn le chéile."**

The Minister for Transport, Séamus Brennan, then unveiled the commemorative stone which stands just inside the school gate. That concluded the 'official' part of clár an lae and we all adjourned for a most welcome cupán tae!

Ach ní raibh deireadh leis an lá ansin. That night, parents and friends of Gaelcoil Chnoc Liamhna gathered in Halla Bhaile Bodáin – Naomh Éanna to continue the celebration. A large crowd attended the Céilí and buffet and danced the night away.

Daltaí na Gaelcoile let their hair down ar an Aoine an 17ú! We held a fancy dress party in the marquee and anyone of a nervous disposition would have been well advised to stay away. Frankensteins and blood-soaked monsters strolled around clós na scoile, mingling with both fairies and witches. After the party, all were treated to a play performed by the *Down To Earth* theatre group.

So now we are officially 'faoi lán tseol'. The marquee has been dismantled as we return to the more mundane activities of school life. We look forward to the challenges the next seven years will bring. Is treise sinn le chéile!

– *Gaelcoil Chnoc Liamhna: Guthán 4939262.*

## FR. PADDY JOINS US

We are delighted that Fr. Paddy Smyth has agreed to come on board the editorial team. With his skills we know he will be a great asset to our production. He has already designed our new masthead and cover for this issue. We look forward to working with him and learning from his expertise.

– *Newsletter Team*

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## NEW JUNIOR INFANT



Megan Glover from Ms Mulqueen's class smiles for the camera.

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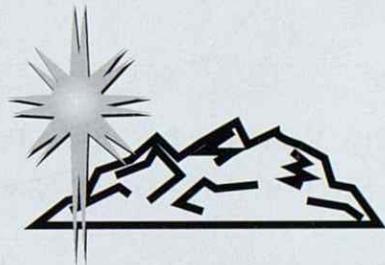
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