

# The Knocklyon News



ST. COLMCILLE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER – JUNE 1985



*Knocklyon Heights*



*Ashton*

## THE WINNING TEAMS MENS AND LADIES SOCCER FINALS

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*and Lots More.*



*Idrone*



*Coolamber*

## THE RUNNERS-UP MENS AND LADIES SOCCER FINAL



## KNOCKLYON PARISH – DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Weekly Envelope Collection realised £49,500 for the year to 31st December, 1984, an average of £952 per week.

The required amount to meet outgoings, i.e. Repayment of Loans, Bank Interest, etc., is £1550, so in other words, we have only contributed 73% of the required amount.

Nevertheless, having regard to all the circumstances, this was an excellent effort and a magnificent response to last year's appeal.

Again it is necessary to repeat this appeal as results for recent weeks are showing a decreasing tendency. The average for June this year is £820 compared with £910 for June 1984.

This tendency is a matter for concern particularly as Parish expenses are increasing – additional school accommodation is necessary for the coming year – and the incidence of holidays.

We appeal to you to please maintain your contributions. If on holidays please contribute in advance or on your return. Should a collector not be available envelopes may be placed in the special box provided adjacent to the Sacristy.

### Junior School Sports.

*Little faces enjoying themselves even with a broken arm!*



*From Left: Susan Holland, Robert Tyrell, Stephen Jordan, John Coffee, Kate Dolan.*

### Senior School Sports Day

*Area Relay Race for Superquinn Trophy Won by Coolamber*



*Left to Right: Carina McSweeney, Stephen Fitzgerald, Kevin Collins (Captain), Clodagh McSweeney.*

Trophy being presented by Mr. Pat Kelly, Principal – Knocklyon Senior School.

## Painted Faces, Family Fun Sports Day *Lisa and Joanne Kelly Looked a Treat!*



### GOOD NOOS!

Here's a hard one for you, try to define genius or artistry. One can describe the contributing factors, but the final inspirational touch, does not bear analysis. The bit of magic which separates the great footballer from the ordinary player, is to be enjoyed rather than explained.

At the moment I am in Gort Muire, Ballinteer, on Retreat – Gort Muire is a Carmelite Centre for Spirituality, it also houses our students for the Priesthood. The weather on this 17th June is anything but mid-Summer, but what the heck, God is good.

I do not find the Retreat particularly stimulating, but that is probably a reflection on my cussedness rather than on the quality of the Retreat itself. I suppose it would have to be confessed, I am not the easiest in the world to please. Do I hear my confreres in Knocklyon chorusing a hearty: You can say that again! The Retreat Master is one of our American brother Carmelites, a Fr. Rogge. He has a pleasing personality, I like the way he offers Mass – here I feel, he strikes the right devotional note. In his talks, again and again, a la American, he refers to the Good Noos, whereas some aspects of the Retreat, I find laboured and heavy going. Sometimes we take ourselves too seriously, even to the extent of selling the Good News, with well nigh chilling seriousness and intensity – a strange contradiction. Perhaps the poster, which I discovered on a room-door of one of the students here has a healthier angle, proclaiming: Life is too important, to be taken seriously.

On this the second morning of our Retreat, the weather is much better. I am out and about early, after trying to establish contact with the Lord, in the Oratory. But it is too good a morning to be inside for long, and God had to be out there too, on such a morning.

I walked about the tarmac avenues of the grounds, and then I notice this little customer, half way across the 14 or 15 foot wide avenue. It was a snail, complete with house! There was not much sign of obvious movement, but on closer observation the antennae were probing, and he was definitely going places. I was tempted to lift him across the remaining few feet to avoid his untimely demise, under the wheels of possible oncoming traffic, but then decided the little guy knew what he was about, so I wished him luck, and let him be.

I don't know why our little snail friend, part of God's exquisite creation, was wandering around the Gort Muire avenue this morning, but I enjoyed him, I marvelled, I wondered. If this be so with creation, why not a similar approach to the creator himself? Do not labour him, explain him out of existence, just enjoy him, wonder, marvel and surrender oneself to the Good Noos – sorry News!

*Patrick Fitz.*

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## COMMUNITY GAMES

### Athletics:

Once again this years Community Games Athletics Finals were a great success. It was good to see so many parents and children from all areas come along to cheer on the finalists from their area. It was also nice to see so many new faces receiving medals from Deirdre O'Connor, Chairperson of the Knocklyon Community Council. Our congratulations to all the girls and boys who took part and we wish the Athletics Team every success in the Dublin Finals at Santry Stadium.

**Art:** Frances Lyons the Organiser of the Community Games Art Competition was informed by this years adjudicator that the standard of the art was very high. So hopefully we will be able to at least achieve a Gold Medal in the Dublin Finals as we did last year.

**Swimming:** Thanks to the hard work of Anne O'Donoghue and her team at the pool, this years Knocklyon Swimming Finals was once again a splashing success. The number of participants showed a big increase from last year and this has been the trend in all the other Community Games sports and activities here in Knocklyon.

**Gymnastics:** Again a very successful evening for the Gymnastics Finals with competitions for all ages from under 8 years to under 16 years.

**Cycling:** In this our first year with cycling on the programme we seem to have some very promising Sean Kellys and Stephen Roches in our midst. There is also the possibility of a cycling club getting under way in Knocklyon.

### Team Event News

**Rugby:** The rugby team is through to the Dublin Final once again, having beaten Swords and Malahide in earlier matches. The Final takes place at St. Mary's Rugby Club at 2.30 on Saturday 29th June when it is expected that members of the Triple Crown Team will be there. So we hope a big crowd from Knocklyon will go along to support our All Ireland Champions of 1984.

**Boys Soccer:** The Boys Soccer team are through to the final of the Dublin South area (by the time you read this hopefully they will have won that match) having beaten Mountain View, Nutgrove and Marley Park without conceding a goal.

**Girls Soccer:** The Girls got a walk over in their first match but beat local rivals Marley Grange in a friendly.

**Chess:** The chess team won through from their first series of matches to the second round but unfortunately did not gain enough points from their second series. The news is that this very young team have a good future ahead of them with plenty of match practice.

**Hockey:** The girls had their first match on Tuesday June 18th against southern rivals Lakelands, and had a good win by 5 goals to nil. The boys hockey team have not had a match yet but are still training very hard.

**Hardcourt Tennis:** Congratulations to the tennis team on beating the very strong Dalkey team in a very close match, also their second match and are now through to the Dublin Final.

**Draughts:** The Draughts team had their matches on Friday and Saturday last but results not available at time of going to press.

**Rounders:** The under 15 girls travelled to Bonnybrook for their recent match and unfortunately were beaten in a very close hard fought game. There is no truth in the rumour that Gerry Whyte (team manager) ended up on crutches as a result of disputing the Umpires handling of the match.

### KNOCKLYON YOUTH CLUB



*Some of the attendance at the A.G.M.*



Reports reach us that the recent door to door campaign on behalf of the Youth Club has been an overwhelming success. So much so that the Committee are at a loss

for words as to how to describe the immense gratitude that is due to you, the people of Knocklyon, for caring and sharing for your youth.

When in the depths of last winter Liam Mongey decided it's now or never – the Youth Club has to happen – he called a meeting of fifty odd people, people that he knew would leave their armchairs and come to a meeting. And they did. So the drive commenced and the answer – SUCCESS.

To date over £15,000 lies gathering interest in the vaults of the Bank of Ireland to which another £27,000 (approx.) will be added over the next 12 months. Add this to the grant from Dublin County Council and some more fund raising activities and you get yourself a Youth Club, where the range of activities for the youth of Knocklyon will be endless. "The sky's the limit". The proposed start date for building is Spring 1986, and will not have to be constructed in phases as previously planned.

So to all of you a very sincere thank you – to all of you who gave from £1 to £1,000 per household, and to those who arranged standing orders for the next twelve months. To the homes who committed themselves to the monthly collection – will you bear with the delay in the organisation of this collection and the twelve months will commence from the first collection.

Well Knocklyon, you have proved you want a Youth Club and a Youth Club you will get and all 80 people who volunteered their services will be needed.

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**HAPPY FEET**

Dear Editor,

On Saturday 15th at half-nine my friends and I went to the Parish disco; as usual we thought it would be boring but we were amazed to find that it was well organised and exciting. It was the best disco they have organised yet **except for Brian O'Hara's dancing!**

We would like to thank all the people who organised the disco, especially Mr. Mongee.

We would like if the parish could arrange a disco on a monthly basis. If this was arranged the parish would gain more money for the new youth centre.

Yours sincerely,  
P.R.O. for disco-goers.

**CHILDHOOD SUMMERS**

Dear Editor,

My perception of the arrival of Summer is not manifested by sunshine and heat but by the sudden and endless stream of children calling to converse and play with my offspring. It is the realisation that very cautious reversal of the car is necessary to facilitate the tiny mites on tricycles not even visible over the boot of the car. When I no longer recognise the new flock of playing children and realise that last year's babies are now fully fledged toddlers with the wide and wonderful world of road and gardens their domaine that I know for certain a new season of summer has arrived.

Possibly, because I am not a sun worshipper and never considered the back garden as my sole sun trap, children seem to congregate in it in droves much to the annoyance of adjoining neighbours as the noise level grows and invades their peace.

The laughter, gaiety and innocence of these children fills the air and the rearrangement of rules to include newcomers incredibly generous and open. Only the spontaneous quarrels disturb this Utopia and to me an objective observer, these appear tragic and unnecessary and the sullen "I'm not playing with you anymore" far too dramatic. However the speed of reconciliation always delights me and restores my faith in human nature. The complete forgiveness and generosity children possess and their totally unprejudiced view of the inherent goodness of man leaves me feeling very inadequate.

How often in these days of violence — of muggin and beating old people, of the "Killing Fields" of Kampucea, of the Holocaust remembered, of human torches in South Africa, of murder and torture in El Salvador and innumerable other places I wish that all of mankind could remember their childhood summers and become like little children and learn to forgive and love.

Down all the years we have had moral theologians in the seclusions of their rooms drawing up various categories of sins. Forget it. There is only one failure, one sin — not to love.

"In the evening of life we shall be examined on love".  
(St. John of the Cross).

Yours sincerely,  
Pensive Parent.

'A change is as good as a rest!' 'Variety is the spice of life'. Two pearls of traditional wisdom, and how true they are! Introduce variety and change into our daily routine, and most of us will experience — according as we need — relief from boredom, healing from frustration and a new zest for living. Even those of us who initially feel *threatened* have only to adjust our sights and we feel *challenged* instead.

Yes, Summer is the supreme season of variety. The changes orchestrated by Mother Nature are paralleled by other man-made ones, according as holidays from job or school yield a host of new and in the main pleasurable activities.

Summer months spell out different things for all of us. For the very young there is, by and large, a magic about the season, at least in anticipation, as golden days of freedom and limitless possibility stretch out ahead. For the student population there is relief — for most! — from the demands of study and exam pressure. For those lucky enough to have jobs there is rest and a welcome vacation. For the unemployed there is, at least, a better scope for positive occupation in the hopefully (!) hotter weather.

For the priest in the parish, Summer means — among other things — a welcome gift of more time to call, door-to-door, on some of the parishioners. This is an immensely important aspect of pastoral ministry, so often pushed aside by the immediate and insistent problems that upsurge from a community of about ten thousand people, and the round of evening meetings which emanate from the over thirty parish-linked organisations and groups. And so, Summer is a time to try and catch up on lost time and opportunity. For most parishioners expect their priests to call to their homes and say 'hello'. Those who, perhaps, would rather forego the visit, need not worry. It's just a courtesy call. And courtesy after all — whatever our creed or commitment — unites all people of good will.

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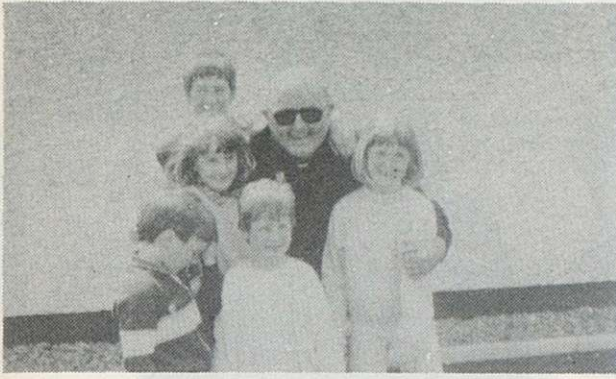
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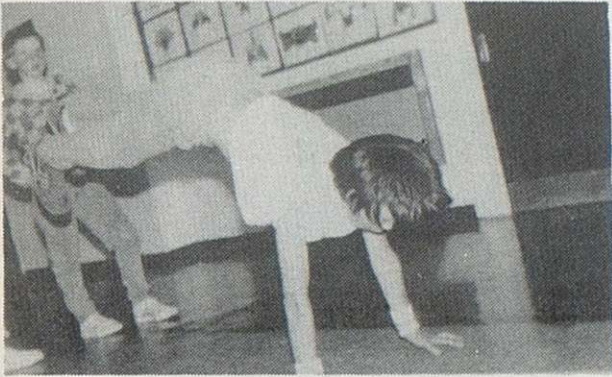
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After the Outdoor/Indoor Mass – Fr. Sean Dunne with his hands full!!



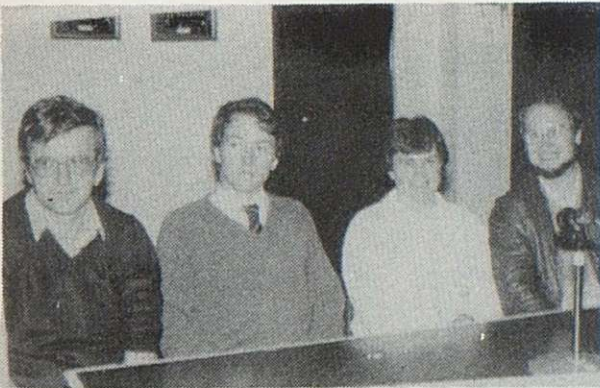
Junior Quiz – Winning team – Glenvara 'B', Lisette Doyle, Sharon Carrol, Karen Ryan, Aine Rice.



Breakdancers seen at the Junior Disco – Chai Thian in action.



The Playboy as portrayed by the Youth Club.



Coolamber Park – the winning team by only one mark. From left: Bill Barry, Peter McDonogh, Nuala Philips, Matt Reville.



BINGO! Full House prize goes to Terry Kenny, Glenvara, presented by Cyril Brennan.



"Her Grace will be here soon" says Clara – in the Youth Club's Production.



Superquinn's friendly manager Peter Hughes hands over the goodies to the soccer organisers Gerry Daly, Charlie Guthrie and John Doyle.



"Man proposes — God disposes". Despite the prayers, hopes for an outdoor Mass slowly faded as the clouds gathered on Sunday morning. The sunshine was not to be and the rains came. Rain-coats and umbrella's were much in evidence as we gathered inside the Church to welcome Fr. Dunne, the main celebrant. It brought back memories of the old days as he reminded us of the long hot summer of 1975, when we had 13 consecutive Sundays when Mass was celebrated in the open-air. Those were the days of a small congregation gathered outside McInerney's canteen. He marvelled at the huge gathering present, a church packed to capacity. The Priests of the Parish concelebrating the Eucharist, the combined choirs, The Adult Choir, The Folk Group and the Junior Choir — another memory for the future. Particularly touching was the sweet childish tones of the young singer assheasang "A Simple Song of Love".

Not perturbed or put off by threatening skies, many turned out for the FAMILY FUN SPORTS in the afternoon. In some of the Family events, shy mums and reluctant children were replaced by a sort of 'wifeswopping' and neighbours' children were 'adopted' to complete the unit. It was great fun. Even the sudden dash to the pre-fab in the rain had its rewards — tea and refreshments.

Alas, Monday was still cold and wet. The BONFIRE (such a success last year) was called off. Tuesday was just as bad and the PET SHOW was abandoned.

BINGO NIGHT was well attended. The whole set-up was quite splendid. A 'professional' caller was brought in to call the numbers and there was even air pressure for the balls. We were most impressed.

The Parish Centre was absolutely packed for the YOUTH QUIZ — the audience seemed to be hanging out of the beams, indeed there was hardly enough room for the teams. The winners were Glenvara 'B', Lisette Doyle, Sharon Carrol, Karen Ryan and Aine Rice. A well deserved victory. Commiserations to the runners-up.

The CHEESE AND WINE PARTY was not so well attended, despite the fact that it incorporated the Final of the ADULT QUIZ. The contest was quite a 'cliff-hanger', Coolamber Park beating Dargle Wood by just 1 point! The night ended with a cheery sing-song — enjoyed by the few and missed by many.

As usual, THE FANCY DRESS COMPETITION proved extremely popular. The Hunchback of Notre Dame attracted much attention. It wasn't just the hump. It was the way he — or was it she — dragged the foot sideways the WHOLE AFTER-NOON. Barry McGuigan appeared in triplicate



Every "Babysitters" darling!  
Marjorie Wynn in the I.C.A. play "The Babysitters"



Colette Brennan in the I.C.A. play "A World without Men" — You can't see her walking stick!



Junior Race — First three home: Ceall O'Dulaing, Donal Garvey, William Mongey.



Tennis Finalists: Sheila Hughes & Michael Sherry, winners; Niamh McCarthy & Peter O'Dowd, runners-up.





*What an assortment!*



*Craig Guthrie tells us what he is!*



*Fancy Dress people, giving themselves a treat.*



*Fancy Dress Girls or Cats?*

and there was a dear little cupid who couldn't stand the cold and had to cover up. Impressive too was the massive Viking, complete with pack of HARP.

Saturday Night was DISCO NIGHT – Two sessions 10's to 13's and 13's upwards. The style was breathtaking. The girls a melody of colour in pastels of every hue . . . the boys resplendent in gleaming white jackets and trousers, with a hint of white leather and 'muscle shirts'. There were flashing lights and plenty of loud music. Of course the STARS of the night were the "BREAK DANCERS". What Energy, what Vitality . . . what Youth. A great night.

Sunday, and at last a really sunny day when sports came into their own. We thought that Fr. Weakliam was all set to win the Tennis Tournament when we saw him sneaking off with his tennis racquet on Thursday a.m. (9.10) Maybe he was off for a Wimbledon practice or maybe he felt the Knocklyon talent was too much for him because he didn't play. The competition was quite exciting and indeed the talent exceptional. The happy winners were Sheila Hughes and Michael Sherry.

The FUN RUN attracted 111 contestants, 43 adults and 68 children. A special mention must be given to the 4 Garvey children. They won 5 prizes between them. 15 year old Donal won The Junior Race – changed his entry number and proceeded to run in the Senior Race. Congratulations too to Dymphna Kellett who was the OFFICIAL winner of the Veteran Race (over 35) and to Mary O'Reilly, well known teacher in St. Colmcille's who won the Ladies Race.

The Men's Soccer Final was won by Ashton who beat Idrone after a really hard match, while the ladies of Knocklyon Heights triumphed over Coolamber.

A special 'thank you' to Superquinn who donated all the sports trophies including Special Perpetual Trophies for the Soccer.

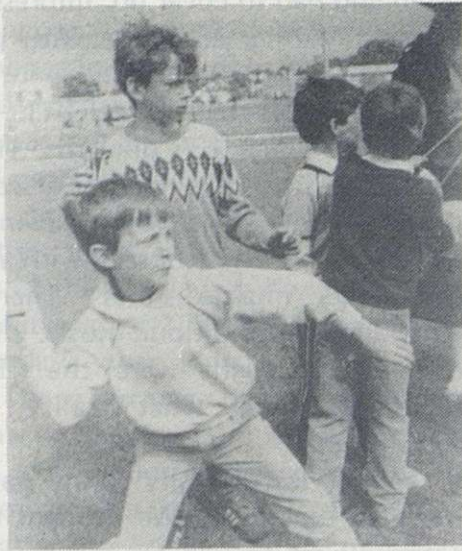
A Festival of plays and sketches presented by the I.C.A. and the Youth Club rounded off a really enjoyable week. The performances were excellent and riotously funny at times, with great rapport between the audience and the actors.

An added bonus was the raffle for a Calor Kosangas Super Ser won by Ann Woodcock of Knocklyon Green.

So, another Parish Week has come and gone. Despite the rain, the clouds, the chilly days – we were warmed by the friendliness and camaraderie of it all and – we've been promised a heatwave for 1986!



**MORE PHOTOS . . . . .**  
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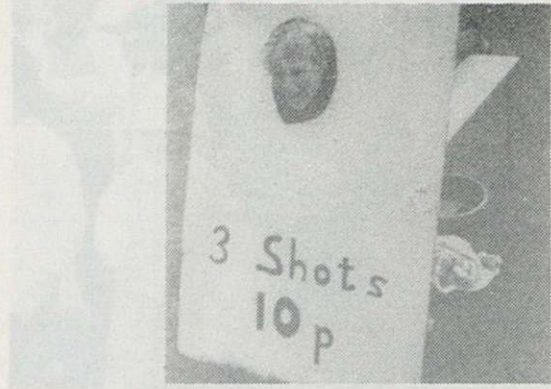


### SENIOR DISCO BOUNCERS

*From Left: Deirdre Halley, Deborah Chambers and Mark Keegan.  
(We loved the gear Mark!)*



**HE GOT THIS POOR UNFORTUNATE!!!**



### AN APPENDIX TO OUR MAIN REPORT

#### Men's 5-a-Side Soccer

This year a record 19 teams including Superquinn entered the competition.

The four teams for the semi-finals were — Ashton Villa, Coolamber Court, Idrone Rangers and Cremorne Celtic (Johnny Byrne's Babes). In the first semi-final, Ashton, after a very shaky start, came through as the 4-3 victors. In the second semi-final, after a very closely fought contest, Idrone Rangers won convincingly 4-1, over Johnny Byrne's Babes.

Sunday June 16th was final day. Idrone came onto the field with the memory of last year's 0-1 defeat, determined to make amends. Ashton Villa took the field as confident champions with the firm intention of retaining their title.

It turned out to be a very closely fought contest, much to the delight of the 800-odd supporters who turned up to cheer the sides on.

At one point, Idrone were 1-3 behind but fought back bravely to make the score 3-3 at the end of normal time.

At the end of extra time, which had the crowd on their toes, Ashton came through as worthy champions with a scoreline of 5-4. Mr. John Doyle, the King of Referees, was ably assisted by his linesmen, Gerry Daly and John Donnelly.

After the match, the cups and trophies which were sponsored by Superquinn, were presented by Mr. Martin O'Connor of Superquinn.

### SUMMER PROJECT 1985

All the preparations are now almost complete for this years project which starts on Monday 8 July, and finishes on Friday 19 July. We will be able to cater for 500 young people and those wishing to take part must register on Monday 1 July, between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Registration forms should by now have been distributed to all houses in the local community. If you did not get a form there should be a supply of extra ones at the back of the Church. The registration fee is £6 for 4-6 year olds and £8 for the over 6's. We would point out that this project is only open to children of the parish of Knocklyon and the first 500 that register will be accepted. No late entries will be accepted.

The full programme of the activities of the project will be on display on registration night. We will be very glad if parents would volunteer to organise or supervise activities and outings. Even if you cannot volunteer you can help to make the project a great success for all the children by coming up to the school and green and showing an interest in all the activities and games of the project.

Let's hope we get our usual good weather and have a very happy and exciting Summer Project.

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## THE SWEET MUSIC OF YOUTH

From left: David Naughton, Orla Creamer, John Lawlor, Ruairi O'Neill, Kenneth Dolan and Gary Colleran.

The five boys from the recitative section of the choir.



Do you know the feeling when your heart almosts bursts with pride, tears spring to your eyes with joy and you clench your hands together when success is achieved for Ireland or an Irish individual – like Barry McGuigan! Well these feelings were brought nearer to home on Saturday the 8 June, 1985 for some Knocklyon parents as they watched their children perform in the National Children's Choir in the National Concert Hall.

Sixteen children from St. Colmcille's Senior School were chosen for the choir. In all 4,000 children auditioned from all over Ireland. Out of this sixteen, five boys were selected to sing in the recitative section which has ten members in all.

The programme varied from Irish songs to Bach's Peasant Cantata during which the five boys performed their recitative piece – all alone at the front of the stage of the National Concert Hall. "The St. Colmcille's uniform looked the part", but the overall comment was that of excellence and talent, the result of many months of hard work by teachers Orla Creamer, John Gearty and Siobhan Roche.

The Choir also performed in Cork on the 15 June, when the above five boys and Gillian Glynn travelled to the City Hall. They stayed with families in Cork, as their parents also hosted children when the choir performed in Dublin. Then on to Kilkenny on June 18.

As 1985 is designated European Music Year and International Youth Year, the choir is seen as doubly important to the Primary Schools of Ireland. All these children learned the music in their own schools then travelled from all points and performed perfectly together, no mean task! The Choir is directed by Sean Creamer (Miss Creamer's father) and he tells the children that "Our voices are going to resound to the four corners of Ireland", and he hopes "that the music of the concerts will ring forever in your ears and that the joy I have had in working with you will return to you a thousand fold".

These boys and girls from Knocklyon will never forget these words or the tremendous feeling of performing with the Choir. "All our nerves disappeared once we started" and "I could see my Mum and Dad out there". Well, we would all have loved to see you, clap you and cheer you – so to make up let us offer our congratulations to you all, even though you may not be in the photo, on your great achievement.

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## GOLF NOTES

The Parish Golf Society have had two further outings over the past six weeks.

The first of the outings was for the President's Prize, sponsored by Lantz Ltd. Held at the Grange on May 27 it attracted 45 players, and 60 to the meal which followed. The verdict on the day must be an excellent one and the President kept his sermon on the night remarkably short.

The President's Prize went to Joe O'Grady who played off a handicap of five and brought in 39 points. Second was J. Keaveney with 37 and third B. Lehane with 36. The gross went to no other than the President himself, Fr. Fitzpatrick. Other prizes: Cl. 1 J. McCabe (32); Cl. 2 B. O'Connor (32); Cl. 3 A. O'Hanlon (34). 1st nine: S. O'Connell (19); 2nd nine: G. Daly (19).

Our latest outing was to Slade Valley on June 21 where 46 people played, and this was sponsored by Toyota Ltd.

First was Denis O'Callaghan with 37 points playing off 20. 2. F. Egan (37); 3. S. Cantwell (34). Cl. 1: J. O'Grady (29); Cl. 2: J. Murphy (32); Cl. 3: T. Judge (29). Cl. 4: J. Walsh (33); Nines: F. Lillis (18) and T. Murphy (18).

And now – an additional outing. It will be in Edmondstown Golf Club ON THURSDAY SEPT. 26 FROM 1.30 TO 3.00. And it will be sponsored jointly by Ford Finance and Fairlane Motors.

## REFLECTIONS

June 6 commemorates 'D-day' the allied invasion of Europe. The preparations for 'D-day' were staggering and up to 'H-hour' a miscalculation might have changed the history of mankind.

An equal state of preparedness and strain is faced by the thousands of young people sitting or awaiting the results of the Leaving Certificate Examination and in their case a miscalculation could change the course of their lives. Leaving school is a giant step and demands a lot of trust in God and man. They can depend on God, though God's will for many may not be their will. We have become so attuned to the success story, and rarely question, 'What is success?'. Rudyard Kipling sums it up well in the lines from "If":

"If you can meet with triumph and disaster  
And treat these two imposters just the same."

Let us pray especially for young people leaving school that they will trust in the words Christ spoke to his disciples, "Do not be afraid".

Joe Clinch

### SUMMER GRINDS

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Sunday, 26th May, 1985, was the date for the first ever Social Evening for Parents and Leaders and Committee Members of the 112th Dublin Scout Unit, Knocklyon. The venue was the Carrick Hall Hotel, Rathgar. The idea was to afford the Unit Members and parents an opportunity to get to know each other better in a nice social atmosphere. At least that was the official reason!

But there was a big surprise in store for our Unit Leader and founder member. Noel Geoghegan and his wife Anna. A little bird told us it will soon be their 25th Wedding Anniversary and the Unit Council took the opportunity to make a surprise presentation of a canteen of cutlery and a bouquet of flowers to Noel and Anna and, thanks to Christine Murray and Olga Curran, a beautiful Anniversary Cake, as a token of their appreciation for all the years of hard work and dedication which they have given to the Scouts of Knocklyon.

The evening proceeded in a fairly orderly manner (for scouts!), ending in a hilarious sing-song, the ring-leaders of which were Eamon Hanlon, Venturer Leader and Fergus O'Brien, Scout Leader.

When Noel and Anna got over their shock they had to agree that it was a great night and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

*Surprise! Surprise! Noel & Anna Geoghegan at the Scouts Social.*



**THE CHURCH OF COLUMCILLE**

From Templeogue to Knocklyon Grove  
 Tread up that gentle hill  
 Past Knockaire and Dargle Wood  
 To the Church of Columcille;  
 Then down the road beyond Idrone  
 To Ballycullen come,  
 Then to the left, at that side cleft,  
 An arduous stroll for some,  
 Up to the saintly holy well  
 Where centuries back our Saint did dwell —  
 Far from Tyrconnell's Gaelic clime —  
 Some meander in his time.

S.O.C.

**THINGS CULINARY**

One of the easiest summer snacks to put together is a tossed salad. There are very few homes where there is not sufficient food available for a good professional salad. The ingredients can be as simple as you like say lettuce, onion and parsley or a bit of everything that is in the fridge, in the garden or lying around the kitchen.

The secret in getting the salad to look well is to cut everything in fine strips, items like hard cheese and apple can be grated, don't use anything too mushy, and present it with plenty of love, care and attention. The list of suitable ingredients is endless, dandelion leaves, cabbage leaves, mint leaves, nuts, a few sultanas, olives, left over meat, potatoes, rice (savoury), vegetables, raw or cooked, orange, banana, the list goes on and on.

A bed of lettuce leaves, shredded chinese leaves or shredded iceberg lettuce placed in a dessert bowl or soup bowl gives a good start to the dish. When all the ingredients are assembled cut them as I have suggested, but most important leave them lying on the board or a try without mixing or mashing. When ready to assemble season lightly and sprinkle liberally with good vinaigrette. Place on the bed of lettuce, alternating all the ingredients and making a heap in the centre of the bowl. The sides should slope gently to the side of the plate. Chopped parsley or chives give a nice finish, but make sure your last ingredient is brown, red or white to give the parsley plenty of contrast. The following is a recipe of a simple vinaigrette:

- 1 dessertspoon French Mustard
- ½ teaspoon Sugar
- 1 Cup Vinegar
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- Pepper
- 3 cups oil

While the more expensive oils and vinegars will give a better quality taste, if one is careful to blend the ingredients properly, it is possible to get an excellent product using the ordinary cooking oil and malt vinegar. Put the mustard in a bowl and whisk in the sugar, salt and pepper. Whisk in the oil and as it thickens use the vinegar to lighten the mix. Use up all the oil and vinegar and as usual taste before use.

I will unfortunately have to spend all of the summer studying and checking all future recipes for the Knocklyon News. It seems my position as culinary expert is again under threat in this important and prestigious magazine. If I am not able for the pressure I might suggest to Nicola that we join forces for the good of the community.

*Paddy the Chef*

Ed. replies — What ever you do Paddy don't ask us for a raise in your dough!

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With the modern trend back to healthy living, people are tending to eat more natural foods, many are breastfeeding their babies, cigarette smoking is becoming anti-social, many are jogging to keep fit – and people are looking for a way of planning their families which will be in tune with nature – the Billings Ovulation Method provides this answer.

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There are over 30 centres where the Billings Ovulation method of Natural Family Planning is taught in the Dublin area. The nearest centres to here are at –

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### ANOTHER BIKKI BY NIKKI

These biscuits can be eaten by themselves, but I prefer to sandwich them together with butter icing. Take the trouble to sieve the flour and soda. Last time I didn't bother and someone got a lump of soda in their biscuit!

#### Ingredients:

4 oz. Marg.	9 tsp. Golden Syrup
½ a cup of brown sugar	1 tbsp. boiling water
1 tsp. baking soda	2 cups porridge meal
1 cup of plain flour	

#### Method:

Melt the marg., golden syrup, sugar, water, soda, over a low heat. Remove from the heat and add the porridge oats. Roll the mixture into balls and place on greased baking sheets and flatten slightly. Bake for 15 mins. Preheat the oven at 105°e

September – Chocolate Mouse. (Recipe courtesy of Nicola Conville, aged 12).

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Thank you for all your support over the past ten issues, and special thanks to our delivery team from St. Colmcille's Senior School.

*The Newsletter Committee*

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