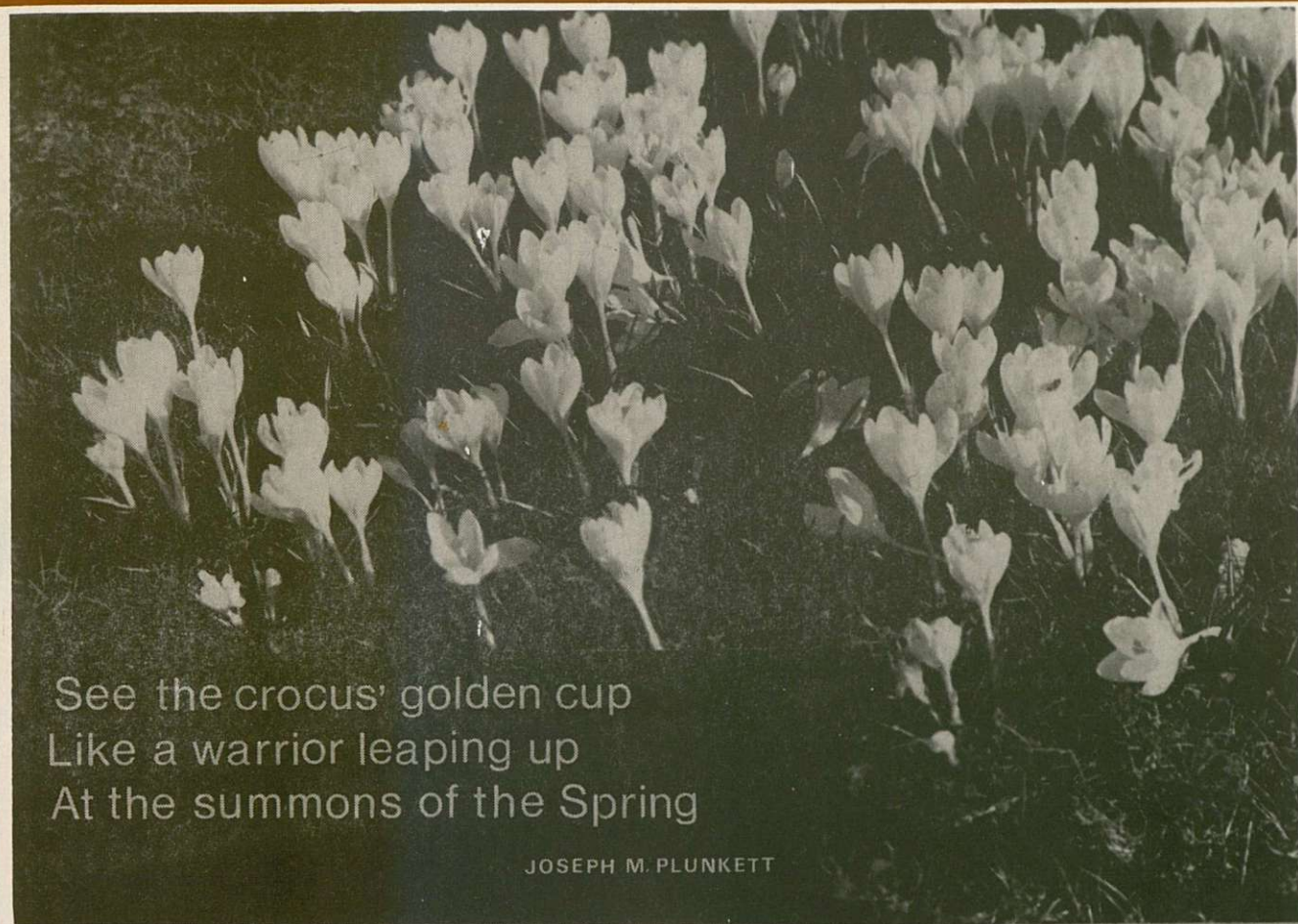


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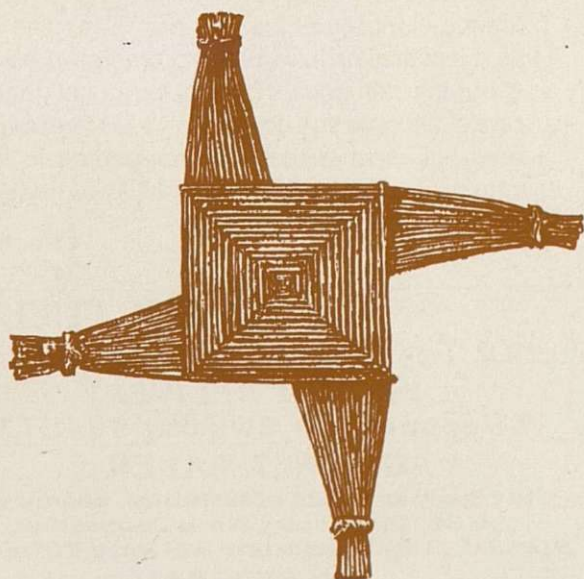
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See the crocus' golden cup
Like a warrior leaping up
At the summons of the Spring

JOSEPH M. PLUNKETT

Anois teacht an Earraigh
beidh an lá 'dul chun síneadh



Is tar éis na Féil' Bríde
ardóidh mé mo sheol

ANTAINE Ó REACHTAIRE



Dreams can come true... says Joanne Connolly



If you haven't heard of Joanne Connolly already, you will certainly do so in the future. She is a tall, slim young woman, extremely attractive and the possessor of a wonderful smile. She is outgoing, friendly and brimming with

enthusiasm for life in general. Of course Joanne has every reason to be happy. She was married last March to her childhood sweetheart Paul Murphy, is busy setting up her new home in Orlagh and has found success in her chosen career as an artist.

You could call her a native of Knocklyon, having lived in the area most of her life. "I'm a homebird" she says. "That's why we decided to settle here. Paul is from Terenure. We met at a Terenure College 6th year disco when I was sixteen. I'm happy here and my Mum is nearby. She is great and very supportive. I love Knocklyon".

As a child Joanne never stopped drawing. She drew everything and anything that came her way. Her talent was noticed at an early age and so she was sent to classes at the National Gallery where she became very familiar with the painting of so many famous artists and their techniques. It was at this stage that Joanne became a member of the Knocklyon Newsletter team and worked on a number of our issues. Right through her schooldays at Beaufort she knew that her future lay in the field of art. "I hated leaving Beaufort" she remembers. "I absolutely loved school, every minute of it, but at least I knew what I wanted to do when I left". It came as no surprise to her family and friends when she applied for a place at The National College of Art and Design in Thomas Street. Entry there was limited to eighty students from the whole of Ireland and competition was high. Joanne submitted her portfolio and waited. Her choice was for Graphic Design and after three interviews she was accepted for the four year course.

In the early days at college, she recollects working on animations, puppet making, calligraphy and TV graphics. As time went on, students were introduced to wider fields: industrial design, printmaking, photography and drawing models (yes - even in the nude). There were visits to the zoo, field trips on which students were encouraged to pick up small items such as flowers, leaves, pebbles, a piece of wood - indeed anything which took their fancy. "It was rather funny" she told me. "We used to bring

along a toilet roll and we had to wrap up our finds for safety. It really was a good idea because everything we picked up was kept free from damage and together in the same place for drawing later. An exhibition was held in June each year for the open drawing project.. "I have a friend who is always busy - buzzing around all over the place" said Joanne. "She inspired me - so I presented 'A Bee'".

College days were not all work. There was time for holidays to be remembered in far distant places with friends. The summer of 1988 was spent in America and 1989 - a long hot lazy summer in sun-drenched Tuscany.

Fourth year was devoted to a special project. I suppose you could call it a 'thesis' in art. It was left to each student to choose their subject and Joanne decided to make a cookery book. Everything had to be produced by the student - paper - original printing, illustrations and bookbinding. Her title was 'Dishes for Fishes'. This was well received and at the end of the year she graduated with a degree in Design.

Her first job on leaving college was with a small design company in Dun Laoghaire, where she worked on an architectural magazine and did a lot of technical drawings. It was a happy time but it was only when the company went up for sale that Joanne's business acumen came to light. She and her friend Rachel, a craft graduate, set up a partnership and bought the company. For two and a half years these two young people experienced the traumas of accounts, invoices and running their own business, but it also brought the excitement, enjoyment and satisfaction of working with varied projects such as designing a Board Game (*Tarotel* - telling the future in a fun way) to more serious subjects such as designing Heritage Centres.

This happy time ended when Rachel accepted a job working with ceramics in Italy so they decided to sell. Joanne is now working on her own and having a ball. Her present job is painting the Italian murals on the walls of George Sabongi's new Italian restaurant, 'La Scala' in Upper Merrion Street, and she is already booked to paint further murals in a Dalkey restaurant.

Joanne Connolly is full of ideas, plans and dreams. Quite a few dreams have been accomplished but there is no stopping her now. There is no doubt that a very successful future in the design world lies ahead and what pleases her most is that it is happening in her own country surrounded by the people she loves most.

Eileen Casey

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"Rise and Shine"

It is not always easy to think positive, it is easier to be negative, even though by definition this is soul destroying.

But we have so many reasons to be depressed. The weather often does not help! And when the emptiness and pain of life strikes, we forget about God. Where is He when most needed? Not only do we forget God, but we also forget that God never forgets us: "Can a mother forget her infant? even should she forget, I will never forget you".

So today (New Year's Day, 1994) as we take up the pen (biro!) the weather is in a very contrary mood. But we stick out our chin regardless and say from the heart, Happy New Year, because God lives and all is well. "From the heart" we say, and this is the perfect blessing - set signs and words are not at all essential.

Behind all this is trust in God. We are slow to give this trust because we are afraid to leave go. We know there is something better out there for us - a totally better way, but in the ways of the world we want all options covered, we hedge our bets. So we cling pathetically to our selfish selves, which drag us down, away from God; this beautiful, beyond-measure God, in whom we move and live and have our being. How foolish can we get?

All the same this leap to faith and trust in God is a huge one to make in any man's language. Only God can enable us to do so and he works us in this direction through our pain, emptiness and suffering.

He did so for Our Lady, the martyrs, the saints - John Henry Cardinal Newman describes the process in other worldly language in his prayer to the Lord: "Lead thou me on. Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see the distant scene; one step enough for me".

Pat Alan Fitz

Life After School



This month's contributor is Kevin Smyth (Knocklyon Green), a 2nd year Architectural student at U.C.D.

The only two architecture degree courses in the Republic are in Bolton Street and U.C.D. Each course is 5 years in duration and you have the option of a year or two out working in a professional practice. Both courses are highly respected courses internationally.

The Bolton Street course requires an aptitude test plus an interview in addition to your Leaving Certificate results for calculating the total points. U.C.D. also has an interview, but this is merely advisory, to see if you can manage 5 years of late Thursday nights!

I'm in second architecture U.C.D. and enjoying it a lot. Architecture requires a minimum 40-50 hours a week between tutorials, lectures and studio. Most of this studio time is spent preparing drawings for a presentation of your project work which usually takes place on a Friday. (At the moment I am preparing my final drawings for a project to convert a Norman Castle and adjoining barn to a theatre.) The presentation (or crit as it is known) takes place in front of the class of 50 students and 4 or 5 tutors who are practising architects also. After you talk about your scheme for 5 minutes, the tutors criticise it, or kill it depending on what mood they are in.

However, there is always Friday night to cheer you up, and nowhere better than U.C.D. There is always a party somewhere and a pack of eager architects will always find it. So usually we spend all Thursday night drawing and Friday night partying. As the class is so small, we spend a lot of time together, and we are a bit like a big family. There is little communication between the architecture faculty and main campus, as architecture is in an old masonic school in a little-known part of campus, about 15 minutes walk from the main library. In fact, we are in Dublin 14, and the rest of campus is in Dublin 4. As a result we are a very close knit group and numerous field trips abroad and at home make it ever closer.

As job prospects are fairly poor in architecture at the moment, many students look for jobs in planning, which is of great concern to us today, particularly in Knocklyon.

Kevin Smyth

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SCHOOL NEWS

SENIOR

Last month we reported on the success of our senior football team in Croke Park in early December. Below we show a photograph of the victorious boys with their trainer Vivien Ruddy.



Back (L. to R.) Declan Kelly, Stephen Fee, Ronan Hopkins, Kenneth Tracey, Eoin Fitzgerald, Sean King, David Keenan, Brian Cummins.

Front (L. to R.) Eoghan Fitzmaurice, Ross Traynor, Paul Egan, Mark Duffy, Conal Keaney, David McAllister, Robert Clifford.

- Best wishes to Mr. P. O'Neill who has left us temporarily to work on the development of the new Irish curriculum for primary schools. Rumour has it that he has become a dab hand at mending punctures!!!
- Congratulations to Mr. McGowan who, along with his partner, D. O'Halaran, reached the semi-finals of the Irish Open Badminton Championships. In doing so they beat pairings from Portugal, France, Austria and Wales. No other Irish players managed to progress beyond the second round which makes the achievement of McGowan and O'Halaran all the more memorable.
- Welcome back to Mrs. Maher (3rd) who has returned to the school after the birth of her daughter Deirdre.
- Well done to the boys and girls who collected £1,050 before Christmas for the St. Vincent de Paul. A very special word of thanks to all parents who donated prizes.
- Congratulations to the choir who sang so beautifully at the Carol Service in the church of the Blessed Sacrament in town on Sunday 18th December under the baton of Mr. Gearty.
- Well done to Ruth Cahill from 6th class who recently played the leading role in the musical *Annie* performed by the Xavier Goodwin Drama Group.

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PHYSIQUIZ

Did you see them on TV just before Christmas? St. Colmcille's Senior National School appeared on *Physiquiz*. Sixty-four children and three teachers travelled to the TV studios in Donnybrook and had a great time.

Well done to the eight children who were terrific at the general knowledge and fun games. Special congratulations to Mark Coleman and Sarah Watson who were the eventual winners. All the contestants received prizes of basketballs while Mark and Sarah also received Walkmans.

P.S. Many thanks Mrs. Smith for arranging everything.



Front (L. to R.) Lindsay Foley-Dowling, Kevin Fee, Claire Burke and Brian Cummins.

Back (L. to R.) Dunlath Bird, Garrett Smith, Celine Whelan (presenter), Sarah Watson, Mark Coleman and Kevin O'Connell (presenter)

JUNIOR

• January saw the Junior School back in harness – working hard!!! longing for Spring. Already first Communion is on the horizon. (The dates are 21st and 28th May.) We will have a Noticeboard outside Cathie's office specifically for parents who wish to sell blazers/Communion dresses etc. Ads will be taken at the beginning of February – see Cathie.

We had no hatches, matches or dispatches over January – so no gossip!

For those of you with children coming into Junior Infants in Sept. '94 – sit tight! We will be in touch in June, D.V.

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Knocklyon Community Games



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Vice-Chairman	Tom Cunniffe	4944613
Treasurer:	Paddy King	4941459
Secretary:	Aileen Millane	4942263
Ass. Secretary:	Michael Hunt	4943224
P.R.O.	Aidan Nevin	4945874

The new committee decided to have a **Registration Day on Sunday 13th February '94** between the hours of **9.30 a.m.** to **1.00 p.m.** and **5.00 p.m. - 7 p.m.** at Community Centre for all the sports listed opposite.

The application forms will be available from local schools and church in advance and should be completed by registration day if possible.

No athlete can compete unless registered by February 13th.

As can be seen by the list of activities, events will only take place if sufficient adult support is available. Put Knocklyon on the map by your participation in 1994.

A. Nevin, P.R.O.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS



ATHLETICS
SWIMMING
ART
MODELLING
WHEELCHAIR
CYCLING
GYMNASTICS
JUDO
CHOIR U/16
BADMINTON U/15
BASKETBALL BOYS U/13 & U/16
BASKETBALL GIRLS U/13 & U/16
CAMOGIE U/14
CHESS U/16
DRAUGHTS U/10 & U/14
GAELIC FOOTBALL U/10 (BOYS & GIRLS)
GAELIC FOOTBALL GIRLS U/12
HURLING U/14
PITCH & PUTT BOYS U/16
PITCH & PUTT GIRLS U/16
SNOOKER U/16
TEN PIN BOWLING BOYS U/15

TEN PIN BOWLING GIRLS U/15
HOCKEY BOYS U/16
HOCKEY GIRLS U/16
HARDCOURT TENNIS U/16
ROUNDERS BOYS U/13 & U/15
ROUNDERS GIRLS U/13 & U/15
RUGBY U/11
SOCCER BOYS U/12
SOCCER GIRLS U/15
TABLE TENNIS BOYS U/12, U/14, U/16
TABLE TENNIS GIRLS U/12, U/14, U/16
VOLLEYBALL BOYS U/15
VOLLEYBALL GIRLS U/16
WATER POLO BOYS U/15
WATER POLO GIRLS U/15
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Parents are requested to give at least two weeks' notice to one of the priests prior to the baptism of their child.

Enquiries: Catherine Collins 4946917.

KNOCKLYON BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT TEAM

The purpose of the group is to provide: (i) a "listening ear" to people in grief; (ii) to encourage the bereaved and to help them work through their grief; (iii) to motivate them to move forward and begin to cope with life again. Recovery takes time and continuous support will help. Any of the following may be contacted:

Mary	4938998
Betty	4941283
Phyllis	4941283
Kitty	4936109
Bernie	4943178
Brian	4943178

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

A support group for separated and widowed people. For information ring Bernadette at 4945572.

IRISH CHILDBIRTH TRUST

is a mother to mother, non-professional community-based support group. It welcomes expectant mothers, new mothers and experienced mothers and provides support at "coffee and chat" morning and evening meetings. Further information can be had from K.C. Duffy at 4941953.

KNOCKLYON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

An umbrella organisation which comprises representatives of the various residents' associations, groups and individuals within the

Parish. Its function is to monitor the planning and social functions of the area and take account of external and internal influences on Knocklyon. Information: Michael Brennan - 4946795.

KNOCKLYON COMMUNITY PLAY GROUP

For children 3 years to schoolgoing age. 10.00 to 12.30. Five mornings per week in Church Meeting Room, or as corresponding to St. Colmcille's N. S. Bookings for September now being taken, or phone Jacqui at 4942260.

KNOCKLYON POST-PRIMARY COMMITTEE

Function: To secure a post-primary community school for Knocklyon. The committee welcomes advice and assistance in its endeavours. Secretary: Mary Muldoon 4946601. Chairman: Vincent Kenny 4942092.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

is an organisation which provides information and support to those who want to breastfeed their babies. For information on local monthly meetings or telephone counselling, contact Mary Bird at 4941279. New mums and babies always welcome.

ST. COLMCILLE'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

This is a group of interested and concerned parents of children in the Senior and Junior schools. They endeavour to liaise with the school authorities to improve facilities for their children, raise funds when necessary and mediate between parents and schools authorities when requested. For further information ring Pat Walsh, Chairman at 4942377 or Maeve Kavanagh at 4943234.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (ST. COLMCILLE)

Non-denominational. Meet on Monday nights at Church prefab, 7.30 - 9.00 p.m. Clothing, household goods, furniture, etc. in good condition always in need. For further information, contact Marie Lewis at 4941074.

THE LEGION OF MARY

A Senior Group meet on Wednesday at 8.15 p.m. and the Juniors at 7 p.m. in the old Parish Centre. The meeting includes prayer, discussion and allocation of works, e.g. visitation of the sick, old and handicapped. For more information, contact Vera at 4941444.

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THE ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

caters for people, 55 and over, who wish to remain active. The group meets twice weekly for games (including Bowls), Dancing, Sport, and Social Recreation. The venue for meetings is the Youth and Community Centre and times are Tuesday 10.30 - 12.00 noon. Thursday 2 - 4.00 p.m. (Bowls). New members in great demand to expand activities. Talks and outings are part of the agenda. Contact Lyla Kennedy (Chairperson) at 4942830.

BADMINTON CLUB

The Knocklyon Badminton Club (League) meets every Tuesday and Thursday in the Community Centre. Also, Mondays and Wednesdays in the Old Bawn Community School. For details, phone Phyllis at 4941166.

KNOCKLYON SOCIAL BADMINTON CLUB

Venue: Youth and Community Centre. Wednesday 8 - 11 p.m. and Sunday 7 - 11 p.m. in Youth and Community Centre. Enquiries Geraldine McSweeney 4944764.

BALLYBODEN ST. ENDAS G.A.A. CLUB

Situated on the Firhouse Road, this Club caters for all who want to play hurling, football or camogie. Teams begin at under 10 level for all games. Coaching takes place on Saturday mornings for ages 7 upwards. Other club activities include Set Dancing every Thursday at 8.30 p.m., Traditional Music every Wednesday in the Lounge. Also a ceili on the first Saturday of each month and a sing-song on occasional Sunday evenings. On Friday nights during the winter months a "25" card game session takes place. Details from Paddy Walsh - Chairman Juvenile Section, 4942795 or Sean Flynn - Club Secretary 4932920.

BRIDGE CLUB

Knocklyon Bridge Club is a social club which meets every Monday in the Good Counsel Centre, Ballyboden Road. We provide a Joker and a cup of tea! Contact Deirdre Connolly 4947201. All welcome, including beginners.

COMMUNITY GAMES

A new executive and committee has been elected for 1994 and hopes to encourage as many children as possible to participate in the various events. Secretary: Aileen Millane 4942263, P.R.O.: Aidan Nevin 4945874. See page 5 also.

GIRL GUIDES

Meet on Friday evenings 8 - 9.30 p.m. in the Scout Den. Contact Louisa Richardson 4945676.

I.C.A.

The I.C.A. meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month in the Community Centre at 8.30 p.m. It is a self-development group for women and gives scope for members to involve themselves in various activities which include crafts, drama etc. New members always welcome. Ring Catherine Cardiff at 4942439 or Josephine Wallace at 4942882. See page 8 also.

KNOCKLYON GOLF SOCIETY

Annual fee £20. New members contact Liam Mongey at 4942091.

KNOCKLYON ROAD CLUB

Formed in 1990 for Bicycle Touring and Racing. Membership is open to boys and girls, 12 years and over, from within and outside parish. New girl members especially welcome. Club meets for training every Saturday at 10.00 a.m. at Superquinn. Details Helen Rafter 4947559 or Danny McGrory 4946349.

KNOCKLYON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

has 24 teams, ranging from U.8 to Senior competing in the South Dublin Boys' League, Dublin District Schoolboys League and Amateur League. Parents' help always welcome. Details Noel Gaughran at 4935740 or Paul Keenan 4947283.

KNOCKLYON YOUTH CLUB

Meets weekly in the Youth and Community Centre. The Junior Club (10 - 12 years) takes place on Fridays 7 - 9 p.m., and Senior Club (12 - 14 years) on Saturdays 7 - 9 p.m. The Young Adults (age 15 upwards) meet on Saturday night also and are now recruiting new members. Volunteers on club nights are always welcome. Chairman: Brian Millane 4942263. Secretary: Mary Coleman 4935295.

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The unit caters for 300 boys and girls at Beaver, Cub, Scouts and Venturers levels. In September it is proposed to start the first mixed scout troupe. Adult helpers greatly welcomed. Details from Gerry Daly at 4946187.

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Boys and girls who have received their First Holy Communion are welcome to join the Children's Choir which sings at the 10 o'clock Mass on Sundays. Ring Emer O'Neill at 4941980.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP

Function: To prepare a meaningful liturgy for the 10 o'clock weekly Children's Mass, through Music and Drama. For information contact Eva Coffey at 4941715.

THE FOLK GROUP

If you are 15 or over (no upper age limit) you can join the Folk Group which sings at the 12 o'clock Mass on Sundays. For information, contact Colm O'Neill at 4944625 or Lisa Kelly at 4941165.

KNOCKLYON VARIETY GROUP

Meet every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in St. Colmcille's Junior School Hall. Enquiries to Gillian Keenan at 4947283. (See opposite column for more information.)

We have endeavoured to make this Directory as comprehensive as possible. If we have omitted any group by oversight we sincerely regret this and would kindly request that you let us know your particulars by contacting the Editor (4941204) by phone or post so that inclusion will be guaranteed in future issues.

Many Thanks

THE KNOCKLYON NEWS

This publication, *YOUR Parish Newsletter*, has been running now for eleven years with the aim of informing and entertaining you, our readers. We have also attempted to make you feel part of a caring community.

The parish has changed enormously since our first publication, especially in terms of its size, and we have tried to reflect this change in the content of the Newsletter. However, we feel that with more personnel we could serve you better.

As always, we welcome your articles, ideas, views, news, photos, and letters for publication, but we would also greatly welcome your help in putting the Newsletter together.

For further information please phone Fr. Alan at 4941204.

Lights, cameras, action, that was the scene at Prospect Preparatory School, Knocklyon on Sunday 19th December when all the classes ranging in ages from 3 to 9 years participated in a most wonderful fundraising Christmas Concert.

The performances ranged from "Letterland" to "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" and all the children in their beautifully made costumes enjoyed every minute of it.

Admission was by ticket only and the proceeds of £552 went to Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children, Crumlin.



Pictured (L. to R. seated) Cillian O'Neill, Lisa Keenan, Sarah Melville, John Kiernan, Joelle Lincoln. (L. to R. standing) Aoife Keenan, Leanne Phillips, Iain Montgomery, Adnan Salehin, Sinead Domican and Sarah Byrne.

KNOCKLYON VARIETY GROUP

The K.V.G. would like to remind everyone that we are entering "John Player Tops '94". Your support by way of sponsorship, donations or attendance at our performances in the Rupert Guinness Hall would be greatly appreciated.

Our performance dates are as follows:

1st Round: Friday 11th March

Sinead Variety Group and Knocklyon Variety Group

2nd Round: Wednesday 23rd March

Knocklyon Variety Group and St. Brendan's Variety Group

For further information please phone Gillian at 4947283.

KNOCKLYON GUILD OF I.C.A.

We had our Christmas Dinner in Killakee House again this year. The meal was just too delicious and we were unable to say no to anything! No wonder the pounds have piled on.

Well, I hope your New Year's resolution is to come along and to see what goes on at one of our meetings. This year we will be celebrating our tenth anniversary so there will be lots of interesting, exciting and fun things happening. Looking forward to meeting lots of new people.

Catherine Cardiff

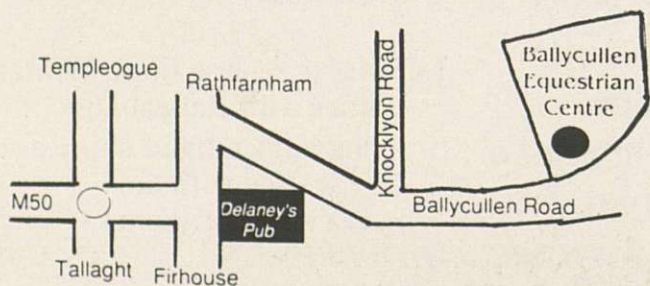


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COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS

- Courtesy of Councillor Mary Muldoon -

Happy New Year and here's looking forward to a great 1994, The World Cup U.S.A. and all that goes with it.

But for now the weather has ordained that our winter break continues. Hence, no doubt you are missing the buzz of activity which is normal on Saturdays and Sundays in the areas of Delaford Park and Cherryfield, as our teams so proudly represent Knocklyon in competitive football. With regard to said competitions, all our teams are doing very well, which is a credit to the dedication and effort of managers and players. In particular, I should like to highlight the achievements of our under 12 A's and under 13 A's, who have reached the third and fourth rounds respectively of their All Ireland Cup competitions. Congratulations to the players and managers of both teams and best wishes for further progress.

In the background, off the fields of play, there is a great amount of good work in progress. This is ongoing to improve our day-to-day operations and facilities and to ensure a bright future for the club.

Since my last communication, we have held our Dinner Dance and I am pleased to report that it was an unqualified success. Well done to all who organised, supported and indeed attended this event. However, a greater number of parents in attendance to show support and appreciation of managers, who put in a great deal of work for your children, would have been very welcome. This notwithstanding, it was such an enjoyable evening, I have no doubt you will need to be on the ball (pardon the pun) to secure your tickets for our next Dinner Dance. Watch this space.

I am also pleased to report, with great appreciation, that our Christmas Draw was, as usual, very well supported. My congratulations to all the prizewinners. We had a great crowd attend the Firhouse Inn for the actual draw, and with musical entertainment provided by *Mulligan*, a most enjoyable evening was had by all.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours in Sport,
Paul Keenan,
Chairman

COMMUNITY & PARKS COMMITTEE NEWS

Football Pitches/Athletic Tracks - Knocklyon

There are currently eight playing pitches in use in the Knocklyon area and one grass running track.

Ballyboden St. Endas have an allocation of three hurling and football pitches, two in Cherryfield and one in Elkwood and one camogie pitch in Cherryfield.

Knocklyon United Football Club have an allocation of four soccer pitches, two at Delaford and two in Cherryfield. Templeogue Football Club have a shared allocation of the main, full-sized pitch in Cherryfield.

Brothers Pearse Athletics Club have the use of a 300 metre grass running track in Cherryfield and are considering the availability of a site large enough to accommodate a full 400 metre track further west in the Dodder Valley Linear park near the monumental cross.

With regard to the provision of access to the Department of Education site for the Knocklyon United Soccer Club and the Ballyboden St. Enda's Camogie Club, consideration is being given to the making of adequate provision in the 1994 Park Works Programme to develop vehicular entrance and car park for the lands in question at a suitable location off the Scholarstown Road. When the matter of access has been resolved two soccer pitches and one camogie pitch will become available and these have been promised to Knocklyon United Football Club and Ballyboden St. Enda's Camogie section.

PLANNING APPLICATION

On 20th December 1993 Cavan Developments Ltd. applied for planning permission for 254 dwellings adjacent to Prospect House, Stocking Lane (Reg. Ref. S93A/0110). Any objections must reach the Principal Officer, Planning Dept., South Dublin County Council, Irish Life Building, Abbey Street, Dublin 1, **before February 20th.**

ROAD MARKINGS

An order has been placed for the renewal of the double yellow lines adjacent to St. Colmcille's Church, Knocklyon.

FÓGRA

A reminder to all managers that our next General Meeting will be held on Monday February 14th at 9 p.m. in the Community Centre.

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Dear Editor,

Now that Christmas has come and gone and we are settling comfortably into the New Year, I would like to raise a point regarding animal welfare over the festive season.



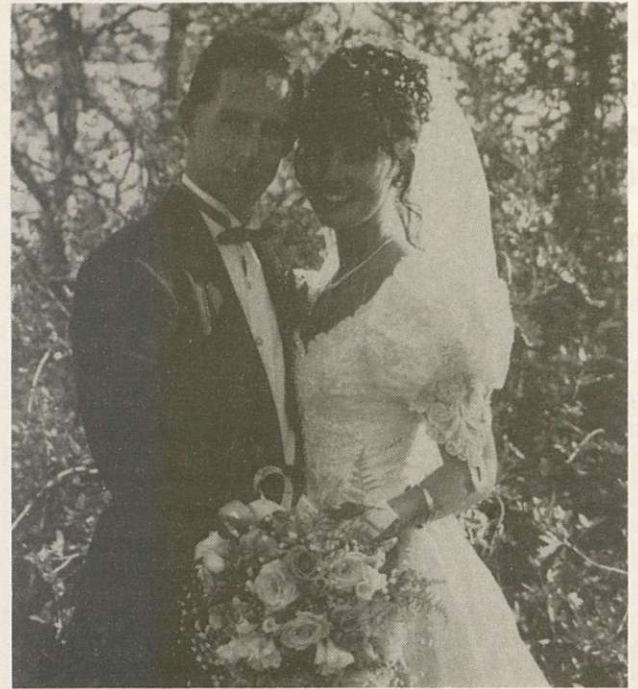
The issue in question is that of pets given as Christmas gifts. Every child's dream is to awaken on Christmas morning to the pathetic whimpering of that adorable Labrador puppy from the "Andrex" advertisement. Unfortunately, all too many families are ignorant to the needs of a growing puppy or kitten. At this time of year, Christmas animals are growing at a rapid rate and need constant attention, exercise, training, feeding, veterinary check-ups, vaccinations and above all, a guarantee of your love and continued care for the rest of its life.

Sadly, many irresponsible petowners abandon their recently acclaimed animals by January or February, once they have begun to grow, eat a lot more and demand more exercise. Due to neglect, hundreds of "unwanted gifts" are straying the streets of Dublin, homeless and hungry. The numbers of stray dogs and cats each year after Christmas, are far too great for any voluntary animal welfare organisation to cope with. As a result, many unfortunate creatures must be put to sleep.

However, we can reduce this problem considerably by following a few simple guidelines; dog owners should ensure that an identity disc is attached to their pet's collar, stating a phone number by which the owner can be contacted in case the dog strays. Also, the neutering/spaying of dogs and cats can lessen the amount of unwanted animals.

Finally, on this point, I would like to urge owners of Christmas cats and dogs, and indeed other animals, that "A PET IS FOR LIFE, NOT JUST FOR CHRISTMAS".

Sarah-Jane Woods (age 15)
Delaford Avenue



Louise Connolly (from Knockaire and The Rookery) and her husband Kevin Putt who were married recently in South Africa. All of Louise's family made the trip to Zululand for this happy occasion. (Louise is a sister of Joanne featured in our profile on page 2)

YOUNG SCIENTIST

We were impressed with the project submitted by Declan Murphy (who lived in Knockaire until recently) in the Junior Section of The Aer Lingus Young Scientist Exhibition at the R.D.S. Declan, who is 13 and a second year pupil in Terenure College, prepared his project "What Is A Home P.C.?" over a number of months and his work paid off when he was awarded third place in the Scientific and Mathematic Junior Section.

We spoke to Declan at the R.D.S. and in the midst of his excitement with his achievement he told us that he attributed a great deal of his success to Mr. John Brennan of the Senior School who introduced him to the basic skills of computers in fourth class.

Well done Declan and we will monitor your progress in the years to come.

Congratulations to all the other young people from Knocklyon who participated and had some excellent projects in this competition.

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● A HUNDRED YEARS A-GROWING

We read in the Press recently of the centenary of the Local Centre Examinations of the Royal Irish Academy of Music and were interested to note that one of our parishioners is Senior Vice-President of the organisation. Anna Brioscú of Glenvara Park is a long-serving Governor of the R.I.A.M. and she recently presided at the launching of the centenary celebrations which was attended by the Minister for Education, Niamh Bhreathnach. Look out for details of the forthcoming events including twenty-seven concerts throughout Ireland in which candidates will perform. We wish you well Anna with your hectic year ahead.

● STARS OF STAGE ...

Some of our local teenage girls landed parts in the recent production of the pantomime "Witches" in the Olympia. The girls in the cloaks were Orla O'Dea, Sharon Rowatt, Lorna Greene, Niamh Coffey, Rebekkah Woolfson and Fiona O'Connor. Congratulations girls on a magical performance.

... AND SCREEN

On a recent visit to the Cinema we spotted a local face in the cast of "In the Name of the Father". Seamus Moran from Beverly appears in the opening scenes of the film and we hope these lines will lead to greater roles Seamus. Well done.

● WEDDING BELLS

We send our good wishes to Derek Hanvey a former member of the newsletter team who is getting married on 8th March. We are delighted to hear that Derek and his new bride will still live in Knocklyon, having purchased a home in Castlefield. We wish them every happiness in their married life together.

● BRÍD, MUIRE NA nGAEL

The Feast day of St. Brigid, who was born in Faughart, County Louth about 430 A.D. and who died in 499 A.D., was on Tuesday Feb. 1st.

Beidh gearmanas bliantúil Naomh Bríd in Eaglais Naomh Bríd, Cill Easra, Dé Domhnaigh, 6 Feabhra, ar 3.30 p.m. Is é an tAth Seán Ó Tiomanaí, S.J. an seanmóirí. An Réalt atá á eagrú.

● FR. JOE IN ITALY

Father Joe Mothersill who is at present in Rome attending a course in Youth Ministry, will be returning to Knocklyon on February 11th. We wish him a safe return journey and look forward to seeing him around Knocklyon again.

● HOUSEWIFE COMPETITION

We send warm congratulations to Muireann Murtagh (Scholarstown Park) a member of Knocklyon Guild of the I.C.A. who reached the Regional Finals of the Calor Housewife of the Year Competition on 31st January.

● CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES

Well done to all the pupils and teachers involved in arranging the Carol Services of both Junior and Senior Schools just prior to Christmas. Both were very edifying experiences for all who attended.

Recent Baptisms

Nicole Sarah Barron, 20 Road C, Orlagh Grove.

Fionn McAllister, 19 Delaford Lawn.

Lauren Anne Wade, 42 Road A, Orlagh Grove.

Ryan Spencer Murphy, 7 Orlagh Lawn.

Rebecca Maria Fleury, 10 Templeroan View.

Anna Elizabeth Stafford, 51 Scholarstown Park.

Joy Mitchell, 26 Castlefield Court.

Alexandra Helen O'Brian, 8, Templeroan Court.

Julie Emma O'Driscoll, 5 Beverly Avenue.

Lorcan Gabriel Alan Cahill, 33 Coolamber Park.

Alan Stephen Kelly, 47 Castlefield Manor.

Paul Anthony Byrne, 19 Beverly Lawns.

Shona Bridget Bolger, 2 Delaford Park.

Joanne Claire Breegan, 50, Road A, Orlagh Grove.

Lorcan George Paten, 134 Woodfield.

Laura Ruth Harris, 1 Beverly Park.

Neil Richard Counihan, 3 Beverly Park.

Paul Gerard Owens, 3 Scholarstown Park.

Mairead Claire Foran, 10 Woodfield.

Sean Conor Farrelly, 66 Dargle Wood.

Rebecca Kate Cooper Clarke, 63 Templeroan Park.

Brendan David Murray-Byrne, 26 Beverly Crescent.

Elena Maria Connolly, 55 Westbourne Lodge.

Zoe Ciara O'Donoghue, "White Willow", Knocklyon Road

Alexander Richard Trimble, 1 Templeroan Green.

Hannah Margaret Matthews, 63 Scholarstown Park.

Aidan Mark Ward, 70 Westbourne Lodge.



NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Items for inclusion in the next issue should be handed into the Presbytery by Sunday 27th February. The Newsletter will be circulated from 18th March. As advertising space has become so popular we are accepting adverts on a first come, first served basis only, with payment, so make sure to book your space in good time. Enquiries re advertising to June at 941204 (10.00 a.m. - 12 noon) Monday to Friday.

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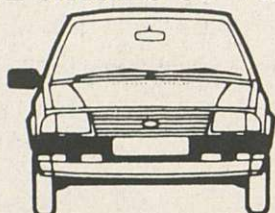
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