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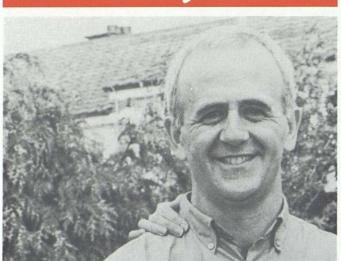
Brian and Jackie Scully pictured with son David and his sponsor, Gaye Browne, also his sister Rachel

Below: John Byrne with parents Rita and John, sister Jennifer, and extended family

Above: Pictured with Bishop Eamon Walsh are, L. to R. David Foynes, Greg Armstrong, Stephen Fee, David Woodcock, Julie Hogan, Áine Carroll. (Kneeling) Colm Hennebry and Michael Lally



Our Joe



Most people will know Joe Kelly, especially the mums and dads whose children have attended or currently attend the 10 o'clock children's Mass. Joe is their friend who plays the guitar.

He was born in Drumcondra, the youngest of three children and was educated at O'Connell's School. As a young boy he was very much into soccer and became a member of Home Farm Football Club. He played mostly on the field as a defender but sometimes in goal and was considered to be good at the game. While playing in the under 17's, his team won almost every match they played. "Alas" says Joe "by the time I was 18 – I wasn't all that great, although I was asked to join Bohemians but did not take up the offer". On leaving school he entered U.C.D. where he gained a degree in Science and followed up this achievement with an H.Dip in Maynooth College.

By then of course, he had met Noeleen (now his very attractive wife). She was a secretary in the Dental Hospital and they were both members of the Pioneer Musical and Dramatic Society in St. Francis Xaviour Hall. Noeleen loved acting in plays and she and Joe soon became involved in numerous musicals, plays and pantomimes in the Society and also in the Father Mathew Hall.

After they married they moved to the south side of Dublin and when Joe became a teacher of Science and Biology in St. Benildus, Kilmacud, they moved into the Knocklyon area where they now live with their three daughters, Lisa, Joanne, Helen and their dog Penny.

Ten years ago, Joe volunteered to help at the Children's Mass. The Mass was specially designed for young children during which they acted out little playlets from the Gospel. Joe, Denise and Marion O'Clery were the first to make up the plays and rehearse the children to perform them during the Mass. Then there was the choir. Ruth Kelly was in charge in the early days and was later replaced by Eimer O'Neill. Colm played the guitar. It was then that Joe decided to learn to play the guitar. Soon he mastered the art to perfection and today he still plays at the 10 o'clock Mass. The Drama continues under the direction of Eva Coffey. The choir is going strong – forty singers – and ALL girls.

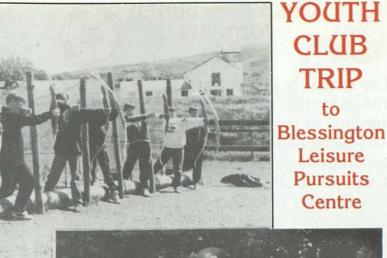
I found Joe to be an easy conversationalist with a good sense of humour. He is still teaching Science and Biology in St. Benildus. "You seem to be very happy there" I said. "Yes" he replied, "I like teaching and I suppose if you like your job it means a lot". Just recently, because of the introduction of Transition Year, the boys of St. Benildus College and the girls of St. Raphaela's got together for a production of "Grease". This was the first production in the college for 20 years and proved to be a riotous success. Most of the boys had never been in front of the footlights before and they have now become wildly enthusiastic to repeat the experience, and are now hoping to produce a show as an annual event.

Joe and his family have always spent their holidays either in Ireland, England, Scotland or Wales. This was because most of June and July were taken up by marking exam papers which Joe does every year. They felt that August was always too hot to go abroad as they cannot take too much sun. However, history was made in the Kelly household last year. Joe got his first passport and in June they took off for Portugal. Everything was perfect, the weather just right and a wonderful time was had by all. Of course, now that they have started, there's no knowing where they'll be off to next.

"Joe" I said, "You are a very happy and contented man". "Well" he replied, "perhaps it's because all my life I've been surrounded by women. I was the only boy in my family. I have two sisters and now I have a wife, three daughters and he laughed even the dog is a lady.

Eileen Casey





A GREAT DAY OF ACTIVITY

The activities of the Youth Club ended for the summer on the weekend of 26/28th May. A fun night took place on Friday 26th and an outing to Blessington on Sunday 28th. Deirdre Anne Wynne gives us a report below on what has now become an annual event.

At half-past eight on Sunday 28th May, members of the Youth Club assembled outside the Youth and Community Centre to begin their trip to Blessington Leisure Pursuits Centre.

The buses arrived on time and everyone piled into them, baggage, junk food and all. The engines revved and we were on our way.

When we arrived we were welcomed, and given a pep talk by the instructors who were to look after us during the various activities throughout the day. Our groups for the day were organised and we set off to enjoy ourselves.

There were plenty of activities in which to participate, both on land and in the water – horseriding, archery, orienteering, Canadian canoeing and kayaking are an incomplete list of what we got up to. A trip on the waterbus, complete with a talk about the lake was an attractive way of learning History. Unfortunately, for some, the trip lasted longer than they anticipated!

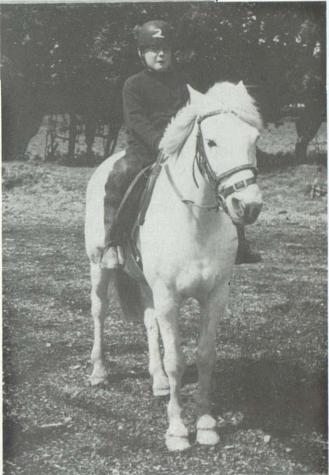
By the time lunch was served, everybody was ravenous. The dining hall filled up with hungry people. Plates of burgers and chips were handed out and the noise of rumbling stomachs abated.



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As soon as lunch was finished, we went back to our activities to see if the instructors could tire us out. While everyone enjoyed themselves, there was certainly enough energy left for a sing-song on the way home.

We arrived back at the Youth and Community Centre with two busloads of exhausted adventurers after a great day. Deirdre-Anne Wynne

The Youth Club's A.G.M. was held on 16th May and a list of the new committee will be published in September.

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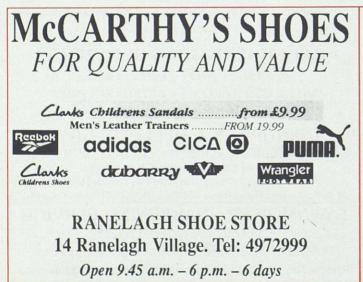
The season is now drawing to a close. Our 10A team has won the League and are in the final of the Shield. Congratulations to Ken Lyons and Mick Ralph on the excellent performance of the 12A team. They finished a very creditable 4th in the highly competitive Division 12A1 of the Dublin and District Schoolboys League (this Division featured top Schoolboy Teams like Home Farm and Manortown). Two of the 12A team were selected to play for the Dublin Schoolboys League against the Belfast League recently. Congratulations to Oliver Pugh and Eoghan Fitzmaurice who scored twice in an exciting 5-4 win.

Trials will be organised in the coming weeks so if you are interested in coming along please contact one of the managers mentioned below. These are the managers of the "A" teams, if necessary they will put you in touch with other teams.

8A	Dave Coffey	.Tel.	493	2560)
9A	Derek Murphy	Tel.	494	3180)
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	John Doyle				
17A	Bill Lecky		493	1917	7
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Yours sincerely, Jim McGonigle, P.R.O. 493 1046

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Young Musician

We send warm congratulations to Clare Crehan (age 14) from Orlagh Park, Knocklyon who has had a very successful year at the piano. In March she won "The Seamus Delaney Cup" for piano (under 16) and "The Asgard Cup" for piano (under 18). In Féis Maitiú she was runnerup in the Mozart/Hayden (under 16) and the Impressionist Competition (under 16). She has already won the Romantic (under 16) and Post-Romantic (under 16) and the Tynan Cup for Concerto playing.

In April she performed in the National Concert Hall and won the instrumental section of the "Talented Teens" competition.

Clare is a second year student at Sancta Maria College, Ballyroan and studies piano under Audrey Chisholm at the Royal Irish Academy.

We wish her continued success and look forward to hearing more news of her musical endeavours.

I.C.A. News

With Summer approaching, the Knocklyon Guild rounded off its activities with a Treasure Hunt in the city centre on the 20th June.

Our Table Quiz on the 16th May proved a great success as did our coffee morning in the Pearse Museum in Rathfarnham. A most enjoyable time was had by all who attended a Line Dancing and Ballroom Dancing weekend in An · Grianan - also part of our recent schedule.

Congratulations to Catherine Cardiff and Alice McGlynn who won awards for their impressive crochet and breadmaking.

Our meetings will resume on the first Tuesday in September with a full and entertaining programme for the Autumn. New members always welcome. Why not consider joining us when we resume? We'd love to see you.

Anne Fee

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A G.I.F.T. FOR KNOCKLYON

One of the most challenging qualities in young people today is their directness – an appraising look, cool observation and if satisfied, open and honest approval. Dissatisfied? well they simply vote with their feet. It's a haunting image at the back of your mind as you face them with a new initiative and wonder, what if they don't like it? It takes courage to face that critical set of eyes, and courage is what Fr. Joe has in abundance – stacks of it.

He has already firmly established the Faith Friends Programme in the Parish for young people making their Confirmation. Over the years, he has brought together a team of young Adult Faith Friends who share their experience of Faith and help the young people understand and participate more fully in the Sacrament of Confirmation. And after Confirmation? Massive doses of *that* courage and that's how G.I.F.T. came to Knocklyon.

Fr. Joe saw the great loss to our community if contact was broken with such a vitally important group of young people dispersed among Secondary Schools in adjoining Parishes. **G**rowing **In** Faith **T**ogether seemed to be the logical extension to the Faith Friends Programme but would it appeal to such a critical audience? For a period of five weeks before Easter over forty young teenagers met in groups of 6 - 8 to work through a programme of topics of particular relevance to their lives. With the help of adult facilitators, our community, *their* community was put under intense scrutiny. Their commitment and enthusiasm for the Programme turned a fledgling initiative into one of the happiest, noisiest, most constructive forums for discussion to have taken place in Knocklyon. And yes, there is G.I.F.T. 2 and 3, 4, 5...

(See overleaf for comments from some of the young participants of G.I.F.T. 1.)

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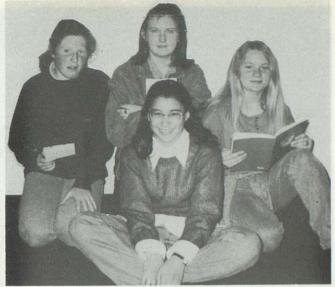
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(L.-R. Back) Deirdre Sheedy, Rachel Wright, Dunlaith Bird, (Front) Miriam Alnaman



(L.-R.) Aoife Nolan, John Healy, Susan Tyson, Ronan Barrett

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Sarah O'Dowd puts the final touches to her artwork.

(L.-R.) Caoimhe Malone, Dearbhla Garrett, Ruth Cahill and Aoife Moynihan rehearse the music.



Lorna Bourke designs a poster.

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER



The simple altar at ground level around which the young people sat to celebrate their re-union Mass.

What the young people themselves thought

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My first group meeting lasted for about an hour and 15 mins. We just talked and got to know each other. There were five girls and three boys in my group. After each meeting we had drinks and some sweets. The second meeting was about friendship and we all got along well and had a good laugh. By now all the groups were getting along well. The fifth and final meeting was excellent. We talked about God and prayer and we also had a bit of fun. We organised a reunion and it was held in the Junior School on Thursday June 1st. We had a Mass, celebrated by Fr. Joe and then had some food and drinks in the Community Centre. I would especially like to thank the group leaders who organised the meetings and to Fr. Joe who organised the Mass and the reunion. If there is to be a G.I.F.T. 2 Programme I would highly recommend it, if it is anything like G.I.F.T. 1.

Ronan Barrett



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Miriam Alnaman, Sarah O'Dowd

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### KNOCKLYON COMMUNITY GAMES ATHLETICS FINALS AT CHERRYFIELD ON MAY 21st

A great day was had by all at the Knocklyon Athletics Finals. The Executive wish to thank everybody involved and particularly those who

Start to Finish



helped out on the day, a real sense of community effort was shown, to be able to run both North and South on the one day.

A special thanks to Larry Kiernan and Bill Tyson of Bros. Pearse Athletic Club for marking the track so well. As can be seen by the gold, silver and bronze winners some budding athletes are in prospect.

We wish good luck to all the athletes in Santry.

Our deep gratitude once again to Aileen Millane and Derek Fox and all the other people who helped to make the swimming competitions so successful. We wish all the competitors every success in the finals.

We also wish all our team participants and their Managers the best of luck in their different disciplines and will bring you a more detailed report in the next edition.

A final note of congratulations to our Chess team who played so well against much older opponents. Special congratulations to Donal O'Shea, aged 7, who beat a player twice his age!

News Congratulations to our Camogie team who beat Hartstown in the Dublin Final and are now Teash! through to Leinster. Aiden Nevin, P.R.O.

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### JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS



(L.-R.) Ciara Kelly, Ciara Lambert, Simon Dean, Brian Byrne-Keating, and Sarah Walsh wait in anticipation.

We expect that everybody will take full advantage of the long "hot" summer days and we look forward to knuckling down to another funfilled academic year in September.

The "Red Carpet" will be rolled out in September to welcome our new arrivals – all 210 of them.

Parents – please note to return Book Lists to the Secretary's Office before Friday 30th June.

Uniforms will be available from the school - first two weeks in July and



### AN CHÉAD CHOMAOINEACH

The end of the school year is fast approaching and the month of June sees the Junior School alive with summer energy.

Tour bound buses filled with smiling faces are a familiar sight. The children are preparing with anticipation for their Sports Days which should be even more exciting this year thanks to the arrival of our new parachute.

We were saddened to learn of the death of Claire Sweeney's father and we wish to take this opportunity to offer our deepest sympathy to her and to her family.

Congratulations to our secretary Cathie on the birth of her bouncing baby boy.

Below (L.-R.) Deborah Nolan and Aideen Kiernan



(Left) Aaron Harbourney and Parents (Coolamber Park)

the last two weeks in August.

The school will be closing at 12 p.m. on Friday 30th June and re-opening on Friday 1st September. Monday 4th September for the new Junior Infants.

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## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS



Go on, throw that burdensome schoolbag under the stairs. It can languish there, lost and forlorn in the deepest darkness of its black isolation. Do not once relent to see if it has made friends with the discarded shoes and boots of yesteryear. What do you care if its counting the days to August 31st. You're certainly not!

As I write this article children are leaving the environs of Knocklyon and heading for such

Junior School Principal, Mr. Paul Dalton, with daughter Jane, son Alan, wife Denise, Mark who was confirmed and youngest son Robert

exotic destinations as The National Stud, The Japanese Gardens, The Butterfly Farm, Carlingford Adventure Centre, Blessington Adventure Centre and Glendalough.

We have all enjoyed a particularly happy and eventful year in the Senior School. The Principal



Emma Cahill with her parents and her sponsor Noleen Kelly on Confirmation Day 24th May

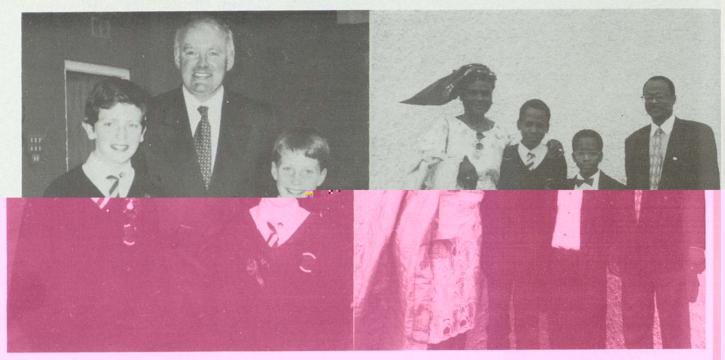
and staff would like to wish you all a happy holiday. Go on – climb those mountains, swim in the sea, walk in the countryside. Enjoy eight weeks of glorious freedom.

On the 31st August you may gingerly prise open the door to the understairs world and retrieve the much maligned schoolbag. It may sniff and protest for a few minutes but I can assure you, it will soon perk up when it realizes it has been chosen to walk down the hallowed corridors of the Senior School for yet another year.

### See you in September. Sports News etc. on page 13.



## Confirmation St. Colmcille's Knocklyon



Martin Cunniffe and Shane Walsh, with teacher, Mr. Lyons



Orla O'Donnell with her mother and grandmother

(L. to R.) Ronke Ayoade with newly confirmed son Kayode, his brother Adebayo and Gbade (father)



Father Joe with Alan Doyle (left) and Brian Carr (right)



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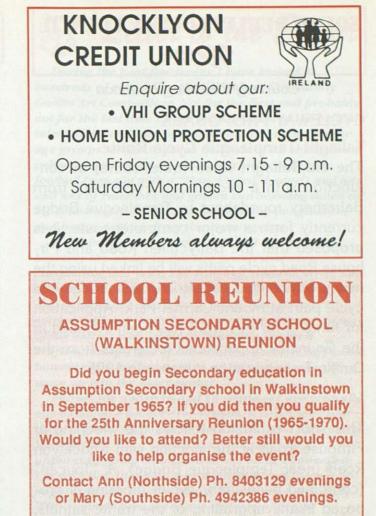
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### CYCLEWAY PROPOSALS

### Tallaght-Templeogue Cycle Route

The old Tallaght Road (quiet route) in conjunction with a segregated cycle path from Balrothery roundabout to Templeogue Bridge currently form a major commuter route. It is proposed that the Ballycullen Road and Firhouse Road cycle paths will be linked using the newly-constructed pedestrian/cycle bridge and cycle path at Mount Carmel Park. Application for funding for this work has been included in the Council's applications for grants from the Dublin Transportation Initiative in 1995.

### Extension of Firhouse Road Cycle Path

This short extension follows the widening of Firhouse Road at the junction with Knocklyon Road (near Templeogue Bridge). A "Toucan" (combined pedestrian/ cycle) crossing is proposed in the upgrading of the traffic signals. This work should be completed in 1995.

## Pedestrian Footpath at Knockfield Manor Junction

As part of some landscaping works being carried out this month at this junction, a footpath will be provided to facilitate pedestrians crossing Knocklyon Road at this point.

#### Lansdowne Park

It has been decided to provide a railing to extend from the junction of Firhouse Road with Knocklyon Road to the extremity of the green area opposite the Lansdowne Park Houses which face Firhouse Road.

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Lotto Winners!

Once allocations of National Lottery funds have been decided by the Government it is a matter for the individual spending Minister to decide which projects in their areas of responsibility will receive Lottery funds over the course of the year. The following are just some examples of where the money we didn't win went last year:

Conservation works

Grant in aid funds for the following:

- Communal facilities in voluntary housing schemes
- Local Authority Library Services
- Provision and renovation of swimming pools
- Youth and sports organisations
- Irish Museum of Modern Art, National Concert Hall and other cultural agencies
- National Heritage Council
- Irish Red Cross Society
- Royal Irish Academy of Music
- Grants to Colleges providing courses in Irish
- Gaeleagras na Seirbhíse Poiblí
- Publications in Irish
- Capital Building and equipment costs of special schools for children in care
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### SWEEPING STATEMENT!

Has anyone in Knocklyon noticed roadsweepers at work on either Knocklyon Road or Scholarstown Road? If so please let Cllr. Muldoon know. Telephone 494 6601. The luxuriant growth of weeds at both locations indicates that neither of these roads have been swept recently.

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### SPORTING REPORT

In our final report on hurling matters we would simply like to mention all the boys who were on our panels this year. They put in a great effort in training and matches.

JUNIOR: A. Hickey, P. Timmons, S. Conlon, C. McAteer, N. Kavanagh, B. Quinn, B. O'Connor, T. Sweeney, B. Kennedy, C. Doody, K. Douglas, P. Roche, M. Noonan, S. Brennan, C. Scollard, D. McDonagh, C. Styles, R. McAuley, S. Gillis, L. Byrne, K. Chamberlain, D. Agnew.

SENIOR A: K. Edge, K. O'Byrne, A. Moran, J. Kielty, S. Hennebry, M. O'Dwyer, C. Murphy, P. O'Connor, M. Lally, S. Fee, K. Seery, P. Egan, T. Sweeney, C. Keaney, C. Hennebry, D. Noonan, P. Kirwan, S. Walsh, K. Flynn, C. Cahill.

SENIOR B: E. Murray, R. Ryan, J. Byrne, C. Rafferty, M. Fitzgerald, K. Lawlor, R. McDermott, R. Kane, I. Barrett, R. Maher, M. Kiernan, K. Fielding, S. Gleeson, J. Colleary, N. O'Shea, A. Keane, I. Harmon, A. McNamara.

Thanks to all the parents who provided us with lifts to and from matches – their help is greatly appreciated.

Well done to Karl Seery, Bernard Donohue and Ann McCormack who played for Dublin Primary School Teams in Croke Park recently.

Finally, many congratulations to STEPHEN DEVINE from 5th class (Rm. 9) who is a member of *Xanadu*, the group which won the final of the *John Player Tops Competition*. This is probably only Stephen's first step to fame and fortune. Well done Stephen!

It is proposed to hold the Annual Parish Social Evening in late September. Anyone willing to help organise this event, please contact the Presbytery at 4941204. We are also looking for people to host tables in all areas.

Please contact Catherine at 4946082.



Mr. Pat Kelly, chatting with Emma Hogan at the Confirmation Reception



During the past few weeks I bave looked at bundreds of entries for the Knocklyon Community Games Art Competition. Not for the first and probably not for the last time I bave been amazed at the brilliant talent of the children in Knocklyon. The under 8 year age groups tended to focus on birds of all shades and colours; extraordinary animals which could play football (usually with a "Man. United" badge!) and lots and lots of rainbows and golden sun beaming down on all. It obviously suggests a very bealthy imagination and bappy outlook from these youngsters.

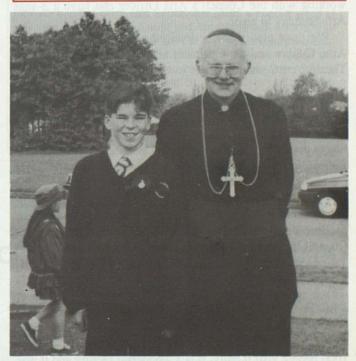
We didn't bave too many under 10 age entries, bowever the under twelve age group was very competitive this year. The range of colours, styles and themes was impressive. Again, lots of football, tennis and running but also a good many semi-abstract entries (at least that's bow I interpreted them!) Some of the entries were quite outstanding for their craftsmanship. One of the mysteries which baffles me bowever is what bappens to all this talent when they move up into the older ranks?

Entries for under 16 and 18 year ages are virtually non-existent! Whatever the reason, it is obvious that there is great scope in the Knocklyon area for an Art Society/Club. It's a shame to see all this talent apparently going to waste and not being channelled. I'm sure that there must be somebody out there who might consider establishing a Knocklyon Art Society. With summer here there are still lots of bright evenings to paint and sketch and when winter comes there is no better bobby for passing the time.

Vincent Kenny, 92 Glenvara Park

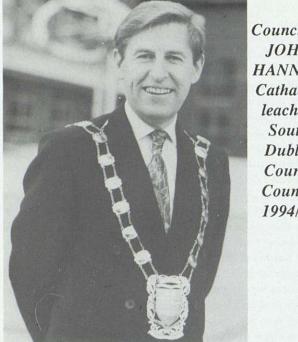
### "HERALD SPECIAL"

Congratulations to our victorious hurling team who took this trophy home from Croke Park on Tuesday 13th June.



Niall Lavery with Bishop Eamon Walsh after the Ceremony

My Year in Office



Councillor JOHN HANNON Cathaoirleach of South Dublin County Council 1994/95

As the end of his term approaches, we asked Cllr. John Hannon to tell us a little about his year as Cathaoirleach of the newly formed South Dublin County Council. Below are some extracts from his reply for your information.

My overall objective was to begin the process of changing the perception of Local Government. This means providing improved services in a more effective way.

A County Development Officer has been appointed and a first class promotional booklet entitled "South Dublin - The Ideal Business Location" has been produced. It is being distributed internationally through Irish Embassies and the I.D.A. with a view to onward investment and job creation, with particular emphasis on tourism.

The "Civic Vision" Programme is the policy outline that underpins Council activities. It has now formed part of the Council's strategic plan - "Partnership with the Community". A priority has been to put the Arts centre-stage in Council activities. This we have done through the Committee working with the Council's Arts Officer and have a 3-year Arts Strategy in place.

We have also made a detailed submission to Dept. of Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht seeking funding for a major Theatre/Art Centre on a site owned by the Council near the Square.

We have produced and are implementing an Irish Language Policy Document entitled "Tús Maith".

On a more mundane but equally important note, I am happy that at last the local road network has been improved -Ballycullen Road and Knocklyon Road were opened during the past year. Phase III of Firhouse Road is underway.

In my year as Cathaoirleach I have met public representatives from France, Wales, Germany, Poland and recently the predominantly Unionist members of Banbridge District Council in Northern Ireland. I have also welcomed the then Taoiseach Albert Reynolds, and a number of Ministers to the Civic Offices. I have spear-headed the new Civic Awards which recognise community achievement in a range of activities.

My happiest day as Cathaoirleach was 14th December when I opened the new County Library in Tallaght. Over 1000 people visit it daily. It is a wonderful facility and it was a great honour to open it on behalf of the new County of South Dublin.

Looking to the future: The Council's site at Tallaght has been recommended by independent consultants as being the most suitable in Ireland for a Water Leisure Centre with 50m. pool. These consultants were appointed by Government and we now await the decision of the Minister for Sport. Without such a pool, it is virtually impossible for our young swimmers to compete at Olympic level. The Water Leisure Complex would be a tourist attraction and leisure facility for the large young population of the entire South Dublin area.

The first momentous year in the life of South Dublin County Council is rapidly drawing to a close. We can all take some satisfaction from the fact that the new Council has been successfully launched and that our new Headquarters have become a reality. Whilst a lot of progress has been made during 1994, much remains to be done. We must now build on the achievements of year one so as to ensure that South Dublin County Council will develop its own distinctive identity, an identity that will be characterised by the provision of a quality, value for money service to the people for whom we hold this new County in trust.

Together, we can do it.

COUNCILLOR JOHN HANNON, Cathaoirleach.

A Moment to Reflect on Love A newly married couple asked: "What shall we do to make our love endure"? Said the Master "Love other things together" (One Minute Wisdom by Anthony de Mello)

I remember learning, years ago, expressed in the typical abstract way of the time, that love is, of necessity, universal. Put more simply, "you can't love anyone, unless you love everyone".

The old adage "charity begins at home" is too often quoted without the phrase that follows it ... "but doesn't end there"!

A little reflection on experience can bring home the truth of all this. Nothing destroys a relationship as thoroughly as possessiveness. The possessive spirit seeks to own the other person, and no one wants to be owned! The possessive person sees himself/herself as loving deeply, but the only one he is loving is himself. Meanwhile his partner grows in frustration as precious freedom is curbed, and can only respond in anger or hate whether outwardly or within.

On the other hand, love extensively and the heart expands. The experience of life grows fuller and more varied. One becomes enriched with a serenity, understanding and compassion towards everybody that grows ever deeper.

Love is that mysterious commodity that defies all laws of physics and economics: the more you give away the more you have. Squander yourself in love and you will become more whole, more faithful and more abundant in what you have to give. But the main beneficiary of your abundance will be your yourself. Fr. David

## Hotlyon ...

• K.Y.C.



The Youth Club raised a sum of £100 on their Fun Night on May 26th. This money was forwarded to St. Michael's House, Goatstown and was gratefully received. Well done to all concerned.

### A CRY FOR HELP

Urgently needed adult help to open the Coffee Dock on Sunday and Thursday evenings during the summer. At the moment we are open on Sundays so that the youth of the parish can have a place to meet and talk. However, we need more help to open on a Thursday night. Please consider giving just one night this summer for a few hours. If you can, please leave your name and phone number into the Presbytery for the attention of Fr. Joe.

### MUSIC IN THE AFTERNOON

The summer season of concerts by the Irish National Folk Company continues every Tuesday to Friday from 3.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in the Tearooms at St. Enda's Park, Rathfarnham, Further information from 4933053.

#### TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

On Saturday 24th June Dublin Zoo will host a Teddy Bears' Picnic. All children who bring along a Teddy bear will be admitted free of charge for the occasion (accompanying adults are liable for normal entry fee). Normal Zoo opening hours apply (10 - 6). Attempts are being made to break the record for the biggest picnic. "You'd better go in disguise".

### DUBLIN SOUTH COMMUNITY RADIO

This new radio station goes on air on June 24th, with community information, history, heritage, drama and a wide variety of Classical, Jazz, Country & Western and Rock music. After the initial broadcast at 2 p.m. on June 24th the station will be on air every Wednesday to Friday 8 - 11 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays 2 - 11 p.m. Happy listening to DSCR!

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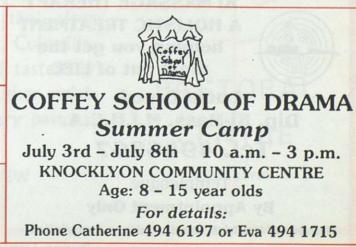
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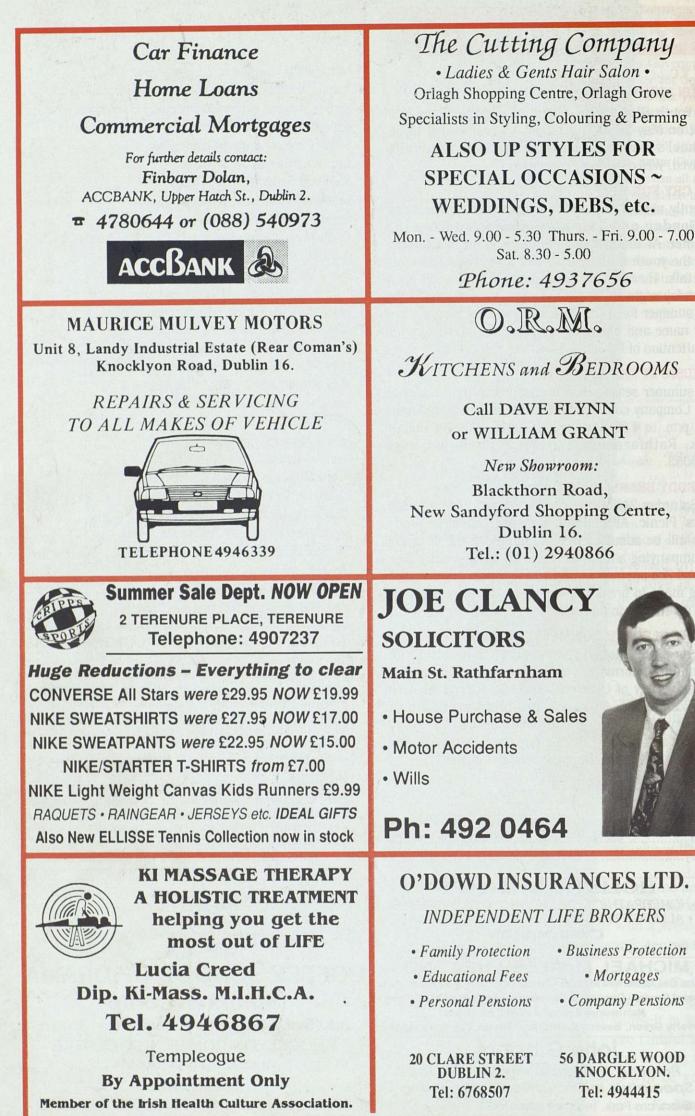
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The next issue of "Knocklyon News" will be circulated from 28th September. Items and advertisements for inclusion should reach the Presbytery by Sunday 10th September. We would like to take this opportunity at the end of our production year to thank all our advertisers and contributors for their support since last September. Also a special word of gratitude to our printers Lantz Ltd. for their invaluable advice and assistance. Finally, we wish to express our appreciation to the pupils of 5th and 6th classes who have distributed the Newsletter throughout the Parish over the last year. "Good luck" to those who are leaving St. Colmcille's to start their secondary education and we look forward to welcoming our new distributors "on board". Enquiries re advertising to June at 4941204 (10 a.m. - 12 noon) Mon. - Fri.

Have a lovely Summer - see you in September.





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