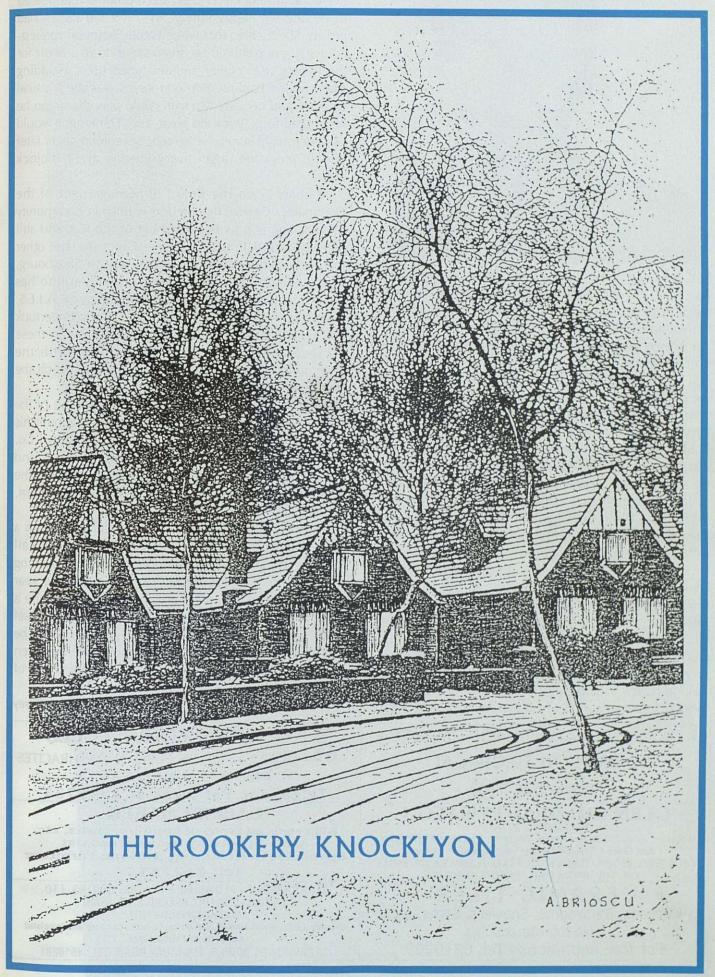
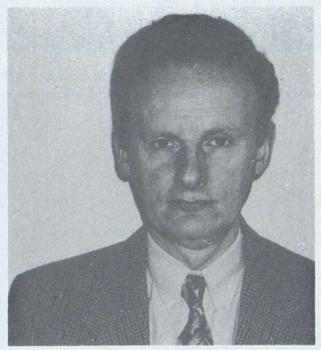
# THE KNOCKLYON NEW

ST. COLMCILLE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

**MARCH 1996** 



### Michael – Maestro of Sound & Speed



Michael Sheedy has always been interested in music. As a small child he must have been very conscious that the Sheedy household reverberated day and night with the sound of tunes old and new. Why you may ask? The answer is simple. Michael's father owned a Dance Hall where the Ramona Dance Band played Ceilidhe, Old Time, Modern and Traditional music. Those were the days when the 'Ballroom of Romance' caught the imagination of the young people of the country, who thronged the dance halls of every town.

Michael was born in Roscrea, Co. Tipperary and was educated at the local Christian Brothers School. He soon became quite expert as a pianist but although he loved his music, the world of entertainment was not for him. In 1969, after gaining his Leaving Cert. he entered University College Dublin where he graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering. Shortly afterwards he joined the staff of Irish Rail in Rosslare Harbour as Engineer responsible for Inspection of the Harbour. During his years of service there, many changes took place. Thirty acres of land were reclaimed from the sea in order to make more berths for incoming ships. This cost 8 million pounds. The dingy, dismal passenger service block which housed the entrance, exit and waiting rooms to and from le Havre Ferry was transformed into a magnificent building complete with restaurant, bar and seating lounge which must surely be the envy of many a continental Port. Michael is proud that he was part of a team that planned and worked to make Rosslare Harbour the attractive and efficient place it is today.

It was during these years that he met and married his wife, Pauline and in 1975 they moved to Delaford. They both remember the old times in Knocklyon when everyone in Knocklyon knew each other and appeared to be one big happy family. By 1979 the Parish had grown. So much so that when Father Staunton requested that a group should be organised to form a choir for the Pope's visit, eighty people signed up – including Michael and Pauline. Brendan Keyes was the Musical Director and because Michael could play the organ he was asked to play for the great day. Thinking it would be a one night stand, he agreed. Seventeen years later he still plays the organ every Sunday at 11 o'clock Mass!

Michael is on the Board of Management of the Community Centre. Pauline too is busy in community matters. She is a founder member of the ICA and still takes part in their activities. After Easter she and other members of the ICA are paying a visit to Strasbourg, accompanied by Mary Banotti, M.E.P. Pauline has many talents and was among the founders of K.A.I.E.S. Interested in Social and Human studies she undertook and completed a two year Diploma Course in these subjects. She is very actively involved with the Community Centre, organising courses for which the Centre provides the facilities.

In 1989, Michael proceeded to change a bit of the Knocklyon landscape when he designed and built his own house on the first Registered plot of land in Co. Dublin. It took seven months before Michael and Pauline said goodbye to Delaford and moved into the Avenue where they now live with their children, Deirdre and Kevin.

In 1994 Michael left Rosslare Harbour to take up a new post as Senior Engineer with LUAS Light Rail Transit. This project will no doubt be another exciting one for him. It is due to be in operation by the year 2000. For those who are going to benefit, it must be a dream come true. In the meantime we wish Michael every success in this venture, but maybe someday he might be able to suggest a 'branch line' between Tallaght and Dundrum – stopping at Knocklyon of course. What about it Michael?

Eileen Casey

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### ~~~ Reflection ~~~

### Slow Learners

There is a world of difference I find between knowing and realising something! And if only I could bridge the gap between the two, how much better and happier my life would be!

I've been stuck indoors sitting at a desk all day. I know I need exercise and a breath of air. Instead I drop into a chair in front of the T.V.

I take an extra drink or two which, experience shows, will only deliver me a prolonged and miserable hangover throughout the whole of tomorrow. Or I help myself to large amounts of food which will not only add to my overweight problem, but will even make me feel bloated and stodgy in the short term!

I know I should phone or drop a note of sympathy to a bereaved acquaintance. I don't 'get around to it', and end up trading five minutes of effort for weeks of guilt.

Why do I do – or not do – these things? And a thousand others like them? Why can I not realise, that is, MAKE REAL, what I know to be true?

I don't know the answer, but I do know it has something to do with discipline, training and habits formed, and a reflective attitude to life. And all that in turn relates to self denial and prayer. Which is what LENT is all about ...

Fr. David

### **WOMEN'S FORUM**



Catherine Donohue (left) from Idrone, and Catherine Collins (Templeroan) – Knocklyon's two elected representatives at the Deanery Meetings.

As reported in the media Archbishop Desmond Connell decided recently that a diocesan women's forum should be set up. This followed a recommendation made to him by the Dublin Council of Priests that a suitable forum should be set up whereby women can dialogue both with the Archbishop and bishops of the diocese and with the Priests Council on issues of common concern.

Following an announcement made at all Masses in Knocklyon church on Sunday 28 January last a meeting was held on Wednesday 31 January at which two parish representatives were elected to go forward to a Deanery meeting viz., Catherine Donohoe (Idrone) and Catherine Collins (Templeroan). At the Deanery meeting they met the elected representatives of the other ten parishes in the Deanery. Marie Martin of St. Jude's Willington parish was elected to represent our Deanery on the diocesan forum. There are sixteen deaneries in the Archdiocese each of which will have a representative on the diocesan forum. The two representatives of Knocklyon parish will continue to attend Deanery meetings.

It is now proposed to set up a women's parish forum in Knocklyon at which women in this parish may express their views on issues of concern to us as members of the Church. The two representatives would liaise between the parish forum and the Deanery. A meeting will accordingly be held in the Iona Room, Pastoral Centre, on Wednesday 13 March at 8 o'clock p.m. All women in the parish are invited to attend.

This is an exciting development in Church history and it is hoped that all the women in our parish will be part of it.

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### SCHOOL NEWS

### SENIOR SCHOOL

February has been an action packed month here at the Senior School. We have had a couple of very enjoyable, educational and worthwhile visits.

One of these visits was from The Dodder Valley Environment Group. This three-member group is based in Tymon Community School. They visit classes and inform children about aspects of animal and insect life. The visit was most enjoyable for the pupils and teachers. The group members related the story of the animals' habitats, foods and life patterns in a simple, informative way. They involved the children in a thought-provoking question and answer session. The stuffed animals they brought aroused great interest indeed, so life-like was the fox that one teacher was seen to leap at the sight of it in the staffroom!

Another visitor to the school was Garry Henneberry of The Irish Red Cross Society. He talked about various accidents which occur in the primary school and how they might be avoided. The children were encouraged to join a "Safety Squad". These pupils will help to promote safety in the school, in an effort to reduce the number of accidents and learn what to do when injuries do occur. Membership costs £1 and includes a membership card, badge and newsletters.

The Diocesan team of religious advisors visited the school on Friday 16th February. They spent time in each class and explored the main themes of the religious programme with the children through discussion, stories, parables, songs and a guided prayer service. The children enjoyed the experience immensely.

#### **UPCOMING VISITS FOR MARCH include:**

- (1) South Dublin Environmental Roadshow.
- (2) Dublin City Writers' Workshop.
- (3) The Down to Earth Theatre Group.

More news on these visits in the next newsletter.

On the literary front, pupils in fifth class are following the fortunes of a group of Polish children who were separated from their parents during the Second World War, in the novel *The Silver Sword* by Ian Seraillier. In a complete contrast of setting other pupils are studying the adventures of a band of settlers who set out for the Far West of America in the summer of 1894 in the Novel, *Children on the Oregon Trail* by A. Rutgers Van Der Hoeff.

#### SPORTS NEWS

The Senior Hurling Squad continue to train three times per week in preparation for the forthcoming Primary Schools League. Preparations are progressing well with Tim Sweeny, Conor Cahill, Brian Quinn, Alan Moran, Philip Roche, and Niall McAteer leading the way in dedication and commitment. Newcomers to the hurling scene – Bernard Donohoe, Paul Grier and Conor Whelan look

promising. It is hoped to arrange some challenge matches over the next couple of weeks.

Over seventy enthusiastic third class boys and girls started *Gaelic Football* last month. Due to the large number of children involved some Transition Year students from local schools are working under the guidance of a teacher in helping with the coaching. These students have undergone a Foundation Level Coaching Course prior to their participation in this scheme. Each week 12 players are selected for their efforts as Players of the Week.

THE CAMOGIE season got under way with a friendly against Loreto, Rathfarnham, on Wednesday 14th February. This was followed by a challenge against Scoil Bhríde, Blanchardstown on Wednesday 21st involving 5th class pupils. Details in next issue.

Finally, congratulations to the school team of Lisa Henly, Peter Timmons, Philip Roche and Maedhbh Foynes who won the Credit Union National Inter Primary Schools Quiz in the Rathfarnham area. They competed against schools from Rathfarnham, Ballyboden and Terenure areas. Mr. F. Connolly accompanied the team. The school team now progresses to the next round.

### JUNIOR SCHOOL

"Oh ... Supacalafragalistic ..." Have you ever heard this sung by 1,000 children (what a thought!). Well, the Junior School, from Senior Infants to 2nd Class attended the National Concert Hall on 4th March, to sing, listen, hum and generally enjoy "Music in the Classroom" – a musical extravaganza especially tailored for the Primary School child. All the children knew the songs and joined in the great spirit of the occasion.

On another musical note ... our 2nd Class children, under the baton of Mrs. Anne Keating, will take part in the Cór Fhéile in March. Recorders to the ready, they have been practising and practising and ... Best of luck on the day!

May we take this opportunity to ask parents and friends to support a "Disco" taking place on March 13th in CoCo's in the Belgard Inn. It is in aid of a young child, Karl, who unfortunately was struck by meningitis as a baby and now is and perhaps will always be, totally dependent on his parents. His aunt is organising this event to help towards an extension to the family home to make life a little easier on them all. Tickets for this great night are £6 – from Cathie's office.

GOAL have given us 1,000 Stick-on Shamrocks to sell for them for Paddy's Day. Pop in to the school and buy one (or ten!).

Acceptance forms will be on the way shortly for Junior Infants – please return them immediately.

So, until next issue – remember, "March comes in like a lion, and out like a lamb" ... Baaaa!

### A GAELSCOIL FOR KNOCKLYON

A new all-Irish Primary School is scheduled to start in September 1996 in the Rathfarnham/Knocklyon area. A committed group of parents. teachers and friends have come together in order to establish this much needed amenity in our area.

The school will start off in September with Junior Infants under the auspices of the Department of Education. When fully developed the school will be an eight teacher, one stream school. Our objectives in establishing this new "Gaelscoil" are: "To provide a high standard of Education through the medium of Irish, with emphasis on our culture, music and sporting activities."

So far there has been a very positive and supportive response from the community to this project. There is a great interest and dedication to the Irish language and culture in the area. Already parents are looking forward to being able to educate their children through the medium of Irish.

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### BALLYBODEN ST. ENDAS GAA AND CAMOGIE CLUB

GAA President Jack Boothman and his wife Nuala and Dublin County Board Chairman John F. Bailey were the guests of honour at the club's Gala Presentation Dinner in honour of the Senior Football Team who won the Dublin Championship for the first time in 1995. Many special guests representing South Dublin County Council and County Board, Sponsors, Sports Journalists and Press, attended in the company of Club President Kevin Cardiff.

At this function the Ballyboden St. Enda's/FERGUSON Senior Football Players "Player of the Year" was also announced with the award going to Micheál Gardiner. Micheál won an Evening Herald/Irish Nationwide Building Society Blue Star award in 1995 and is currently starring with the Mayo team which has won promotion from Division 3 of the National League.

Preparations are well advanced for the new season. In the Championship, the Senior football team meet Scoil Ui Chonaill on March 10 and the senior hurling team play Kevins on May 19.

Juvenile activity is picking up pace and the club is presenting a Shield for the special indoor hurling tournament for schools to be held over the coming weeks. Schools participating include St. Colmcille's, Knocklyon.

There was an overflow attendance at the recent Table Quiz in the Clubhouse with 88 teams participating – a club record. The event was superbly compered by Brian Carthy of RTÉ and the surprise mystery sports guest was former double World Cross-Country champion and Olympic Silver medallist John Treacy. On behalf of the club John Kirwan, Club Chairman made a donation to John Treacy for GOAL.

A Limited Club Members' Draw has started. Tickets available from members of the Senior Football panel. Over IR£1,500 in prizes. The draw is scheduled for March 24. The club will host a Scottish U.17 Shinty Development Squad in July. A number of matches will take place in the club over that weekend.

Dublin's minor hurlers are in intensive training at the moment for this year's Leinster Championship. The side is managed by club member and St. Colmcille's teacher Paudie O'Neill. At present Ballyboden St. Enda's is the training location for panellists drawn from the southside.

Gerry O'Sullivan



Gay Cuddy, Teacher at St. Colmcille's, Knocklyon and member of the Ballyboden St. Enda's Senior Football team which won the Dublin Championship for the first time last year, receives his medal from Jack Boothman (on left), President of the GAA and John Bailey, Dublin County Board Chairman.

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### FOOTBALL CLUB



#### **ALL IRELAND CUP**

Congratulations to Thomas Masterson, Tom Nulty and the 14A team on getting to the last 16 of the All Ireland Cup. Having beaten Kilcoole, Cabinteely and Ashwood in the previous rounds they travelled to Artane to take on hot favourites St. Paul's of the Dublin and District Schoolboys League. They came away with an excellent 1-0 victory and also had the man of the match in Rory Flanagan. Their opponents in the next round are as yet unknown but Knocklyon have a HOME draw. A big crowd would be a great asset in helping this fine team get to the guarter final and who knows maybe all the way to become eventual winners. So keep an eye for the date of the next round and come along and support the team. The 14A team are also top of the League and with just 5 games to go they have an excellent chance of becoming champions.

#### **SPONSORSHIP**

"Our man, Aidan Cooney" of 98FM fame has very kindly sponsored a set of jerseys for the 17B team. The new logo is now proudly worn by the team who have progressed to the quarter final of the Mahoney Shield. Manager and Chairman Paul Keenan in thanking Aidan for his generous sponsorship highlighted the importance of sponsorship to the club and exhorted other companies to become involved.

#### **CHRISTMAS DRAW**

We express our sincere thanks to all who supported our annual Christmas Draw which took place in Mortons before Christmas. It was a great success and thanks to Dave Armstrong for all his hard work.

#### **DINNER DANCE**

We are holding a Dinner Dance in the Spawell Complex on Saturday 9th March. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to meet managers of the club and enjoy a sociable occasion. Numbers are limited to 120 and tickets which cost £16 each can be had from Dave Armstrong, tel. 494 2900.

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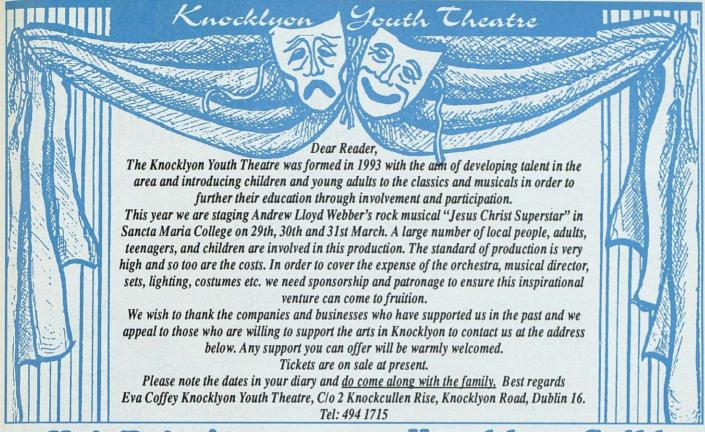
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### K.A.R.A. News

We extend a hearty céad mîle fáilte to the new members who recently joined our association and hope they will enjoy the many facilities we have to offer – particularly the "hand of friendship" that we all appreciate.

The bowls sessions on Thursday afternoons are going from strength to strength. All participants are very keen players and are looking fit and well as a result, buíochas le Dia.

Some of our members braved the elements to attend the concert that was held at Sancta Maria Convent, Ballyroan recently and were rewarded by a very enjoyable performance by the pupils involved.

On Tuesday 21st February we had our monthly exercise session with Patricia Dawson which we find very stimulating. On Tuesday 28th February Fr. Arthur O'Neill visited us to talk about the "Church Today". It proved to be a very interesting discussion. Our most recent visitor was Ms. Catherine Kiernan from the Irish Heart Foundation.

So you can see we certainly don't lack variety. The recent inclement weather has affected the attendance at our weekly meetings but now that Spring is "around the corner" we hope to see the re-appearance of our absent members. Hoping that the Holy Season of Lent will benefit all of us as we unite in our prayers for peace and prosperity in our land. Until our next news. Slán libh.

M. C. O'Gorman, Sec. K.A.R.A.

### Knocklyon Guild I.C.A.

To start off our new year's meetings we had a demonstration from a representative of McDougalls Flour. We got many tips on how to provide quick and easy home-made brown bread, banana bread and scones.

On Tuesday 20th February we had a speaker from "Heartline Training", Mr. Niall Edwards who advised us on how to stock your first aid kit, general first aid and artificial resuscitation. This demonstration proved to be a valuable insight into basic first aid and many members would be interested in further training in this area.

Spain was the E.U. country chosen by guild members for the A.I.B. Guild Project '96. The categories include Trade Links Display – Verbal presentation, A Dish, A Flag, and a Doll in national, regional, or historic dress. This competition takes place in March.

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April 6th HOLY SATURDAY

10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9.00 p.m. Celebration of Easter Vigil.

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April 6th

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### An Invitation

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We hope you will be able to participate very fully in all the liturgies of Holy Week. Wouldn't it be marvellous if the great crowds that throng the Church on Good Friday to celebrate the Lord's Passion would come again to celebrate the triumph of His Rising from the Dead.

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We would like to remind you that the recently launched Post Primary Schools Booklet sponsored by Amey Insurance and the local business community may be purchased at Bookworld, the Church Bookshop and both schools at a cost of £1. All proceeds go towards school equipment.

We are holding a lecture entitled "Bullying" given by John O'Leary, Psychologist from the Department of Education at 8.30 p.m. on Monday 25th March. Subscription £1. All are welcome.

> Peter Heffernan, Chairperson St. Colmcille's Parents' Association Tel: 494 1633

### Knocklyon Variety Group



The Knocklyon Variety Group would like to thank all who supported their recent Pantomime in Sancta Maria College. The Panto was a great success and the audience participation was tremendous.

We will be advertising for new members in the near future and would hope to get a good response from adults and teenagers over 16 years male and female. (See page 13 for Panto photos etc.)



### Letters to the Editor

#### Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to ask your readers not to give used clothes to the Women coming to the houses but instead take them to the Bin located at The Superquinn Shopping Centre for that purpose. At least this way you will not see them thrown away.

Name and address with Editor

### Letters continued RE: POST PRIMARY COMMITTEE

According to a series of questions recently put to the Minister for Education Ms. Niamh Bhreathnach in the Dáil by Deputies Brennan, Kitt, Shatter and O'Donnell, the Minister has, once again, decided not to proceed with the building of our long promised Post Primary School at Scholarstown Road.

At several levels I am sorry to inform you that this Minister has failed to keep the Post Primary Committee informed or to give us the opportunity to discuss her Department's re-evaluations in the light of our "Independent expert's" report. Our data was conclusive in its evidence that her planners did not appreciate the new house building which took place in Knocklyon since her original decision was made.

Despite her promise to be transparent in all her dealings with us, I regret to say that the very opposite has been the case. It seems that the Minister still retains her view of Knocklyon as a well heeled, advantaged area with little or no problems! Does this reflect your view of our parish? Over the years this committee has campaigned on the streets, on TV, Radio, Newspapers, in the schools and even marched to the Dáil. It seems that once again the people of Knocklyon will have to take stronger action if our case is to be acted upon. A Public Meeting will be held in the near future to decide on the future direction of our campaign.

> Vincent Kenny Chairman Post Primary Committee Tel. 494 2092

Seamus Brennan, T.D. has written independently to us on this matter with the following comment:

"The need for Knocklyon to have its own Post Primary School remains. I will continue my campaign on behalf of the people of Knocklyon, and in the meantime, it is essential that every effort be made to retain the existing Scholarstown Road site for future school use."



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### Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to advise the people of Knocklyon on a number of important issues which have recently arisen.

Firstly, (on a sad note for me personally,) I was voted off the executive committee of the Knocklyon Community Council, having served on it since its establishment. I wish the new committee well and I will continue to represent the views of Knocklyon people at local and national level.

Secondly, I regret to advise you that South Dublin County Council has recommended a grant of permission for 600 houses at Ballycullen Farm. It is, however, proposed that the developer will immediately develop an extra public open space of 20 acres for football pitches. This will include dressingroom facilities but not a licensed clubhouse.

I am happy to announce that I have been "reliably informed" that the Department of Education lands at Scholarstown Road, will **not** be developed for housing by the current administration.

Finally, the wonderful news that a considerable number of parents in our community are anxious to establish a Bunscoil Lán Ghaeilge for Knocklyon has my one hundred percent support. Cnoc Liamhna Abu! Truly, every cloud has a silver lining.

Yours sincerely Mary Muldoon Resident and Councillor (Tel. 494 6601)

### **COMMUNITY GAMES**

A very successful registration Sunday was recently held and a new season is underway. Children hope to participate in a large variety of games and we wish them well. Parents to act as managers/helpers are always needed. If you can give a few hours please contact any of the following: Derek Fox 4944106, Martin Nolan 4946145, Aileen Millane 4942263.

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K.A.L.P.

Knocklyon Active Lone Parents group meet on the first Monday of every month in the Pastoral Centre at 8 p.m. Join us for coffee and a chat. Next meeting Monday 1st April. Enquiries 4946405.

K.A.L.P. is a support group for people parenting alone whether single, widowed, divorced or separated. The aim of the group is to provide support and pool information on issues affecting lone parents.

On Tuesday 26th March at 8 p.m. Mr. Jim Richardson, Barrister will give a talk on family law. This will take place in the Pastoral Centre. As Mr. Richardson is generously giving his time for free there will be no admission charge. *All welcome*.



For the purposes of correspondence, the new Secretary of the Knocklyon Community Council is John Lahart, 6 Orlagh Grange, Scholarstown Road, Dublin 16. John succeeds Irene Fagan who held the post for a number of years. Damien Fee succeeds Michael Brennan in the Chair.

#### ATTENTION CARERS OF MENTALLY HANDICAPPED

It has been brought to our attention that a Magazine exists for Parents and Workers involved with persons having a Mental Handicap. Entitled "Frontline", it is published quarterly and aims to raise issues of interest, and includes reviews and comments by a wide range of authors. Published since 1989, it has offered access to expertise on language development, diet and sexuality among many other issues of interest to both frontline workers and parents of those with a mental handicap.

For further details write to: Frontline Magazine, P.O. Box 69, Bray,

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### Sister Act



Linda and Sandra with one of their many trophies

Sisters Linda and Sandra Dempsey from Glenvara Park have been dancing Ballroom, Modern, Latin and Old Time for six years.

Linda (10) and Sandra (9) are pupils of St. Colmcille's Senior School. They dance as an All Girl couple in the 8-12 yrs. Juvenile section at present – due to the lack of boys, but hope to form partnerships with boys soon.

They are trained by Flora Millar of the Granby Dance Works and attend classes and private lessons for a total of six hours per week and compete on Sundays.

Linda and Sandra have just appeared on RTE's "Echo Island". They have won many All Girl, Novice and Old Time Competitions in both Northern and Southern Ireland and have made finals in Modern and Latin Five Dance Championships.

Over the next few months they will compete in the Dublin Gold Cup Championships at the National Basketball Arena on 10th March, The All Ireland Old Time Championships in Malahide in May, The All Ireland Modern and Latin Championships in Mosney in June and the Festival of Dance for one week in Wales in August.

Well done girls, and we wish you continued success in this lovely graceful activity.

### HIGH ACHIEVERS

At a recent Presentation of Awards at U.C.D. we are delighted to report that five past pupils of St. Colmcille's were among the recipients of various scholarships and awards.

Sarah McLoughlin (the only girl among the group) is in her final year of Business and Legal Studies, Cornelius O'Sullivan is in his final year studying Mechanical Engineering while David Gordon received his award for German.

The two newcomers are David Larkin who has chosen music as his career and Edward Murray who has joined the Medical Faculty.

Well done to you all and we wish you continued success with your studies.



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### REDMOND SCOOPS ANOTHER AWARD



Each year at the Aer Lingus Young Scientists of the Year Awards, NRB (National Rehabilitation Board) presents a special award for projects of relevance to people with disabilities. This year Redmond Shouldice and Gary Bass, students at Templeogue College won this special award. Their project looked at new ways of detecting cardiac instabilities. Pictured are (l.-r.) student Redmond Shouldice, from Knocklyon, Colm O'Doherty, Chairman, NRB and student, Gary Bass from Orwell Park. We send Redmond and Gary warmest congratulations on behalf of the community in Knocklyon.

### **Brother Pearse A.C.**

The Brothers Pearse Athletic Club has over 70 children from this parish as active members. Top of the list is Coolamber with 15 children, followed closely by Knockcullen (12) and Templeroan (11). Almost every estate in the parish is represented. Typically, as you might expect, the newer estates have the lowest representation, since the child population there is very young.

If you are thinking of involving your child in athletics you are more than welcome to join them in the training programmes run by the club in Cherryfield on Tuesdays and Thursdays (once the evenings get

bright) and on Sunday mornings.

It is interesting to observe the diversity of the boys and girls from the parish from ages 8 to 16. Some are very athletic looking while others are not; some are slow and some fast. Does this mean that only the fast and athletic can participate? Far from it. It is our experience that over time each child will find an event which he or she will enjoy. Some of the slower children can often excel at longer distances or in field sports like the long jump or throwing competitions. Some children participate because they enjoy it and don't necessarily want to compete in a serious way. Athletics is a very good discipline for young children because it teaches them how to lose (at some stage eyerybody gets beaten in a race and for most children they are regularly out of the medals). Also it is a very good way of keeping your child aerobically fit. So as the sap begins to rise in our veins with the approach of Spring, we are looking forward to getting the children of the Parish out on grass.

### GAISCE - The President's Award

Having heard of her involvement with the President's Award scheme we asked young student, and resident Jean Doyle to give us an account of "Gaisce". We hope other young people might be encouraged by her description below.

The President's Award, launched in International Youth Year 1985, is the nation's highest award for young people between the ages of 15 and 25.

To compete each entrant must partake in four different sections; Community Involvement, Personal Skill, Physical Recreation and a Venture Project. The challenge for the Bronze Award involves work in community service as well as in two of the other three sections. The Silver and Gold Awards demand higher degrees of commitment.

Participation in the Awards' Scheme is a suitable extra-curricular activity for students in transition year and upwards. In this case, the school acts as the Operating Body and a teacher or senior student acts as a President's Award Leader (P.A.L.). The task of the leader is to explain the scheme to the participants, help them decide on their activities, introduce them to their trainers, and make sure the challenges agreed are appropriate for the category.

However, if you have left school or if your school does not participate in the scheme an employer, youth club, or community group can act as an Operating Body.

There are a number of young people in the parish taking part in the Gaisce Awards. I am in the process of completing my Bronze Award and the majority of the people I know would be doing likewise. For my community service I help out in the Youth Club on a Friday night. Several of the other leaders in the club have taken part in the Award Scheme. For my physical recreation I have been attending a water safety course which is on once a week. Lastly, for my personal skill, I have chosen photography. There is a world of things in which you can become involved, for example some of my friends are doing modern dance, gymnastics, public speaking, aerobics, piano playing, etc. We began the scheme last October and hope to have it completed by May.

The programmes of the scheme are designed to encourage initiative, self-discipline, leadership, and caring skills in young people. It's demanding, it needs will power, but it's good fun and very rewarding. For further information contact "Gaisce" in Upper O'Connell Street.

Jean Doyle

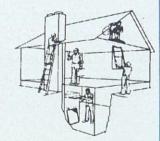
Ed. Note: We wish Jean and the other young people in the parish participating in "Gaisce" the very best of luck.

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### Knocklyon Variety Group



Some of the cast of "Whose Panto Is It Anyway" presented by KVG last month

It was a great pleasure to witness the sheer delight in the faces of children at the recent Pantomime staged by the Knocklyon Variety Group. The music, costumes and general banter by all who participated went down a treat with young and old alike, who showed their appreciation with great gusto.

It is nice to see our young people using their talents, while enjoying themselves locally and bringing huge enjoyment to our community. Best wishes to the Variety Group in their future productions, which we will look forward to eagerly.

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### 77he Sound of Music 7



Joanne Kelly as "Maria"

The transition year students of Sancta Maria College opened the curtains to February for us on a very high note with their production of "The Sound of Music". The show ran for three nights to packed audiences and on the night we attended the whole cast seemed so comfortable in their roles it was easy to forget that this was a school production.

From the very dramatic opening with the "nuns" in procession through the audience onto the stage, until the final curtain with Maria, the Captain and family escaping through the mountains the show was delightfully produced and a truly heartwarming experience.

A number of past pupils of St. Colmcille's featured in many aspects of the show from costumes to chorus and dancers. The "puppet" dancing routine was a lovely display – its costumes and technique really appealed to the younger members of the audience.

Among the Principals were parishioners Joanne Kelly (Idrone) who was perfectly cast as Maria, Esther O'Moore Donoghue (Glenvara) as the Captain was every inch the "Officer", while Fiona Farrell (Lansdowne) was a most convincing Mother Abbess.

We congratulate everyone involved on a truly memorable production. The enthusiasm of the whole cast was very obvious throughout the show, and we thank you for three nights of terrific entertainment.



Esther o'Moore Donoghue as the "Captain"

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# PARISH WEEK

May 19th - 26th

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We hope that Parish Week Sunday 19th - 26th May will promote neighbourliness, and help us discover ourselves a little more as a real community of persons.

### PROGRAMME

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Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m.	OPEN AIR MASS	
	2.30 p.m.	FAMILY FUN	
		SPORTS	Ia
	8.00 p.m.	TABLE OUIZ	
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Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 p.m.	TUG OF WAR	ha
		BRIDGE NIGHT	
	8.00 p.m.	FIVE A SIDE FOOTBALL	ng
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Tues 21st	7.30 p.m.	PET SHOW on Green	
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8.00 p.m.	YOUTH QUIZ (Junior School Hall)	
Thurs 23rd	8.00 p.m.	B-B-Q On The Green	
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 p.m.	DISCO	
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m.	CHILDREN'S ARTS & CRAFTS	
	2.30 p.m.	FANCY DRESS	
	3.00 p.m.	ESTATE/GROUP TALENT CONTEST	S
	4.00 p.m.	LADIES SOCCER SEMI- FINAL	
	5.00 p.m.	MENS SOCCER SEMI- FINAL	
	8.00 p.m.	PARISH DANCE/ SOCIAL NIGHT	
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 p.m.	SPONSORED WALK	
	4.00 p.m.	LADIES SOCCER FINAL	
	4.30 p.m.	PUPPET SHOW	- 12
	5.00 p.m.	MENS SOCCER FINAL	
	8.00 p.m.	KARAOKE NIGHT	

Have a look at the programme of events opposite. Is there an event that you may be interested in helping to organise? Are there things we should add or take out?

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### Hotlyon ...

#### O T.A.S.K.

#### (Teenage Activities Situated in Knocklyon)

Just a note to remind the St. Colmcilles Class of 1994/95 that they will be receiving an invitation to the class reunion/disco on March 23rd from 8-11 in the Knocklyon Community Centre. Entry is by ticket only. Tickets are available from the members of T.A.S.K. who should be calling to see you in the near future! We look forward to seeing you all there!

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### ASPECTS OF FAMILY LAW

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