

# KNOCKLYON NEWS

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CHRISTMAS 1997

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### CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST. COLMCILLE'S



A Christmas Story – Musical Play presented by young parishioners  
on Monday 22nd December at 8.00 p.m.

Penitential Service – Tuesday 23rd December – 8.00 p.m.

Confessions – Christmas Eve 24th 10.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon,  
3.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m., 6.30 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.

Carol Service – Christmas Eve 24th – 9.30 p.m. followed by  
“Midnight” Mass – 10 p.m. (approx.)

Christmas Day – 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 noon, 1 p.m.  
(Church closes at 2 p.m.)

St. Stephen's Day – Mass at 10 a.m. only

Dec. 29th – Jan. 2nd – Weekday Masses: 10 a.m. and 6.10 p.m.



**Kenyan/Sudan Border 1992**

Vincent Kenny, Doctor of Philosophy Ph.D., International Health and Epidemiology (the study and treatment of epidemic diseases) is Director of Community Health International, which identifies, initiates and supports community health projects in the developed and developing world. To most of us in Knocklyon, Vincent is a well-known participant in local activities such as *The Knocklyon Post-Primary Committee* of which he is Chairman – a project which he assures me will eventually come to fruition. He is also Vice-Chairman of *Knocklyon Community Council* and *Area Art Co-ordinator of Dublin Community Games* and lives in Glenvara with his wife Terri and their four children, Damien, Brian, John and Jessica.

Vincent has worked as a Research Director, Course Director and Lecturer for twenty-five years in the Dept. of International Health with the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland where he co-ordinated the overseas field research and teaching activities of the Department of International Health and Tropical Medicine. In the past three years he has been researching the Desert Tribes in N. W. Kenya, been around the Wall of China, up the Amazon Jungle and through the Chaco Desert in Paraguay.

He resigned his post in the College of Surgeons last June and is now preparing to work on his own for at least a year. "It is a new challenge" he says. Three programmes are lined up for him from January to March. They will involve three six week trips to each of three countries, Turkana in Kenya for A.P.S.O., North Korea for GOAL and Paraguay for GORTA.

Paraguay is perhaps the least known of the countries mentioned. Perhaps this is because it is surrounded by Brazil, Argentina and Bolivia, and is therefore landlocked. A very extensive stretch of the western region is covered by the Chaco Desert which is mainly inhabited by groups of Nomadic Indians. These Tribes mostly hunt and fish. Until recently some isolated groups such as the Ayureo had never come in contact with any aspect of European civilization. The head of each tribe is known as Domingo and he leads a small

community based society. Today, many Indians have become labour sources for the many Mennonite settlers who farm in the area and who are known to proselytize the Nomads.

The language of the country of Paraguay is Spanish (which Vincent speaks) and Guarani. Guarani is a language influenced by Spanish but with many modifications. The Chaco Desert is large, but despite rainfall and humidity, trees are sparse. Summer comes in December and ends in March. Temperatures during this period often exceed 40°C. In winter the average temperature is 22°C. Rainfall is necessary for harvesting and a large proportion of the Nomad population cultivate subsistence crops on small holdings. These are mainly maize and manioc (cassava). Menus are corn orientated i.e. corn mush, corn bread with cheese and special drink MATE (a Paraguayan tea), made from the infusion of the leaves of the Brazilian holly. Milk and molasses are also popular, and very popular indeed is Cane alcohol. Sheep, goats and cattle give milk and cheese. There are also donkeys.

Chaco Indians produce many artistic memorabilia, carvings of animals, replicas of knives, spears and other weapons are carved from the scented wood of the palo santo. Bird life is abundant, especially in the Chaco where ponds and marshes shelter many colourful species. Parrots, parakeets and storks abound. "They are quite beautiful" Vincent remembers. "One day I was talking with a group of young men who had just caught seven young parrots. I was admiring them when some travelling men stopped to look at these delightful creatures. Suddenly, they began to barter with the Nomads and in no time at all the seven small parrots had been exchanged for five large melons which the young men devoured with relish. It was quite sad that the Nomads were completely oblivious to the relevant value of these much sought after birds which would probably be sold for hundreds of pounds."

It is hard for us to imagine the primitive conditions in which these people live – eeking out an existence from a barren land. A land with a high infant mortality and general short life expectancy. It is wonderful though, to know that even in this age of materialism, commercialism and wealth, there are still countries, governments, groups – religious and humanitarian who are willing to give their time, thoughts, money and often their life's work to alleviate in some small way, the poverty, sufferings and hardships of forgotten people.

Soon Vincent will be off on his travels to Africa, Korea and Paraguay. I know he has a dream for each one of them – perhaps a registered community hall to encourage a community based society – a place for clinical examinations, lessons in hygiene, and the ultimate eradication of T.B.

We wish you every success Vincent and may your dreams come true.

*Eileen Casey*

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# ~ ~ ~ Reflection ~ ~ ~

## A Prayer for Christmas! A Prayer for All Seasons!

Some prayers are simple cries for help. We spell out our needs and desires to God, and ask Him to come to our aid.

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### The Complete Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity  
to accept the things I cannot change,  
courage to change the things I can,  
and the wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time,  
enjoying one moment at a time,  
accepting hardship as a pathway to peace.

Taking, as Jesus did,  
this sinful world as it is,  
not as I would have it,  
and trusting that You  
will make all things right,  
if I surrender to Your will.

So that I may be reasonably happy  
in this life,  
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The McMahon family enjoying their afternoon at the Christmas Fair

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# KNOCKLYON YOUTH CLUB

Thanks to the Knocklyon News, the Knocklyon Youth Club has a very active and keen committee. We had our registration in September and have at least 150 members. So far our activities have been well supported and if there are any more people wishing to join, they are most welcome.

The committee have so far spent nearly a thousand pounds on new equipment, such as 'air hockey', table tennis table, football games, board games and material for arts and crafts, so there is loads for all members to do and the usual good value in our tuckshop is also available.

Senior members still tend to be shy about joining, so we have come together with T.A.S.K. and we are jointly providing facilities for all teenagers on Saturday night to come together in a carefree atmosphere in the Community Centre. Activities outside the community will be organized in due course and we would appreciate any help from parents interested. New members are also welcome so please come along and see for yourselves!

A junior disco was held on December 12th and was very successful.

The committee wish everyone in Knocklyon a very happy Christmas and New Year and many thanks to all those who have lent a helping hand in '97.

*David Hickey,  
Chairperson, Knocklyon Youth Club*

*Ed. Note: Delighted to hear that we were of help – that's what we're here for.*

## Christmas Fair

**This year's Christmas Fair was the most successful ever – over £10,000 was raised. Great credit is due to all those involved in the organisation of the event, those who set up and manned the stalls and the dedicated army of helpers who cleaned up afterwards. Our special thanks to all who donated goods, and to all who came and supported us so generously.**



the NO. 1 spot in the Album Charts, and went on to become a sell-out concert at the Point Depot. The C.D. *Faith of our Fathers* has now produced a second edition.

The three local children involved in *Cór na nÓg* are Aoife Kenny, Delaford Grove, and Aisling and Dáire Traynor, Idrone Park. This year their appearances included *Live at Three*, The National Concert Hall, The Point Depot, *The Late Late Show*, among many of their hectic schedules. The latest production from the choir is yet another C.D. called *Scenes of an Irish Christmas* and features the choir on most of the tracks. The C.D. has recently been launched in time for the Christmas market, and makes an ideal stocking filler – particularly with the local involvement.

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# News from the K.A.P.E.



*Beware! K.A.P.E. Parenting Courses are addictive. It seems that the parents attending the Assertive Parenting Courses this Autumn could not get enough of each other, or those skills, and so a reunion took place in the region of Westbourne Lodge on Wednesday 26th November. Our lips are sealed!*

## • DIARY REPORT •

November was a busy month for K.A.P.E. Our monthly morning meeting on Wednesday 5th saw Fionnuala Smith, Fás Administrator for Dublin 16 address the issue of Part-time work. A lively discussion on flexible working hours and further training ensured that K.A.P.E. has not heard the last of this issue. We loved the idea of Modular Degree Courses – a gentle path to qualification. Adult morning education also offers a broad range of skill based courses in Computing, Information Technology etc. A clear message came from that meeting, best expressed in the words of one of the participants:

*"We simply want choices in our lives, the choice of parenting our children full-time if we so wish and the choice to incorporate work into our parenting role if that is our wish."*

Food for thought. The K.A.P.E. train moved on to November 20th with the launch of our '97/'98 Lecture Series. Treasa Leahy, Catechetics teacher in Blessington Community School and Trainer for the R.S.E. Programme in schools tackled the topic of "passing on moral values to our children" with great gusto. Treasa took impish delight in quoting 2,000 year old manuscripts on the horrors of raising young people. Yes, some things don't change and yes, research shows that parents *do* influence the moral development of their children. More food for thought.

Christmas came to K.A.P.E. on Wednesday 3rd December with a very sociable Mince Pie morning but the least said the soonest mended.

### LOOKING AHEAD TO '98

K.A.P.E. continues its monthly morning meetings on Wednesday 4th February in the Toraigh Room, 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Our guest speaker will be Joyce O'Hara on "Music and Children".

### SPRING PARENTING PROGRAMME

0-6 Parenting Programme – Evening Course – January (6 weeks).  
Assertive Parenting Programme – Morning Course – January (6 weeks).  
Enrolling 8th, 9th, 10th January 10.30 – 11 a.m., 7.30 – 8 p.m. Courses commence week of 19th January. See Pastoral Centre Programme.



**Front left: Fionnuala Smith (Fás Administrator) pictured with members of the K.A.P.E. group. Back Row (L.-R.): Mary Byrne (Idrone), Margaret Considine, Deirdre Murray, Mary Byrne (Glenvara). Front Row: Anne White with Fionnuala**

K.A.P.E. offers continuing support to parents through its meetings on the 1st Wednesday of every month, 10 a.m. - 12 noon in the Toraigh Room. ALL are welcome.

For those parents who cannot attend the morning meetings we will continue with our Lecture Series. News of the next talk will be in the next issue of the Newsletter.

### KAPE COMMITTEE

Mary Byrne (Glenvara), Maureen Coffey, Margaret Considine, Deirdre Murray, Ann Gillen, Ann White, Mary Byrne (Idrone), Imelda Graham. Contact Mary at 4942130 or Maureen at 4942512 for further information.

~ ~ ~ *Happy Christmas* ~ ~ ~

## DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT

A book co-written by Vincent Kenny (whom we featured on page 2) has recently been re-printed in a pocket edition at a cost of £4.95. Entitled "Travel in Health" – a guide to healthy travelling overseas – the book was produced in collaboration with Dr. Graham Fry who set up the Tropical Medicine Unit in Dublin in 1988. This is obviously a popular publication as the first edition was sold out.

We wish Vincent every success with the new edition.

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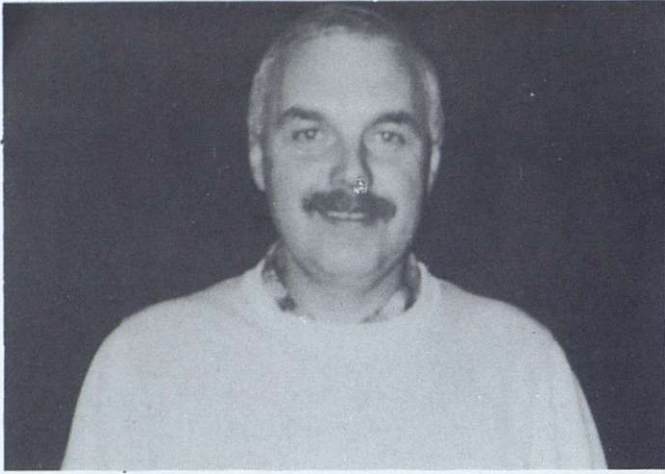
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## KNOCKLYON'S FLYING AUTHOR



**Michael Traynor (Idrone), another parishioner to have penned a book in recent times**

Ten years ago Michael (Teddy) Traynor, Anne and their family moved to Idrone Park from Limerick. Michael's main hobby is flying small single engined aircraft. This he has enjoyed for almost twenty years. Whilst in Limerick he also took an interest in the history of aviation in that part of the mid-west. So much so, that for almost five years prior to his departure from Limerick he gathered as much data and information from interviews and historical research as he could obtain.

Coonagh is the local flying club in Limerick and in August of 1997 they celebrated their 50th anniversary. To mark the occasion Michael was approached by the club to compile research. During July and August many hours were spent putting the book together. *'Through the Clouds Over Limerick and Beyond'* covers over 200 years of aviation in Limerick, from Crosbie's balloon ascent in 1786 to the present day.

Amongst the chapters in the book are stories of the early pioneers with Limerick connections; the first flight of the R.A.F. across water from the U.K. (which was to Limerick); the tragedies and disasters of aviation connected with Limerick.

It is over seventy pages A4 size with many interesting photographs. It is a limited edition and can be obtained at the main bookshops in Dublin and Limerick or by sending £4 plus £1 postage to:

**Michael Traynor,  
23 Idrone Park, Knocklyon, Dublin 16.**

Surely a must for anyone with an interest in aviation, as it's the first time such a history has been written about any Irish city.

## INTERIOR DESIGN

*Planning to give your living room a "facelift" or transform your kitchen into an oasis of delight? Below we publish some timely advice from a local expert.*

### ❖ Interiors ... which colours? ❖

Winter can be an excellent time to give your interior walls that much needed lick of paint. At this time of year we spend a lot more time indoors so why not get a head start on that springtime decorating.

There is much confusion about whether to choose warm or cool colours and which colour should be used on north and south facing rooms. The general rule is that north facing rooms will benefit from warm colours and likewise south facing rooms benefit from cooler colours. This is especially true in winter when daylight hours are few.

The psychological effects of colour can never be understated. A good example would be to apply a warm terracotta colour to the walls of a north facing room. This will induce thoughts of sunny Mediterranean days. Great therapy for the winter blues! Finally another tip if your walls are not in great shape, try a good quality matt emulsion as this will help disguise imperfect interior walls.

### ❖ Christmas tree time ❖

If you are leading a very busy and active life, you may not have time to think about setting up a Christmas tree. Do not despair there is still some time to get cracking.

Everyone has lots of ideas when it comes to decorating the family Christmas tree. If you don't have the time to come up with elaborate schemes the solution is to keep it simple. Red is the complementary colour to green so drape lots of red coloured tinsel over the green branches of the tree. Spend some money on two sets of good Christmas lights (red and white bulbs if possible) and that is it. Keep it nice and simple.

The above will look even better on a real Christmas tree. Finally a traditional white star on top will finish off your tree quite nicely.

*Happy decorating.*

**David Dempsey**

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## St. Colmcille's Parents' Association

Since our A.G.M. the committee have had three meetings at which the various sub-committees have been formed. Our Lecture Committee have been busy organising lectures for the year ahead. To date we have had two such events. An 'Open Evening' for parents and pupils of sixth class to meet with the Principals of Post Primary Schools and a lecture entitled "**Children with learning difficulties**" hosted by Anne Hughes of A.C.L.D. (Adult and Children with Learning Difficulties) both of which were a great success.

Watch out for our own Newsletter in the school bags before Christmas and on behalf of the Committee, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and peaceful New Year.

**T.J. Walsh,  
Chairman**



Some of the children who took part in the Community Games Art Competition earlier this year.

### COMMUNITY GAMES NOTICE

The A.G.M. for the Knocklyon Community Games will take place on **Tuesday, January 20th 1998 at 8 p.m.** in the Community Centre.

We would like to include as many children as possible in the various events this year but to do this we need **YOUR** help and support, so please come along to this very important meeting.

*I would especially appeal to the residents of the newer estates in the area to attend.*



*ED. NOTE: We would strongly encourage parents of children who derived great enjoyment from being involved in Community Games at all levels during 1997 to please take note of the above date in their new diaries and **come along** to start the "wheels turning" for 1998. It really is necessary to plan early. Whether Knocklyon takes part in the Games of '98 or not depends on **YOU!***



The McCarneys, very satisfied with their gifts from Santa at the Christmas Fair.

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## KNOCKLYON ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

Since our last despatch we have enjoyed a glorious day's outing to Powerscourt, County Wicklow. This took place on 21st October when we travelled by coach from the Community Centre to Powerscourt where we enjoyed a lovely lunch in the restaurant, followed by a leisurely saunter through the magnificent gardens. The sun shone brightly allowing us to savour every moment of the tranquility and peace to be found there, before we returned home, well sated with tea and scones.

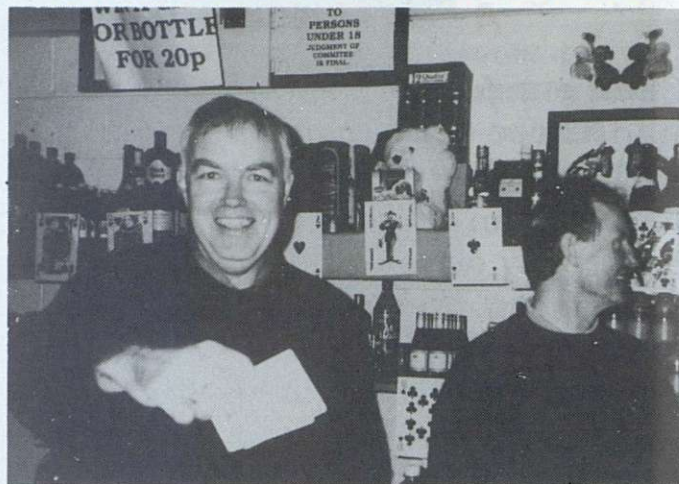
Our annual Christmas dinner this year took place on Sunday 30th November in The Dalkey Island Hotel and was a stunning success and greatly enjoyed by everyone. The meal and festive atmosphere was all that could be desired and I didn't have a word of complaint from anyone. A lively six-piece band provided the afternoon's entertainment while our "young at heart" members danced and sang to their hearts' content. Congratulations to Rita Faughnan who won 1st Prize in the raffle which was a lovely Christmas Hamper. (Hope she'll think of us over the Christmas when she's consuming the "goodies".) We arrived back at the Community Centre a little tired but happy and contented after a wonderful afternoon.

On a sad note we extend our sincere condolences to one of our very well loved members - Anne Hughes - on the recent passing of her dear daughter Patricia, R.I.P. We pray that God will comfort her and the other members of her family in their great sorrow.

To keep you up-to-date with our recent activities on Tuesday mornings; on 18th November the Eastern Health Board Nurses visited us to check our blood pressures etc. and to give us advice on any health problems that might be of concern to us. The following week we had a Bingo session with Sr. Thérèse Carmel, in charge of doling out the Re-hab Lottery Cards to the successful "full house" winners. On Tuesday 2nd December we had aerobics to get us fit for the strain of the Christmas rush, which will be followed by the Christmas festivities.

On 9th December we exchanged small presents between ourselves and closed for the holidays. **Re-opening D.V. on Tuesday 13th January 1998.** *Nollaig shona do gach duine and peace to all in 1998.*

Ó Máire C. Ní Ghormáin



Gerry Pouch, and friend doing brisk business at the Bottle Stall



Joan O'Grady, Ena Hughes, and Margaret Waters provided the "pick-me-up" teas and coffees for bargain hunters at the Fair



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**The following piece was submitted to us by a Leaving Cert. student parishioner who urges us to be mindful of those for whom Christmas can be a sad and difficult time.**

### *A Thought For Christmas*

Well, it's that jolly time of year again. Christmas trees can be seen in every window of every house. Shopping centres glow with their elaborate lights and decorations. Town pulsates with its brightly lit trees and welcoming shops. People can be seen rushing about from place to place doing their last minute Christmas shopping. Once again Christmas is upon us, and people are preparing for the inevitable celebrations. It marks the end of one year and the beginning of the next. Friends exchange gifts with one another and Christmas dinner is enjoyed by many.

But unfortunately for some people Christmas can be a sad time of year. It can at times be difficult to believe that there are people who may not have a Christmas dinner, and who cannot afford to buy their children the Christmas presents which many of us take for granted. Christmas for the homeless is an especially difficult time. All of these people are God's children. So on Christmas day, as we are sitting down to dinner, let us take a few minutes to thank God for how lucky we are, and remember those who are not so fortunate.

*John Wills*

### *... A Further Thought*

John mentions the homeless in his piece. It is worth noting that in their Winter Newsletter, Dublin Simon Community describes the homeless problem in Dublin as having "hit a crisis point". There has been a dramatic rise in the number of people being forced to sleep rough, and overstretched shelters around the city are turning away people every night. The following extract from their newsletter is an account of one of their volunteers on the "soup run".

"After a few more calls we arrive at a cold Grafton Street at 11.45 p.m. - rain has stopped. Every third doorway seems to have a person sleeping in it. Hot soup is in demand and more blankets - a lot of young people new to the streets. The Tiger economy is very selective.

Tonight we're lucky to have blankets. Often we have to leave people cold and "blanketless" for the night. The modern trend for bedroom quilts has not helped Simon.

Some more visits around Grafton Street and then it's O'Connell Street and "home" - home to warmth, security, family and friends. The streets of Dublin, on a cold winter's night, can be soul wearying. John spotted Daisy in O'Connell Street. We leave her a last sleeping bag - lucky we had one."

It is not too late to include Simon on your Christmas list. Also if you have any blankets to spare they would be very grateful if you would telephone **6792391** or drop them in to any of their premises:

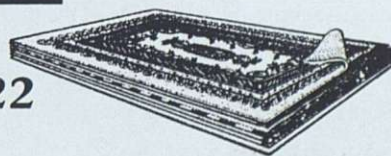
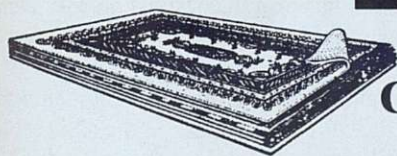
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## REPORT ON SOUTHERN CROSS ROUTE MOTORWAY

The Southern Cross Route Motorway together with the proposed South Eastern Motorway will complete the Western By-pass Motorway around Dublin. A Video entitled "The Missing Link" has been prepared which shows the route of these two Motorways. The completion of these remaining sections is a major undertaking and accordingly great effort has been placed on preparing schemes that can be safely constructed with the least affect on the existing road networks.

### CONSTRUCTION TIMETABLE

#### (A) Phase 1 - SCRM - Balrothery Interchange to Kellystown Road

- Spring 1998 - Commence Construction
- Spring 2000 - Opening of Balrothery Interchange
- Autumn 2000 - Opening of M50 to Scholarstown Interchange
- Spring 2001 - Completion of Construction of M50 to Kellystown Road

#### (B) Phase 2 - SCRM/SEM INTERFACE - Kellystown to Ballinteer Interchange

- July 1999 - Start of Construction
- Spring 2001 - Completion of M50 to Ballinteer Interchange

#### (C) Phase 3 - SEM - Ballinteer Interchange to Shankill By-pass (M11)

- Jan. 1998 - Public Inquiry
- Oct. 1998 - Start Work on Detailed Design for Contract Documents
- Spring 2000 - Start of Construction
- Spring 2002 - M50 Open to Leopardstown Road
- Summer 2003 - M50 Completed to Shankill By-pass (M11)

### PUBLIC DISPLAY

Arrangements will be made to hold 3 Public Information Meetings at local venues in South County Dublin during January and February to show the local communities adjacent to the Motorway the impact of the construction of the Motorway on their neighbourhood. At these meetings staff from the Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown and South Dublin County Councils will be available to answer queries on all aspects of the project.

Maps showing the Traffic Management Plan will also be on display together with drawings showing the various types of boundary treatment.

### BOUNDARY TREATMENTS

The types of boundary treatment throughout the Scheme were presented in the E.I.S. to the Public Inquiry in 1991. Further discussions took place on the detail of these boundaries with Parks and Planning Departments of South Dublin County Council.

The choice of boundary treatment has been as follows:

- Adjacent to Housing - Solid Wall
- Adjacent to Parkland - Low Wall with Railings
- Agricultural Land - Stock-proof Post and Rail Fencing

In cut off areas and embankments behind the grass verge extensive planting will be undertaken.

### LANDSCAPING

Extensive landscaping will be carried out in conjunction with the scheme. This will involve planting of various types of trees and shrubs. The extent and nature of the proposed planting will follow the established position on the existing M50 Motorway. An outline plan has been developed in consultation with the Parks Department and a high standard will be achieved.

### PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS

Specific measures have been included in the overall design to facilitate pedestrian and cyclist movements affected by the construction of the Motorway. These include:

- A footbridge at Knocklyon
- Dedicated pedestrian and cyclist routes through Balrothery Interchange by the provision of 5 separate Bridges
- Provision in Firhouse Road Bridge to include cycle path
- Provision of cycle path along Ballycullen/Scholarstown Link Road
- Pedestrian facilities at Traffic Lights

### TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT DURING CONSTRUCTION

The construction of the Balrothery Interchange, while maintaining traffic flows, will pose severe difficulties for the Contractor and the County Council. The recent completion of the temporary free flow link from the M50 to the N81 has helped to reduce the long delays and this roadway will form part of the temporary works during the construction of the new Interchange. The complexity of transforming the existing small roundabout on the N81 into a major Motorway Interchange with the circulating roundabout about 5 metres above the existing has required very careful consideration. Issues including safety of the public, safety of the construction staff have been evaluated with the requirement of maintaining the existing traffic flows at this junction. A phased Traffic Management Plan has been incorporated into the Contract Documents and it will be the Contractor's responsibility to work up the final details of this plan in consultation with Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and South Dublin County Council.

Drawings showing this phased Traffic Management Plan will be at the Public displays. It will be incumbent on the successful Contractor to maintain cycle flows and pedestrian routes during the Contract both at Balrothery and Firhouse as well as throughout the scheme.

**The existing link across the Dodder River between Firhouse Road and the N81 will be kept open to 2 way traffic until the M50 is open to Scholarstown Interchange.**

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It might have been cold and wet outside but you wouldn't have guessed it from the rosy glow that was created by the 70 plus musicians of **The Rathfarnham Concert Band** who visited our Community Centre on Sunday 23 November. They gave us music by The Beach Boys, Fiddler on the Roof and a splendid example of solo trombone playing from Mr. Brendan Kennedy, a former member of the group, now pursuing a full-time music education. There was also a fine bunch of young Recorder Players under the baton of Joe Johnston, every one a picture of concentration.

The splendid news is that Knocklyon is to have its own Concert Band!!! Our ebullient host for the afternoon Mr. Robert Chester, outlined his plan to have two bands formed within the next year, and to this end 70 applications are currently being processed with individual lessons and theory starting in January. A small recorder group has already started preparing players for their band instruments. The venue for all this musical activity will be St. Colmcille's Junior School. We wish them every success and look forward to that sunny summer evening, when we will be entertained by our own **Knocklyon Concert Band**.

J. Johnston



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Believe it or not, this month marks the 15th Birthday of the *Knocklyon News*. It was in December 1982 that the first edition of your Parish Newsletter made its appearance. The parish, at the time, was a mere eight years old and the newsletter was launched by the then Parish Priest, Fr. David Weakliam, (who happens to be our current Parish Priest), as a means of creating a sense of belonging among the ever-growing population.

From small beginnings the newsletter now requires twice as much space (as it did in the early days) to tell the stories. The fact that it has survived the test of time is testimony to the power of co-operation, and due in no small measure to the efforts of many people, men and women in the past who gave of their time and expertise, resulting in (what we hope is) an ever-improving publication.

Without the co-operation of our contributors, advertisers and delivery team of 120 children from our Senior School, the newsletter would not reach your doorstep. For this the current production team would like to record our thanks.

In a parish of 16,000 plus people it is very easy to feel anonymous and isolated. What the newsletter has attempted over the last 15 years is to create a sense of belonging, nurture the seeds of community and record the maturing of that community through its people and their efforts.

The social history of Knocklyon is to be found within the covers of the *Knocklyon News* over the last 15 years. It has been there to record the milestones, extend invitations, support new initiatives, inform, affirm, congratulate, commiserate and care; most importantly *it's been there*.

Let's hope it can continue *to be there* for our Community into the next millennium.



**EVEN MORE MUSIC**

As we go to Press, all our Choirs are busy preparing for the Liturgical celebration of Christmas. This year we have an additional treat in store in the form of a musical dramatisation of "A Christmas Story" which will be presented on Monday December 22nd in the Church at 8 p.m. A large number of children have been busy rehearsing their lines for this story over the last couple of weeks under the direction of Ruth Kelly. Readers will know Ruth from her involvement with the musical presentation of the Passion at Easter and the 1 o'clock Mass Gospel singing.

We hope you will all enjoy this new item in the Christmas programme.



**Bros. Pearse  
A.C.**



**Children's Leinster Cross Country Championships**

In November just gone, our young athletes competed with the very best in the Leinster Championships held in Kilcock. Bronwyn Kiernan (Coolamber), put in a great performance to take gold in the Girls U.14 going one better than the silver she won in the same event last year. Clodagh Galloway (Delaforde Park), showing great improvement, won a bronze medal for Dublin in the county team event in the U.13 Girls.

Colin Holmes (Coolamber), Boys U.14, won a great gold in the 2000m. event on a tough but fair course. Aidan Smyth (Knocklyon Green), also won a bronze for Dublin in the county team event for Boys U.16. Not bad for Aidan who is more of a specialist at shorter distances.

I hope to report on the All Ireland Cross Country Championships in Moynalty, Co. Meath in the next issue.

*Paul Cummins, P.R.O.*



**JUNIOR FOOTBALL PANEL**

Back Row L.-R.: Niall Merriman, Bill Connors, Andrew McCutcheon, Brendan Treacy, Eamon Moore, Ciarán White, David Gibbons, Conor McCormack, Alan McGovern, Robert Coffey, Ross McDonagh, Brian Kane.  
Front Row L.-R.: Martin Reape, Cian Donaghy, Matthew O'Sullivan, Ciarán Twomey, Ian Ryan (Capt.), Shane Durkin, Kevin Doody, Declan McNamara, Cillian McDonagh, Ralph Brogan.



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# SCHOOL NEWS

## SENIOR

The Christmas term in the Senior School is always particularly industrious and joyous. The decorations, carols, and nativity plays emphasise the real meaning of Christmas for us all.

At present, a special **Keep Our Environment Clean Campaign** is underway in response to concern about the litter problem in the school vicinity. Parents and pupils are asked to co-operate.

Rooms 2 and 4 are very fortunate at present to have additional visiting student teachers from Slippery Rock University, Pennsylvania, here to learn about the Irish Educational System.

The highlight of school life in November was the success of the Junior Panel in Croke Park. Mr. McGowan, their magnificent manager, reports:

### JUNIOR SUCCESS

*The junior footballers recently recorded a marvellous success in Croke Park when they beat a gallant Scoil Mhuire Marino side with 7 pts. to 1:3. This was a first junior Cumann na mBunscol title for the school and captain Ian Ryan accepted the trophy (Corn an Chéid) to rapturous applause from the large attendance.*

*Ciarán White and Shane Durkin were the Knocklyon scorers in the first half which finished level. Brian Kane, Brendan Treacy and Shane Durkin (2) all scored in the early minutes of the second half. Marino levelled proceedings with a stunning goal and a further point. The scene was set for a dramatic finish and it was Kevin Doody who popped up to score the winning point. The final whistle was greeted with scenes of sheer delight for players, teachers, parents and supporters. (See photo page 12.)*

Let us hope that Mr. McGowan himself will record a "marvellous success" on the altar during the Christmas holidays. Flags out, the final whistle is blowing for Mr. McGowan to the "sheer delight" of us all!!!

Mr. Gearty, our resident Mozart now reports on choir engagements during the festive season.

### SENIOR SCHOOL CHOIR

Members of the choir from 5th and 6th classes travelled to Belfast on 15th December to participate in an inter-denominational Carol Service. A review will follow in next month's newsletter. The school choir will be on the move again on Sunday 21st December when it has again been invited to perform our own Carol Service in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on Bachelor's Quay at 3.30 p.m. This is always a special event in our calendar. All are welcome and will be invited in for tea and mince pies, compliments of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers, after the service.

Third class snippets held over till next month.

*Slán anois. Nollaig Shona daoibh go léir. Beimid ar áis san athbhliain.*

## JUNIOR

Christmas holidays are fast approaching and we take this opportunity to thank all our parents for their continued support. We wish you all a very pleasant Christmas and we hope that '98 will be a good year for you.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those of you who lost near and dear ones during the past year. Special prayers will be said for them during our Christmas Carol Service.

### CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

The Junior School Christmas Carol Service will be held in the Church on **Thursday, December 18th at 11.15 a.m.** The service will involve all the children in the school. Children from Ms. Mulkerrin's class will present a nativity play, while all the children in the school will participate in the traditional Christmas carols. Parents are welcome.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

This year First Holy Communion will be celebrated during Sunday Masses on May 10th, 17th and 24th. We look forward to involving the wider community in this very special day for the children. No effort will be spared to make this a day to remember for all our First Communicants and their families. With the combined involvement of parents, teachers and priests of the parish we can look forward to a very special occasion.

### COMPUTER UPDATE

The adult classes in computers are progressing nicely. Courses lasting six weeks, for beginners, began on Monday 10th November and will run to Christmas. There has been a very positive feedback. Up to seventy people are involved on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday nights and they are all heading home with icons, programs and fonts going around in their heads. Further courses will begin after the Christmas holidays. If you are interested please leave your name and phone number with Carmel (Secretary), Junior School office.

### PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS

All parents except those of junior infant pupils should have met with your child's teacher by now. Junior infant parents will be facilitated early in the New Year.

### SPORT

Basketball sessions will resume after the Christmas holidays.

### INDOOR SOCCER

Seventy-four of the boys and girls from second class are now involved in an indoor soccer league in the Top Hall on Mondays and Thursdays. After the first two series of matches "Scorpions" led by Craig Burns have a narrow lead over Leanne O'Callaghan's "Pumas".

We bid farewell and "bon voyage" to our American teachers Leslie Clutter and Tara Dundr from Slippery Rock University, Pennsylvania, who spent six weeks with us studying the Irish Educational System.

Finally, looking forward to seeing you all in January.

*Paul Dalton - Principal*

## THE SCHOLARSTOWN FAMILY PRACTICE

*Are pleased to announce that the Building Work & Improvements are now completed.*

Our sincere thanks to our Staff & Patients for co-operating with all the disturbance.

**Please note that the Saturday Surgery is now held from 10.00 - 11.00 a.m.**

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# ST. COLMCILLE PASTORAL CENTRE PROGRAMME

## January/February 1998

### Parish Ministry

We continue our Parish Ministry course which is designed to help participants to recognise their own giftedness and to give them a confidence to use these God given talents for the benefit of all.

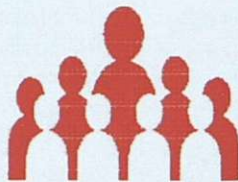
Those who have already completed Block 1 on Collaborative Ministry have found it "inspiring, challenging, relevant, new, refreshing".

#### Comments from participants

"I've learned a lot so far and look forward to next term"

"there were many new angles and insights"

"each lecture gave me food for thought".



Blocks 2 and 3 take place between January and May 1998 and, as each block has been put together as a unit, they can be enrolled in separately.

### Block 2 Liturgy and the Sacraments (Jan 21 - Mar 4)



The Sunday Mass as the centre of Parish Ministry;  
How to make Mass a community celebration;  
Ministries of the Eucharist and of the Word;  
Ministries of Music and Hospitality;  
Baptism Teams;  
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### Block 3 Responding to different Needs in a Parish (Mar 11 - May 6 excluding Easter)

Discerning the needs that call out for ministry;  
Forming Groups and working with them;  
Relationships and Marriage;  
Parenting in the Home and Community;  
Bereavement Ministry;  
Addressing the destructive forces in our culture.



**Speakers** are drawn from both within and without the parish and all have a particular expertise/experience in the subject they are addressing. In Block 2 they will include Julie Kavanagh (Diocesan Parish Development and Renewal Team), David Weakliam O.Carm. P.P. Knocklyon, Pat Mullins O.Carm., Lecturer in Theology Milltown Institute, Ruth Kelly B.A. (Director of Liturgical Music), Chris O'Donnell O.Carm., Lecturer in Theology Milltown Institute.

**Who:** There are no entry requirements except an interest in using your talents in the service of others.

**When:** Dates as above - Wed. evenings 8 - 10 p.m

**Where:** Course takes place in the Iona Room St. Colmcille Pastoral Centre, Knocklyon, Dublin 16.

**Fee:** Knocklyon Parishioners (subsidised) £35.00 per Block.  
Participants from other parishes £50.00 per Block.

**Enquiries:** Course Co-ordinator - Brid O'Connell, Ph.496 1743

#### Application Form

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**Life** - seeking its fullness.

**Anger, Depression Guilt** - need they feature?

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**Speaker:** David Weakliam O.Carm.

**Dates:** Wednesday Jan. 21st & four following Wednesdays.

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon.

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**Venue:** Iona Room, St. Colmcille Pastoral Centre, Knocklyon.

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### Drug Prevention Programme

### Courses 4/5

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**Connect**, the group who facilitate these programmes in Knocklyon, is offering both a morning and evening course.

**Dates:** Monday 19th January 10 a.m. - 12 noon - Course 4

**OR** Tuesday 20th January 8 - 10 p.m. - Course 5

**Each course will run for five weeks.**

**Fee:** £10.00

**Venue:** Iona Room, St. Colmcille Pastoral Centre Knocklyon.

### KAPE ( Knocklyon Active Parenting Endeavour)

#### 0 - 6 Parenting Programme

#### Course 6

This course is specially designed to handle those "terrible twos" Commencing Wednesday January 21st. 8 - 10 p.m.

#### Assertive Parenting Programme Course 7

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**Both courses run over six weeks.**

**Venue:** Toraiigh Room, St. Colmcille Pastoral Centre.

**Fee:** £25.00 to include cost of manual.

See also KAPE Report on Page 5.



# Hotlyon ...

## ● TREADING THE BOARDS

Well done to parishioners Evelyn Hughes and Dearbhla Garrett who played the parts of "Frenchy" and "Sandy" in the recent production of the musical "Grease" by the Xavier Goodwin Drama School. This was a most enjoyable show with a large cast of children and teenagers, all of whom gave very fine performances.

## ● 17 YEARS A GROWING

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Monday 22nd December	7.15 - 9 p.m.
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Saturday 27th December	CLOSED.
Friday 2nd January	7.15 - 9 p.m.
Saturday 3rd January	CLOSED

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 Oisín Tobin, 8 Dargle wood  
 Samuel Christopher Boden, 119 Glenvara Park  
 Julie Milroy, 19 Orlagh Wood  
 Brian Eric Dillon, 30 Beverly Heights  
 Robert Seán Leddy, 177 Glenvara Park  
 Patrick James O'Sullivan, 22 Templeroan Close  
 Stephanie Rose Murray, 17 Idrone Close  
 Jessica Emma Neville, 8A Castlefield Way  
 Clodagh Flood, 13 Beverly Avenue  
 Grace Ellen Hanley, 90 Dargle Wood  
 Stephen John Moran, 10 Orlagh Close  
 Elanna Maria Dunleavy, 25 Templeroan Park  
 Daragh Shaun Leavy, 3 Beverly Heights  
 Kevin Matthew Allen, 15A Templeroan Green  
 Melissa Karina Ann Misischi, 123 Woodfield  
 Nicola Mary O'Reilly, 82 Woodfield  
 Ciara Maria Spollen, 52 Woodfield  
 Seán Patrick Mary Dunleavy, 83 Cremorne  
 James Patrick Hutchinson, 1 Orlagh Downs  
 Eimear Elizabeth Dooley, 14 Orlagh Downs  
 Paul John Doyle, 8 Idrone Close  
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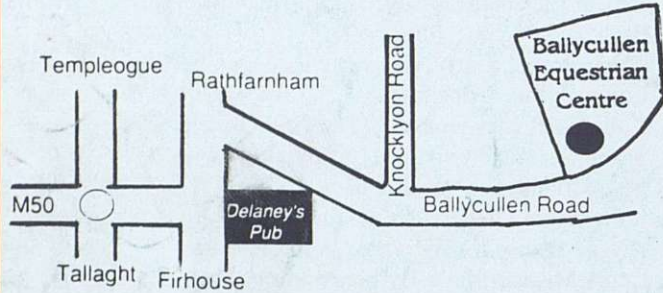


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