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A Musical Enterprise



(L. - R.) Ruth Cahill, and Suzanne Miller

Ruth Cahill from Glenvara Park, a transition year student of Sancta Maria College, and Suzanne Miller, Rathfarnham Park, student of Kings Hospital, recently released a tape entitled "On Wings of Song". The tape comprises a selection of classical and Irish music with voice (Ruth) and the Irish Harp (Suzanne) plus some singing duets. Both girls are singing students of Mrs. Ann McNulty, Rathfarnham. Suzanne studies the Irish Harp with Denise Kelly in the College of Music. Ruth and Suzanne are both Feis Ceol winners in solo and duet competitions. They have performed in many concerts both in Ireland and abroad including London, Hungary and Venice. They have also featured on R.T.E. Radio. Ruth is also an active member of the Knocklyon Folk Group. The girls are entering their tape in this year's Young Entrepreneur Competition. "On Wings of Song" is available in Metro Music, Rathfarnham S. C., Opus Two, George's Street, and Bookworld, Knocklyon at a cost of £6.99 or phone Ruth at 4942434.

Ed. Note: We wish Ruth and Suzanne every success with their latest endeavour, which sounds like a lovely gift item or even something to indulge yourself in.



INTERIOR DESIGN

WORKING FROM HOME (THE HOME OFFICE)

As we rapidly approach the end of the twentieth century more and more of us will find ourselves working from home or in need of a home office. Changing and more flexible working practices may mean us adapting part of our living space into a working environment.

If you're lucky enough to have a spare room, this of course can be the ideal location for your home office. There is no reason why this room cannot be both stylish and functional - so here are some basic pointers.

- The office chair is one of the most important pieces of furniture. It is worth spending some money on a well designed chair with good back support. Careful consideration should also be given to your choice of desk. Is the desk the right height and will it fit into the space allocated within this room?
 - Some thought should be given to the interior decoration of the home office. Start off with neutral colours and then add some interesting and colourful artworks. Plants or fresh flowers will also help create a stimulating environment. A good desk lamp and modern wall mounted clock will help create the picture.
 - Try to avoid clutter and give some thought to a good storage system. Organisation is the key here.
- Finally, there are many advantages to working from home. The obvious one is that your workspace is only seconds away, no more traffic jams! It is however equally important to try and create a working environment that is *separate* to your domestic situation. At the end of the working day close the office door and leave work behind you.

A LAST WORD ON ... STENCILLING

Stencils can be used on almost any surface including walls, floors, furniture and fabric. Stencil kits are widely available and it is also possible to make your own designs using stencil cards or transparent acetate. If you invest in a stencilling kit, choose colours and motifs that will complement your interior scheme.

David Dempsey

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Preparations for the liturgical celebration of the Christmas season commenced in the parish in late Autumn when the Liturgy Group considered the various readings and selected appropriate extracts. The Church Art and Environment Group then got to work using their talents to illustrate the message.

On the first Sunday of Advent we got the Good News that "We wait in joyful hope for the coming of the Lord". The following week we had a striking figure of John the Baptist pointing the way. Our Lady was there on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception kneeling in prayerful acceptance of the angel's message. While this work was going on the four parish choirs were diligently practising suitable music. The group who care for the church, cleaning and providing the floral arrangements all through the year made a special effort.

A beautiful Advent wreath complete with candles, adorned the altar and for the Midnight Mass a wonderful display of flowers and fruit was arranged.

The Jesse Tree (another feature to help us reflect) was decorated by the children who attend the Sunday Club.

The Christmas Vigil Mass preceded by Carol singing was the climax of the celebrations. The church was packed to overflowing. The sense of excitement and expectation was palpable. The moment when the priests and altar servers emerged from the sacristy with Fr. David leading the procession carrying the Infant to His place in the Crib was very special.

The celebrations continued with a Mass broadcast from Radio Eireann on the evening of the Feast of the Epiphany. Fr. Philip was the celebrant with the eleven o'clock choir in fine voice. On the following Sunday morning the ten o'clock Mass was also broadcast with Fr. David as celebrant. This time the music was provided by the very lively Gospel Choir. Both broadcasts were very uplifting occasions.

The celebration of Christmas was a massive team effort from the various groups involving well over a hundred people including readers, choirs, Eucharistic ministers and our Carmelite community.

The message on the card received at the Vigil Mass told us that "It is a good thing to observe Christmas Day but it is better to hold the spirit of Christmas through the year". Let us make an effort to do so, and start by extending a warm and sincere thankyou to all who helped us observe the Christmas season so joyfully in Knocklyon.

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Grim, isn't it. That post Christmas feeling of having eaten too much, spent too much, said too much. Worse still, all in the bosom of your nearest and dearest! Need a fresh start? KAPE have already filled up the Spring Diary so take your pick.

● **SPRING PARENTING PROGRAMME '98**

The 0-6 and Assertive Parenting Courses are underway. With parenting courses available to suit all age groups don't be left out. Book a course **now** for '98.

● **KAPE MONTHLY MEETINGS '98**

Wednesday 4th February '98 10 a.m. – 12 noon (Toraigh Room). Yvonne Tully, Interior Design Consultant with tips for a more comfortable home. Clear out those cobwebs, it's Spring!

Wednesday 4th March '98 10 a.m. – 12 noon (Toraigh Room). Joyce O'Hara shares her wisdom and experience of music and children. Did we mention lots of tea, coffee, chat ...

● **LECTURE SERIES '97/98**

Thursday March 12th '98 8 p.m. – 10 p.m. (Iona Room). The second in the lecture series with Mike Watts of GROW speaking on mental health issues affecting our families and in particular our young people. Don't miss it.

All KAPE meetings take place in the **Temporary Pastoral Centre**. The **Iona and Doire** Rooms are in the Prefab beside the Community Centre. The **Toraigh** Room is behind the Sacristy. Enter through a separate door adjacent to the side entrance of the Church. The **Sord** Room is in the Presbytery with its own entry/exit door. KAPE eagerly awaits the completion of the new Pastoral Centre in '98. A little bird mentioned a Coffee Dock. KAPE heartily approves.

● **KAPE COMMITTEE**

Margaret Considine, Deirdre Murray, Mary Byrne (Ildrone), Ann Gillen, Ann White, Mary Byrne (Glenvara), Maureen Coffey, Imelda Graham.

Contact Mary at 4942130 or Maureen at 4942512 for further information.

We are all capable of change, of that there is little doubt, however as we all know only too well, altering the habits of a life-time is not an easy task. In this article Bernadette Cummins, counselling psychologist examines the question of personal change and puts forward some ideas on how to deal with it.

The effort and energy needed to alter a long standing habit has been compared to that needed to launch a space craft. The greatest amount of energy is needed at the initial stages to get the craft off the ground. Once it has moved beyond the gravity pull of the earth, it gets easier. For many of us the gravity pull of our own resistance to change often proves too difficult and we give up. We only have to think of the fate of many of our New Year resolutions to appreciate the accuracy of this view point. So what are we to do. Firstly, we need to realize that the beginning phase is the most difficult and it *will* get easier. This is true whether we are attempting to give up some old habit like cigarette smoking or to take up something new like hang gliding. Expect it to be difficult – be prepared for the discomfort. If you hold a belief which says "I should be comfortable and without pain at all times" then you can replace that belief with a more rational one, e.g. "This is going to be tough, but in time it will get easier".

You can also replace the old adage "practice makes perfect" with a new one which says "practice makes automatic". The behaviour you wish to change has become a habit by being repeated over and over again, i.e. through practice. In time, with practice the new behaviour will become automatic just like the old one.

An old adage worth holding on to is one that says "if you keep doing what you's always done – you'll keep getting what you've always gotten". For example, if you keep drinking the way you've always drank you'll keep feeling the way you feel right now. The question is "Is that what you want"?

It is also important to realize that change is much easier to achieve when it is linked to what *we* really want for ourselves and not to what we feel we should or ought to want, i.e. other people's expectations of us. A good question to ask yourself is "What is the best thing that could happen to me right now"? or "What would my life look like if I was really happy"? These questions will act as a guide to your own personal needs and desires. Your responses will direct you towards the changes you need to make.

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A First Bereavement – One Young Man's Story

On Thursday 20th of November I heard the sad news that my Grandma had died. It was the first real experience of bereavement which I had suffered. A person who had always been such a big part of my life for so long had suddenly died without warning. I felt as if a piece of me had left forever and that things would never be the same again. I suppose I only fully believed that she had died when I saw her in the funeral parlour. A woman who enjoyed many years of supreme health had now died. After I heard the news I visited my local church. There I prayed that all the members of my family would have the strength to cope with this loss.

Bereavement is probably the biggest crisis that every family will have to face at some time. It can bring up a lot of despondent feelings within the person. Not only do people feel sad or depressed, but they may also feel angry or remorseful. They may lose their interest in things or in life. The dark days after Christmas are probably the hardest times for family members after the loss of a loved one. At Christmas we expect things to be better and to fully enjoy the festivities and celebrations. As the new year begins we may

need to make a special effort to look forward to the future with hope. In this way, not only do we help ourselves, but we also give valuable support to others who may be finding it equally hard to cope.

John Wills

John speaks very sensitively about the pain of loss through the death of a loved one. Many of you reading this piece have experienced this loss first hand – perhaps within the last twelve months, and know only too well the emotions he describes. Few people are able to cope alone with the pain of loss. Sometimes the assistance provided by family and friends isn't enough to meet your needs. Seeking help in such circumstances is a sign of self-knowledge and strength, not weakness. The skill to cope effectively with bereavement can be learned by all of us. If you are a spouse (who has been bereaved) you might consider the Beginning Experience, details of which appear opposite on page 6.

Bereavement Counselling Services are available at various centres throughout the city.

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work through their grief in a non-judgmental and caring atmosphere.

Throughout the year B.E. Residential Weekends are held for those who are a year or more bereaved; the next of which is on: **30th January to 1st February 1998** in: **Emmaus Centre, Swords, Co. Dublin** Further details from **Phil 0503-42555** or **Paul 0503-31227**.

Also, a series of ten weekly meetings known as B.E. Level 1, will commence on ten Monday nights from **26th January '98** in **Whitefriar Street, Dublin** at 8 p.m.

Further details from Elaine in the "Beginning Experience" office at **01-6791018**.



Knocklyon Variety Group

The KNOCKLYON VARIETY GROUP have resumed rehearsals for their eagerly awaited Variety Show in early April '98 and would welcome any new members to the group. Our forthcoming fundraisers include an "Under the Sea" Dance, 60s & 70s music, so come along and have a "whale" of a time on Friday 20th February in St. Enda's G.A.A. Club. Please watch out for posters. Also there will be a CAKE SALE on Sunday 1st February and Sunday 1st March from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Community Centre. We would be very grateful for your support.

From: The Committee

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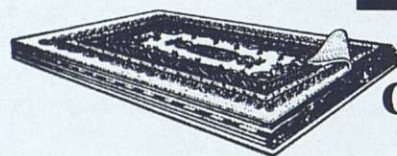
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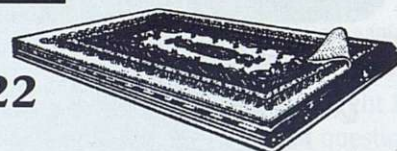


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Having missed the Christmas edition of the *Knocklyon News* we would like to wish all parishioners a happy, healthy and prosperous 1998.

● M50 ROUNDABOUT

The recent KCC meeting decided to request South Dublin County Council to consider installing traffic lights at the Firhouse Bridge side of the M50 Roundabout to allow traffic coming off the bridge to access the roundabout more easily thus improving the drastic flow of traffic which stretches as far back as Delany's pub at peak morning time. At present, Firhouse Bridge traffic is at a disadvantage because it can only access the roundabout when the traffic lights on the roundabout stop traffic from other directions.

● TRAFFIC LIGHTS

We have also asked the Council to monitor the traffic light sequence with a view to improvements, from Delany's to the Firhouse Bridge.

● SOUTHERN CROSS ROUTE

The Community Council has sought a delegation meeting with Mr Des Taylor, Assistant County manager of Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown County Council. That County Council is charged with the responsibility for the construction of the Southern Cross Motorway. We hope to discuss traffic management proposals for the duration of the construction period with Mr Taylor.

● PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT ESSO STATION

Following correspondence from the Council which stated that there were not sufficient numbers of pedestrians to warrant a pedestrian crossing at this location, the KCC has challenged South Dublin's figures and has asked the County Council to state whether or not such a pedestrian count was undertaken during school term or during school holidays. This remains a dangerous junction crying out for such a measure. The KCC has once again pressed local public representatives to support the local residents. Patience on this issue is wearing very thin.

● NEW MEMBER

The KCC welcomes Christine Long as the new representative of the Knocklyon Youth Club.

● ASHTON/KNOCKCULLEN SURVEY

Anybody living in Knockcullen and Ashton Estates will vouch for the difficulty experienced in exiting these estates in either direction at any time of the day or night. The KCC undertook a survey of these estates in relation to a proposed alteration to the entrance which would see the present entrance closed and a new entrance opened at the end of an extension to Ashton Avenue. Ashton Avenue would therefore, under this proposal, be extended to meet Knocklyon Road. The following are the results of the survey:

	Number	%
Total Number of Houses Surveyed	209	100%
Signatures Collected	205	98.1%
Houses in favour of proposal A (Extension from Ashton Ave. to Knocklyon Road)	134	65.35%
Houses in favour of proposal B (Improvement of existing exit)	71	34.64%

We are indebted to Patrick Blaney and his dedicated team who undertook the survey during the summer months last year. We have forwarded the information and results to the Roads Department of the County Council for its consideration.

Damien Fee
Chairman

John Lahart
Secretary

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— AGM — of the KNOCKLYON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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It is hoped to have a guest speaker on the
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SOUTHERN CROSS ROUTE MOTORWAY

Eight Independent members are entitled to be elected to the
Community Council on the night of the AGM. If you wish to become
an independent member you must be proposed and seconded by
someone living in the parish. Nominations to be with the Secretary,
John Lahart by the 2nd of February (6 Orlagh Grange)



Cross-country running is held in countryside where natural obstacles such as hedges, ditches and rough terrain add to the challenge. Its origins are to be found in the foot races arranged by wealthy British landowners and aristocrats in the 18th century who wagered against each other on the performance of their footmen.

Such racing was first organized in England in 1867 by the Thames Rowing Club in order to keep oarsmen fit in the winter. International cross-country Championships were first held at Hamilton Park Racecourse, Glasgow, in 1903 over 12.87 km (8 miles), contested by the four countries of the then British Isles. The race was held annually, with France first taking part in 1907, and Belgium in 1923. Thereafter the event gained steadily in prestige. The first women's international was held in 1931 at Douai, France. The distance now raced by adults are: men 12 km (8 miles), women 5 km (3.25 miles), junior men 8 km (5 miles), junior women 4 km (2.5 miles).

CHILDREN'S ALL-IRELAND CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

In December, our young athletes competed with the very best in the All Ireland Cross Country Championships in Moynalty, Co. Meath. Needless to say it was a rotten day weatherwise. The course was very tough with a 600 M energy sapping hill thrown in for good measure. Colin Holmes, Coolamber (Boys U.14) was in inspired form and took an heroic silver in his gruelling 2000 M event. Our other 14 competitors didn't reach the podium but nonetheless deserve to be highly praised for subjecting themselves to such a character forming experience.

Earlier this month we had 8 athletes competing in the Children's National Indoor Championships in Nenagh, County Tipperary. Colin Holmes, again starred, collecting a bronze in the 600 M. Other strong performances included Karen Tyson and Bronwyn Kiernan, both from Coolamber, who reached their respective hurdles finals.

Paul Cummins, P.R.O.



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YOUNG ADULT BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

A programme for young adults who have experienced parental death separation or divorce
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REACH OUT

This group visit the sick, lonely and elderly
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KNOCKLYON PARISH COUNCIL

Meets on third Monday of month in Pastoral Centre at 8 p.m. It is comprised of the Carmelite team plus eighteen parishioners representing a large number of parish based groups, and interests.
Contact Sean Malone (Chairman) 4941396 or Eva Coffey (Secretary) at 4941715

LITURGY AND SPIRITUALITY GROUP

This group was set up to promote meaningful, participative and varied celebration of Masses, Sacraments, prayer and worship. It operates a Sunday club for children aged 2 - 7 in the Pastoral Centre during 11 o'clock Mass. Contact: Mary Prendergast 4935757 or Eugene O'Callaghan 4933417.

PASTORAL CENTRE GROUP

This group exists to research, consult and bring to the stage of planning and design, a proposed Centre for the Christian formation and care of the people of the Parish. The Chairperson is Declan Cahill (Tel 4938810). The pre-fab currently acts as a temporary Pastoral Centre, where Brid O'Connell (Tel: 4961743) as Director can be contacted in regard to the working of the Centre, for bookings etc.

CHURCH STRUCTURES AND ORGANISATION

This group looks after the maintenance and development of Church buildings and material services. Contact: John Walsh 4942354

FINANCE

This group oversees Parish funding and accounting. It reports on Parish finances at least annually. Contact: Michael O'Brien 4941110

CONTACT AND COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

This group is involved in visiting areas in the parish, providing face to face contact on behalf of the priests and community.
Contact: Presbytery 4941204

PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP

This group meets every Tuesday morning between 10.30 and 12.30 in the Pastoral Centre. This is a great opportunity for parents with pre-school children to meet each other while the children play. New parents always welcome. Contact: Helen Saunders 4939823

K.A.P.E.

Knocklyon Active Parenting Endeavour is a voluntary group set up to promote and organise community based initiatives in support of the family. K.A.P.E. runs a series of Parenting Courses catering for children of all ages, an accompanying Lecture Series and an Assertive Parenting Course. K.A.P.E. also organises monthly Parenting Support Group meetings (1st Wednesday of each month 10 - 12 a.m.) For further information please contact: Mary Byrne at 4942130 or Maureen Coffey at 4942512

NURSES CLINIC

A Nurses Clinic is open every Tuesday morning 9.30 - 11.00 a.m. in the Pastoral Centre. It is specifically geared to the needs of 0-3 year old children. For further information contact Rathfarnham Health Centre 4933431

IRISH CHILDBIRTH TRUST

Is a mother to mother, non-professional community based support group. It welcomes expectant mothers, new mothers and experienced mothers. Further information can be had from Shirley Fitzgerald 4945435.

FAITH & LIGHT

Faith & Light communities bring together people with a mental handicap, their families and people who would like to be their friends.
The Knocklyon Group meets on the 3rd Sunday of every month in the Pastoral Centre from 3 - 5 p.m. New families always welcome.
Contact: Anne Farrelly 4935143

KNOCKLYON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

An umbrella organisation which comprises of representatives from the various residents' associations, groups and individuals within the Parish. Contact: Damien Fee 4947408

KNOCKLYON POST-PRIMARY COMMITTEE

Function: to secure a post-primary community school for Knocklyon. The committee welcomes advice and assistance in its endeavours.

Secretary: Liam Carter 4944349
Chairperson: Vincent Kenny 4942092
A.C.S.S.S. Action Committee to Save the School Site
Chairperson: Vincent Kenny 4942092

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ST. COLMCILLE'S PARENTS ASSOCIATION

A group of interested parents who liaise with school authorities.
Contact: T.J. Walsh 4936482

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (ST. COLMCILLE)

Non-denominational. Meet Monday 7.30 - 9.00 p.m. in the Pastoral Centre. Contact: Marie Lewis 4941074

THE LEGION OF MARY

Senior group meet Wednesday 8.15 p.m. Junior group 7 p.m. in the Pastoral Centre. Contact: Vera 4941444

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Contact: Máire ní Ghormáin, Sec. at 4517568, Maretta Meagher at 4946776 or Lyla Kennedy at 4942830

BADMINTON

Knocklyon Badminton Club (league) meets Tuesday and Thursday in Community Centre. For details contact Phyllis Russell at 4941166. **St. Colmcille's Social Badminton Club** meet Weds. 8 - 11 p.m. and Sun. 7 - 11 p.m. newcomers welcome, contact Geraldine McSweeney at 4944764 or Frances Gorman 4942765.

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KNOCKLYON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

Knocklyon United Football Club has 25 teams, ranging from U.8 to U.18 Parents' help always welcome. Contact: Paul Keenan 4947283

KNOCKLYON YOUTH CLUB

Meets weekly in the Youth and Community Centre. The Junior club (10-12 years) takes place on Fridays 7 - 9 p.m., Badminton 12 - 2 p.m. Saturdays. Club: Saturdays 2 - 4 p.m. The Senior Club (13 - 15 years) meets on Saturdays 7.30 - 10 p.m. Volunteers on club nights are always welcome. Contact: Margaret Hickey 4935685 (P.R.O.)

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KNOCKLYON GOLF SOCIETY

Annual fee £25. Many outings planned for the year. New members always welcome. Contact : Terry Mangan 4945989

WALKING GROUP

Meets each Wednesday night 8.30 p.m. sharp outside the Junior School. Contact: Patricia Delany 4945630
or Mary Byrne 4947891

COMMUNITY GAMES

Ina Butterley (Chairperson) Knocklyon North 4942965
Paul Warren (Chairperson) Knocklyon South 4942040
A.G.M. on 20th January.

BRIDGE CLUB

Meets every Monday at 7.30 p.m. in the Good Counsel Centre, Ballyboden Road. All levels welcome.
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I.C.A.

Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 8.30 p.m. in the Community Centre. Contact: Catherine Cardiff 4942439

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ADULT CHOIR - 11 a.m. Mass

Practice takes place Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m.
Contact: Eoin Garrett 4941568.

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR - 10 a.m. Mass

Practice takes place each Monday from 7 - 8 p.m. in the Church. All children having received their First Holy Communion are welcome to join. Contact: Joe Kelly 4941165

THE FOLK GROUP

The Folk Group which sings at the 12 o'clock Mass on Sundays is open to anyone 13 or over. Contact: Lisa Kelly at 4941165

THE SUNDAY ONE O'CLOCK MASS GROUP

Attempts to bring meaning to the various readings through drama, monologue, discussion etc. A Gospel singing group has been established in association with this Mass. Practice takes place on Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m. in the Church. New faces always welcome.

Contact: Fr. Philip 4941204 (Liturgy)

Ruth Kelly 4934495 (Gospel Group)

THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP

Function: To prepare a meaningful liturgy for the 10 o'clock weekly Children's Mass, through Music and Drama. For information contact Eva Coffey at 4941715 or Fr. Philip at 4941204

KNOCKLYON VARIETY GROUP

Meet every Thursday at 8 p.m. in St. Colmcille's Junior School Hall.

Contact: Sylvia Costello 4931037

or Teresa Hogan 4941021

PRAYER GROUPS

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Tuesday mornings 10.45 - 11.45 a.m. in the Toraigh Room (room behind Sacristy). Reflection on the New Testament, readings for the Sundays of the year. All welcome.

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Meditation leading to awareness and 'conscious' living. Tuesday nights 7 - 8 p.m. in the Toraigh Room (room behind Sacristy). All Welcome.

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

Many thanks.

ST. COLMCILLE'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Greetings once again. Now that we are all back to normal routine after the Christmas break, perhaps one of your New Year resolutions could be to use the school car park when dropping your children to school. One of our objectives this year is to try to ease the traffic congestion which occurs at school times on the approach to the school. We hope to introduce some traffic controlling measures in early February and we would ask for your patience and co-operation. We will let you know in the next newsletter how things are going.

*T.J. Walsh, Chairman
Tel. 4936482*



KNOCKLYON YOUTH CLUB

Well, we are back in action again following the Christmas break with nearly 100 members turning up for last Friday's activities. There was a great buzz around the centre as the members were getting rid of all their built up energy. There are still a few places available in the junior section for those that may have had their tenth birthday since September.

We would love to see a lot more members coming up on a Saturday night as it is a pity to see all the facilities that are available to the youth and they are not being fully utilised. Along with TASK we would like to do more for the 13-16 year olds of Knocklyon. At present we are trying to get coaches to guide us in both volleyball and basketball. If anyone out there has any skills that they would like to share, don't be shy, come up and help us out, the reward will be great!

We are looking forward to 1998 and don't forget, any adults that feel like helping out on either a Friday or Saturday night are most welcome.

*David Hickey, (Chairman)
Tel: 4937731*

ARE YOU GETTING YOUR NEWSLETTER ON TIME?

*Dear Parishioner,
This Newsletter should have reached your home by Saturday 31st January at the latest. If you normally have your copy delivered, but have not received it by the above date, a phone call to June at the Parish office (4941204 Mon.-Fri. 10-12) would help us identify gaps in our distribution system that could be rectified for future issues.*

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Local Production of "SHOW-BOAT"

As we go to Press, the transition year girls of Sancta Maria College, Ballyroan are busy polishing their performances for the musical "SHOW BOAT" which will be staged in the College Hall on Thursday 29th and Fri. 30th January at 8 p.m.

Judging by the standard of earlier productions by the Sancta Maria girls, this show should not be missed for anything. We would strongly encourage readers to go along and support the cast, which includes many Knocklyoners
-break a leg girls.

FROM ONE MEDAL WINNER TO ANOTHER



Ciarán Doyle, ex St. Colmcille's was a member of the Ballyboden St. Enda's Championship winning Under 21 Football team in 1997. Last year's Dublin Minor Captain is seen here making medal presentations to some young admirers.

RATHFARNHAM TOASTMASTERS PUBLIC SPEAKING CLUB

Next meeting is on Wednesday, 4th February 1998 and every second Wednesday thereafter at 8 p.m. in The Yellow House. Admission is £2 including Tea/Coffee. New members and guests welcome.

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SCHOOL NEWS

JUNIOR

Welcome back to school everyone. We wish you all a very happy and peaceful New Year. Parent/Teacher meetings for the Junior Infants will take place shortly. You'll be notified of your appointment times.

It is essential that your child is happy in school – otherwise learning will not take place. Consult with the class teacher or myself if you are worried about any aspect of your child's schooling.

As we approach Spring I would ask you to encourage your children to enjoy their environment: to show respect for the efforts we are making to keep the school grounds looking good with flowers and shrubs. Encourage them not to walk on the grass: to keep to the paths. I would also ask parents to lead by example.

Vacation Days – this term: Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th February. Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th March. Easter Holidays 12 noon on Friday 3rd April.

— BOOKS —

Thanks to everyone who donated books to the school. In the post-Christmas tidy-up more long forgotten books may turn up and the teachers will be delighted to receive them to supplement their class libraries.

On these dreary winter afternoons could you spare ten minutes each day to snuggle up with your child and read a book? Take turns reading the book. Make it a New Year's resolution! You'll be amazed how good you'll both feel about it.

— INDOOR SOCCER —

The second class indoor soccer league has resumed after the Christmas break. Liverpool led by Andrea Flood have just had their first win and could be contenders soon. Scorpions and Shelbourne are battling for the lead currently.

— BASKETBALL —

Basketball sessions recommenced on January 19th and continue until March 30th. All the 1st and 2nd classes will once again have the opportunity to avail of this excellent service. The Sprite Junior Basketball Semi-finals was held on Saturday January 24th.

— ENROLMENTS —

It is essential that parents of children due to enter Junior Infants this September 1998 ensure that their child's name is on the register. Please confirm with school secretary as soon as possible.

A SERIES OF 5-WEEK COMPUTER COURSES ARE IN PROGRESS IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL.

Please ring Carmel 4947422 for details.

If you are interested in any specific application please let us know.

SENIOR

January is a relatively quiet month in the Senior School. We all welcome the return to normality after the hectic Christmas season. Fáilte arais roimh Ms. Fahy. Slán le Ms. Lynch who is now permanently employed in Limerick.

The choir had a great trip to Northern Ireland for a Carol Service before Christmas. Caoimhe O'Neill from sixth class (Room 5) now reports:

OUR VISIT TO HOLYWOOD

"Could all choir members going to Belfast please come to the front door of the school now". That was what we heard at half nine on the fifteenth of December last year. The choir were going to a little town, not quite in Belfast but just outside it, to sing carols. The choir were not singing by themselves. They were accompanied by another choir.

This other choir were from the town's primary school which we are friendly with. They had arranged for us to sing carols with them and look around many places. So that day we piled into a bus and took off for Hollywood. The bus journey was nice but not as enjoyable as when we got there. The Principal and staff treated us like V.I.P.'s. We had a short rehearsal and then were whisked off to another exciting place.

That exciting place was the "Ulster Folk and Transport Museum". After looking through the Transport Section we went to the Folk Museum where we connected history and art. Then to a beautiful dinner.

But the main part was the singing – after all we are a choir. Every single person put their heart and soul in it. I must say thank you to the Principals and choir teachers who made this possible. I found it exciting and extremely enjoyable.

Congratulations to the boys of Room 3 who were very busy over the holidays. Robbie Murphy won a skiing medal. Mr. Kelly, look out !! Daniel Conneely's basketball team **Delta** secured a fine win over rivals **Victor**. Graham Gaughran reports on his team's triumph in the **Kia Ora** multi-sport challenge.

KIA ORA MULTI-SPORT CHALLENGE

*On Saturday 3rd of January the KIA ORA Multi-sport Challenge took place in Belfield. The team consisted of Graham Gaughran and Gerard Byrne from Room 3, Paul Timmons and Graham Coffey from Room 5 and Daragh O'Kelly and Graham Walsh, our Knocklyon Past-pupils. The tournament had twenty-six teams in it, and our team, **The Boys Return** finished in 1st place.*

As rain, wind and traffic try us all, the senior school staff and pupils look forward to a happy, healthy New Year. Slán go fóill.

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On 10th January the Parish Council met to review its operations over the last year and discuss how it might improve its service to the parish in the year ahead. The day produced lively debate, and was deemed very productive by all concerned. The Council is comprised of the Carmelite Community in Knocklyon plus eighteen parishioners, some of whom represent groups working in the parish and others who have been co-opted because of their expertise in order to widen the experience available. Whereas the Council as a body operates through consensus, by law its role is that of a consultative, advisory body to the Parish Priest.

The objectives/functions of the Council are:

- To co-ordinate the activities of, and foster liaison between the various groups active in the Parish.
- To encourage and facilitate the development of a collaborative approach in which laity and clergy work together for the good of the Parish.
- To provide a forum where the views of different groups and interests can be represented and in which new initiatives might be suggested and discussed.
- To act as a focus for, and a means towards, supporting and enabling new ventures in the Parish.

The Council is anxious to improve its liaison with groups active in the parish in order to improve its effectiveness, and takes this opportunity to remind such groups that it meets once a month (the 3rd Monday) and welcomes hearing from them, and individual parishioners on parish-related matters.

The next meeting of the Council will take place on Monday 16th February at 8 p.m. Enquiries to Sean Malone (Chairman) at 4941396 or Eva Coffey (Secretary) at 4941715.

Readers will no doubt be happy to know that a meeting was held on January 20th to form a Residents' Association for the Idrone area, with the purpose of addressing traffic problems in Idrone Avenue etc.

We understand also at the time of going to Press that the Planning Sub-committee of the Community Council will hold a meeting on 29th January, with invited local guests to further progress this matter.

Watch this space for developments as they arise.



Knocklyon Concert Band Society

It's full steam ahead for this hugely exciting project. The first 30 bandmembers are awaiting arrival of their instruments and lessons will be starting at the end of January.

We also have twenty-five hopefuls in our Preliminary Recorder Course on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 p.m. and we wish them well in their auditions at the end of February. Now is the time to apply for the next evening Recorder Course starting in March. (Forms are available from the Junior School Secretary.)

We are appealing to individuals, Clubs and Organisations in Knocklyon to help us financially towards building up our stock of band-owned instruments. Approx. £5,000 is required now to purchase instruments such as drums, tuba etc.

If you would like to make a donation we would be delighted to hear from you. All enquiries to Knocklyon Concert Band Society, c/o St. Colmcille's Junior School, Knocklyon, Dublin 16.

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Ciara Lucey, St. Colmcille's past pupil was captain of the victorious Under 12 Ladies Football team in 1997.

The dual star is seen here with Brian Stynes and Orla Smith.

Nearly 50 sets of medals and trophies were presented in 1997 to various football, hurling, camogie and ladies football teams as winners or runners-up, making the year just ended one of the most successful. Sixty-four teams represented the club during the year (26 football, 18 hurling, 14 camogie and 6 ladies football) and over 500 boys and girls under the age of 12 took part in the Sony Playstation Summer Camps. Important as success is, it is the level of participation that pleases the club most as another season commences.

Before 1997 drew to a close, David Naughton was named the best Senior Football Full-back in Dublin when he was named on the *Evening Herald/Irish Nationwide Blue Stars* selection. While David Sweeney (ex St. Colmcille's), Emmet Carroll and Paul Daly were all part of the Dublin Hurling team's trip to the Canaries in early January.

Since the last issue, the Under 21 Football team have brought home the championship for the second time with a fine win over St. Brigid's in a replayed county final. The team was managed by Pat Walsh, Conor Hand, John Clarke and Pat Keane, and captained by Shane Heraty. John Bates won Man of the Match for a string of fine saves including a penalty.

At the Club's A.G.M. the following were elected for 1997/98 - President: Daithi Scolard; Chairman: John Kirwan; Vice-Chairman: Gerry O'Sullivan; Secretary: Seán Flynn; Treasurer: Liam Coffey; Assistant Secretary: Conor Doolan; Executive Members: Danny Griffin, Tommy Clinton, Noel Sheridan, Ronan Hore, Paul Carroll and Bill Doran.

There will be a Foundation Level Coaching Course on Friday 30th and Saturday 31st January 1998 aimed at those who (a) failed to complete a previous course (b) those who completed, say, the football course but want to attain a competence in hurling (c) new mentors and others who have not participated in a previous course (d) those who have completed a course previously and feel they need a refresher (e) second and third-level students (15 years and over) who might wish to seek employment with the County Board as coaches on the Summer Camps and (f) any other person who wishes to get involved in coaching. Contact Paddy Walsh at 6785222 or 2983160.

The club was extremely proud of former members Paul McGinley and Pdraig Harrington who won the World Cup in golf for Ireland and were selected as the Irish International Team of the Year in an RTE poll. It is hoped they can find time in their hectic schedule to visit the club in the very near future.

Gerry O'Sullivan, Public Relations Manager

~ ~ Reflection ~ ~

"THIS TOO, WILL PASS"

To say that everything passes is to state the obvious. But to be aware that "this too, will pass", in other words, to know that whatever is going on for me, here and now, will shortly be replaced by some other experience; that is to be spiritually alive! For most of us, our feelings are constantly chopping and changing. A variety of positive and negative emotions replace one another within us in rapid succession. And if only we can understand and be conscious of this, we remain on an even keel. We grow in patience, and the extremes of despair and presumption no longer trouble us.

To be aware that "this too, will pass" was considered by the ancient Greeks as true wisdom. The principle is widely espoused by healing and support movements of all kinds. It is acknowledged by people of reflective disposition. Such people acknowledge the truth, but do they live it? I know I didn't!

It's a long time since I first came to believe in the importance of knowing the passing nature of all things. However, it was only last week that I first realised that I wasn't living by that principle at all.

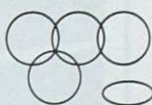
*"The moment of truth" for me came as I listened to a recorded radio interview with John O'Donoghue, author of *Anam Cara*. He was simply pointing out how speedily the feelings of yesterday disappear and even become erased from the memory. As he elaborated and illustrated, I felt myself able to apply what he was saying to my "there and then" experience. I'd come through some days of pressure and anxiety. The day before I'd been down-in-the-mouth, but that day I felt upbeat. What had transpired so recently was no longer affecting me. Perhaps the worries would be back tomorrow, but right now they had no relevance whatsoever to my mood.*

I hope I can hold on to this realisation, and learn at last, to live and benefit from a truth I have long believed in. I hope you can, too!

Fr. David

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SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS

Courtesy of Cllr. Mary Muldoon

• DISPLAY OF DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

At the Special Meeting of the County Council on 2nd December, 1997 it was agreed that the Draft Development Plan be put on public display early in 1998 subject to a number of agreed amendments.

The statutory display will be mounted in the concourse area of the Council's Headquarters at Town Centre, Tallaght which will be manned throughout the period between 9.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. Monday - Friday.

In addition, a series of local public displays and meetings will be held throughout the county. In Rathfarnham electoral area the display location will be Knocklyon/Rathfarnham.

It is proposed to commence the statutory three months display period in week commencing 9th February, 1998.

It is envisaged that the local area displays will commence on week commencing 16th February 1998. It is proposed to hold area displays over a two day period either on Monday/Tuesday or on Wednesday/ Thursday from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. on the first day and 6 p.m. - 9.30 p.m. on the second day. The public meeting at each venue will take place from 7.30 p.m. - 9 p.m. on the Wednesday or Thursday evening of the display period. All displays will be manned by Planning Department staff during these hours.

The public meeting will consist of a presentation on the main elements of the plan and an outline of the opportunities available for public input into the process. It will allow for a question and answer session at the end to clarify any of the provisions of the plan. Representations arising from the floor at these meetings will not be answered on the night.

A leaflet will also be prepared for distribution at each venue giving the statutory and historical background to the plan together with details of the public's rights of representation and a list of relevant contact names and addresses for the County Council and elected members.

A publicity programme will be undertaken in local Press, radio and public buildings throughout the South Dublin County area to inform the public of the display of the Draft Development Plan and the opportunities available for public input.

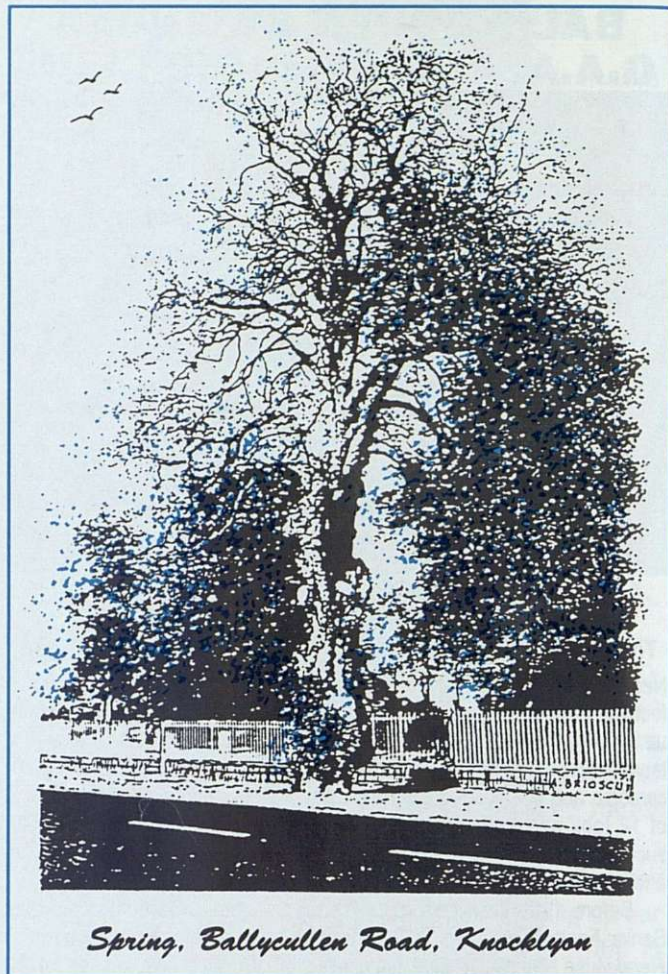
• LAND ZONING FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

At a meeting of the Planning and Development Committee in December among new lands identified for residential development were the following areas:

Edmonstown	33 acres	396 units
Ballycullen/Oldcourt	202 acres	2,424 units
Firhouse Road	3 acres	36 units
Kiltipper/Killinarden	166 acres	1,992 units

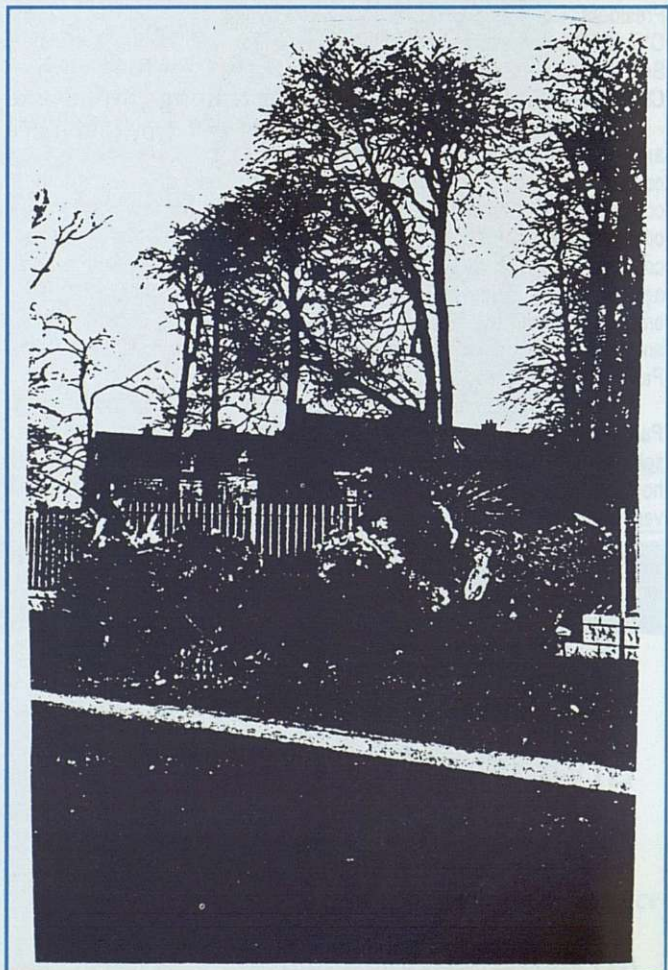
To accommodate these proposals significant engineering infrastructural schemes will have to be designed and commissioned in order to permit these proposals to be implemented. *Watch this space for further news.*

The local Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to sincerely thank all those who kindly donated toys for the Christmas Appeal. Your generous response was most appreciated.



Spring, Ballycullen Road, Knocklyon

The above picture of a tree on the Ballycullen Road was on the cover of the March 1995 issue of the *Knocklyon News*. The picture below shows the same tree (numbered 3528 by the Local Authority) which was blown down in the storm before Christmas. Thankfully there was no one injured.



Drawings by our own Aodhagán Brioscú

Hotlyon ...

● THE KEY TO SUCCESS

Congratulations to Noeleen Kelly, Idrone, who was one of the lucky prizewinners in the homeviewers draw on the National Lottery Winning Streak programme. No doubt part of Noeleen's £3,000 win will go towards a nice house warming present for Lisa and her fiancé Donal who recently acquired the keys of their new home. Best wishes to all the Kellys - we are delighted for you.

● A DREAM ROLE

Well done to Aisling Corcoran who starred in the film "Sun, Moon and Stars" which featured on television over Christmas. Aisling who is a past pupil of St. Colmcille's gave a superb performance in this Irish made film based on a modern day family story.

● A REAL ROLE

Another young Knocklyon lady is an aspiring actress. Maeve Gorby, Coolamber, spent a good part of the summer on the set of the film "The General" which will be released shortly. Maeve, who is seven, plays the part of one of the daughters of the late criminal known as "The General" and is a pupil of The Coffey School of Drama

● BRIAN IS NOW IN THE NET!

We send our warmest congratulations to Brian McGowan of the Senior School and his new bride, Bernie, who were married on 28th December and have just returned from their honeymoon. Brian has been the "bachelor boy" of St. Colmcille's for a long time and is a popular teacher among pupils and parents. He has, over the years, passed on his skills in football and badminton to many Knocklyon children, and we hope he will still find time for the odd game of golf. We wish you both, Brian and Bernie, a long and happy life together.

● SCOUT DRAW RESULTS

December '97

£100 Marian Miley, 147 Coolamber Park
 £50 Francis Doyle, 48 Knocklyon Ave.
 £25 N. MacLachlan, 10 Knocklyon Heights

Recent Baptisms

Eoin Tracey, 12 Scholarstown Park.
 Stephen Brian Walsh, 12 Glenlyon Crescent.
 James Andrew Gill O'Connor, 26 Delaford Lawn.
 Brendan Noel Moran, 9 Castlefield Grove.
 Eoghan Mullarkey, 25 Woodfield.
 Ryan Ciaran Collins, 8 Castlefield Grove.
 Conor Justin Rossney, 43 Idrone Drive.
 Seán Martin Durkin, 9 Templeroan Way.
 Leanne Chloe Morgan, 164 Coolamber Park.
 Conor James Dalton, 65 Woodfield.
 Matthew Edward Anthony Redmond, 2 Beverly Lawns.
 Ciara Pamela Byrne, 51 Castlefield Park.
 Hugh Desmond McCullough, 67 Templeroan Avenue.
 Ciarán Brendan Whitehead, 25 Delaford Park.
 Conor Paul Palmer, 6 Knockfield Manor.
 Clíona Rose Giblin, 27 Orlagh Way.



Following in the tradition of the *Irish Times*, we have conducted our own survey into the most popular names for babies baptised in Knocklyon during 1997.

Most Popular Names

Boys		Girls	
1st	James	1st	Aoife
2nd	Conor	2nd	Sarah
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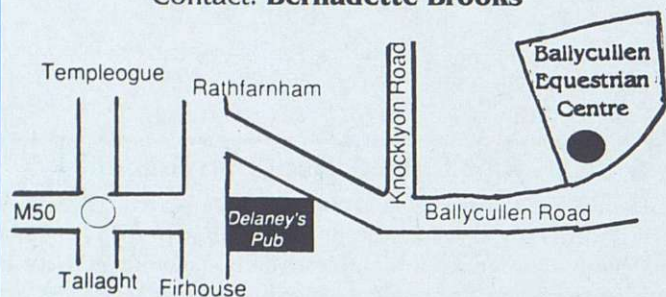
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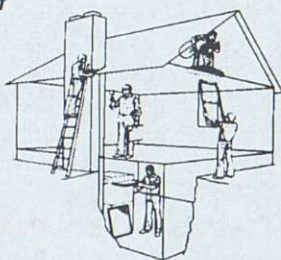
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