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Robert Acheson - A Very Special Person



When Robert's father died six years ago, it was a tragic but inevitable end to long years of companionship, caring and love of a father for a very 'special' son. For Robert (an adult with "special needs") the loss was unbearable and something he couldn't understand. But God always provides and little did Robert know that a new world would soon open before him.

It was all due to his sister Bridget (with whom Robert and his father had lived for some years) and who dearly loved him and felt she must find some outlet which might help to compensate in some way for the trauma he had suffered. So the first place she got in touch with was St. Michael's, but to no avail. Then she tried Cheeverstown who made an appointment to see Robert. Her hopes were dashed when after the interview she was told that Cheeverstown was not the right place for him. However, not one to give up easily, Bridget kept praying and trying and one day she had an unexpected phone call from a social worker in Cheeverstown who advised her to contact the National Rehabilitation Board in Clyde Road.

After that, everything happened quickly. Robert was interviewed, assessed and then asked to go to the NRB Centre in Tallaght to see what he thought of it. Suffice to say that Robert spent the next four years training in the Centre and loved every minute of it. On 30th October, 1995 He was awarded the N.E.F.E. Certificate for the skills he had mastered.

His first work experience was in the Canteen at the N.R.B. Centre, Tallaght during which he was assessed and pronounced ready for work. The next placement was in a Restaurant near the Westbury Hotel as Kitchen Porter. Finally, he was sent to work with the Little Sisters of the Poor in Clonskeagh where he is currently employed. This marked the first major change in Robert's life. Something wonderful then came Robert's way, something that would bring him many friends, a feeling of belonging and an inner peace. This took the form of The Faith and Light Community which was

opened in Knocklyon in 1992 with the help of Sister Mary, a Sister of Mercy from Ballyroan.

The Faith and Light Community was founded by Jean Vanier, a French Canadian layman who is now living in France. He left Canada in 1942 at the age of 14 having obtained permission from his father to join the Royal Navy. His eight years there taught him, in his own words, "Efficiency AND the Gospels of Jesus".

In Paris as a student he met a Dominican priest, Fr. Thomas Philippe who became a great influence on his life. It was this friendship which led Jean to more academic studies which culminated in him obtaining a Doctorate in Philosophy. Having lectured in Toronto for some time he returned to France in 1963. He then settled in the same town (Trosly) as his friend Fr. Thomas who was Chaplain to thirty men with learning disabilities. Jean felt that these men did not know anything beyond their own four walls. It was then that he invited two of them to come and live with him as a family - and that was the beginning of the l'Arche community, from which Faith and Light Communities evolved. Jean had found his vocation at last.

Since becoming a member of Faith and Light, Robert has found further interests. He is the official photographer of the group, and has a large album full of his pictures of the many events in which they have been involved. He is also very proud of the fact that he has met and photographed Jean Vanier during his last visit to Ireland. Robert is looking forward to meeting his "friend" Jean when he returns to visit Maynooth for the National Retreat Movement on 27th June next, an event to which all are welcome.

Today, there are 25 groups of Faith and Light in Ireland for people with special needs and their families and friends. They meet each other frequently. The Knocklyon Group have many happy memories of their visits to local communities, in Ballinteer and Baldoyle. Other destinations have been Cork, Ballintubber Abbey and Holy Cross, where they also had a boat trip on the Shannon. Their visits always begin with Mass, a special Liturgy and choir. Throughout the Mass there is action and members act out the Gospel. Afterwards there is a Fiesta, tea, goodies and lots of fun. In fact, there are always Fiestas at Faith and Light meetings - it's a place to be with family and people who want to be friends. In Jean Vanier's own words, "These are people God has entrusted to us in a special way. May they find the joy of knowing God and discover how much they are loved by God, and that they have a gift for our world".

It is obvious that Robert's gift for our world has found expression with the help of his loving family, his employment and his involvement with the Faith and Light Community in Knocklyon.

Long may he continue to bring his gift to us.

Eileen Casey

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~ ~ Reflection ~ ~

DON'T GIVE UP ON "GIVING UP"!

Nowadays we all love to be positive; "negative" has become a kind of bad word. After all, who wouldn't prefer a profit to a loss, an up to a down, to go forward rather than backward, a plus to a minus! Until, that is, we go to the doctor with a suspected illness, when we'd far prefer to test negative than positive! And that, perhaps, is the better analogy when it comes to Lent and Penance.

Down through centuries of Christianity, self-denial was seen as a vital spiritual attitude. "What are you giving up for Lent"? was a familiar enquiry. Then, some decades ago, things began to change. "What are you doing for Lent"? became the new question. "Giving up" was now seen as negative and passé; "doing" was positive and worthwhile. Unfortunately, many gave up the "giving up" and replaced it with nothing. And all penance – that necessary ingredient of Christian living – got edited out of the spiritual equation.

Yes, self-denial may be negative in itself, but it can be hugely positive in its effect. To deprive ourselves of what we like is often beneficial, and even essential, to our well being; and especially so in the present-day climate of over indulgence and excess. Giving up, for instance, sweets or cigarettes, alcohol or too much food, may just as much contribute to our psycho-spiritual health as benefit our physical condition. It may help us develop much needed self-control, a quality often dismissed or scorned today.

No doubt about it, there was a time when the value of self-denial was overstressed; even to the extent that God appeared to be happy with us only when we were miserable. But the pendulum has well and truly swung. Prevalent attitudes now seem to consider any curbing of pleasure foolish, restraint a thing of the unenlightened past, and entertainment that is prurient, immature and immoral currently has the label "adult" attached. Such attitudes are inevitably exerting a destructive influence, particularly on the young. Self-denial is a simple, effective and very healthy antidote. What more suitable time to embrace it than the present season of Lent!

Fr. David

Letter from Parish Council

The following letter from the Parish Council was sent to "The Southside People" following the publication of their front page article headed "Parish Priest on different wavelength" (28th Jan. 98). The letter was published on Page 2 in their issue dated 11th February and titled "Right of Reply" but the last sentence was omitted. No apology has yet been received by Fr. David Weakliam for the insulting remarks contained in the article.

Dear Sirs,

Following a meeting on Monday 2nd
February, we the Knocklyon Parish Council
wish to record our deep concern and upset
at the derisory comments on Fr. David
Weakliam published in your article dated
28th January 1998. The article was
unbalanced in its presentation. The
impression that Fr. Weakliam was imposing
his opinion without consultation is not in
accordance with the facts. The closing
remarks of your article are a particular
source of pain to this group and indeed to
many parishioners.

Far from being "on a different wavelength" Fr. David's untiring efforts, his active and sincere desire to foster, support and nourish the spiritual growth and happiness of our community have long been an encouragement to many.

We ask that this letter be published in full in your next issue as a matter of priority and that it be afforded the equivalent level of prominence accorded to your original article. In our view a personal letter of apology would go some way towards redressing the offence caused to Fr. Weakliam.

Sean Malone

Chairperson, Knocklyon Parish Council

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In our last issue which included a Guide to Groups in the Parish we omitted the following which should be added to your Pull-out Guide:

• THE LITURGICAL ART AND ENVIRON-MENT GROUP

This group fosters an awareness of the assembly in worship; consideration of the whole space for worship; and an understanding of the seasons of the year. Members are encouraged to improve their knowledge of the symbols of the church. They endeavour to carefully prepare for the liturgy and seek to engage congregations through their art rather than by trying to explain it. For further information contact Angela Ryan at 4942120.

KNOCKLYON HISTORY GROUP.

The group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month and arranges outings to places of historical interest from time to time. Contact Number 494 1312.

KNOCKLYON HISTORICAL GROUP Forthcoming Events

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For further information contact:

Fr. David

Presbytery 494 1204

Denise Dunne

493 5720

Breda Fitzharris

494 6899

(SEE ARTICLE OPPOSITE)

CONNECT



Some members of the "Connect" group pictured at a recent meeting. Back (L-R): Kieran Moore, Paul Hendrick, Geraldine Hardy, Karen Walsh, Anne Walsh.

Front (L-R): Denise Dunne, Breda Fitzharris, Trudy McElhone. Missing from photo: Anne Fox, Ada Donnelly, Joan Duffy, Carolyn Murphy, Oonagh O'Callaghan, Karen Walsh and Fr. David.

We are a relatively new group in the Parish. Our main objective is to try and educate/inform families about the Drug/Alcohol problems in our area, and to discover ways and means by which these problems can be prevented at home, school and community levels.

So far we have run a number of successful "Parent to Parent Drug Prevention Courses" which enabled parents gain the knowledge and skills needed to parent more effectively in the drug age. These courses will be available again shortly and we strongly recommend parents to participate. You will all be too familiar with the devastating consequences of addiction both for the individual involved and his/her family. "Prevention is better than cure" rings very true in relation to this problem. "Parent to Parent" programmes show the way. In addition to the courses last October we held a very successful and informative Open Meeting on the subject, addressed by Rolande Anderson, Assistant Director of the Rutland Centre and by a mother of a recovering addict.

Currently we are putting together plans for a "Drug/ Alcohol Awareness Week" in the Parish. We would welcome hearing from any individual/groups who may have ideas on what they would like to see included in this week.

For further information contact:

· Fr. David, Presbytery

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• Denise Dunne

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

As a result of the recent closure of the Knockaire entrance to the Primary School there has been an increase in traffic congestion in Idrone and Coolamber as parents feel there is no longer a safe pedestrian passage to school.

A Committee has been formed representing every area of the Parish. It is called the Knocklyon Parish Children's Safety Committee. The main purpose of this Committee is to provide a safe pedestrian way to school which will not inconvenience any area of Knocklyon. The Committee has met already with local councillors and T.D.s and hope to have more definite news in the next issue of the "Knocklyon News". The Committee is also looking at the lollipop lady situation on the Knocklyon Road and the provision of proper footpaths on the Scholarstown and Knocklyon Roads.

The Committee would appeal to those motorists using Idrone, Woodstock and Coolamber to observe common courtesy by parking in areas which will not obstruct local residents and drive slowly at all times.

Those parents who still allow children to walk to school please impress upon them to use the lollipop lady when crossing the Knocklyon Road.

Bernard Nally

Chairman of Safety Committee - 4936293

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The KNOCKLYON VARIETY GROUP are staging their forthcoming show "NEW HORIZONS"

on the 3rd, 4th and 5th April '98 in St. Anthony's Theatre on Merchant's Quay. This show is dedicated to thirty years of "Tops of the Town".

Tickets will go on sale from Monday 2nd March. These will be available from any Group member or you can telephone either Teresa at 4941021 or Barbara at 494 2028.



Members of Knocklyon Variety Group in rehearsal for their forthcoming show.

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SPRINGTIME ... A New Look for your Interiors

Spring is upon us again and it's an excellent time to start planning a new look for your house and home. Many of us have strong ideas for our interior schemes but are unsure where to start.

A good starting point is to firstly examine the flooring. Can you integrate the existing flooring into your new scheme or is it time to give your floor a fresh new look? Hardwood floors are back in vogue and there is a great choice available from good timber merchants. Choose from the paler maples right up to the dark richness of oak. Lino and vinyl flooring are also making a comeback and specialist companies will also work with you to create your own designs.

After examining the flooring, the next step is to have a look at the interior walls. More and more of us are realising the advantage of paint. It is so affordable and is available in a vast array of shades and tones. Plain white walls can be impracticable for obvious reasons but on the other hand they can work well with a timber floor. If you go for this look remember to add some colour. Artworks using reds/oranges/yellows will help bring some warmth into the interior space.

Lighting used to be all about strong 100 watt bulbs but in the 90s it is all about creating a pleasing atmosphere. Lamps are a good investment and if well placed they will add character and ambience to your new scheme.

Finally, arrange your furniture around a focal point. In most cases this can be the chimney breast and carefully arranged furniture layouts will help encourage conversation. Don't let the TV dominate!

A final word on ... tiling a bathroom

If you are tiling a room with limited space like a bathroom, it is a good idea to use smaller tiles as they will help create the illusion of space. Smaller mosaic style tiles are available in plain colours from good tiling stores.

David Dempsey
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THE WOMEN'S FORUM

The Women's Forum was set up in 1996, on the recommendation of the Council of Priests. It operates at three different levels. At Parish level (where women meet to discuss the issues of concern to them in the Church), two representatives were elected to go forward to Deanery level. There are eleven parishes in the South Dublin Deanery, and each deanery elects a representative to the Diocesan Forum, which also includes a representative of the traveller women.

The Diocesan Forum has met with the Archbishop and the Council of Priests several times during the last year. Arising from discussion, both at Parish and Deanery level, the following main areas emerged as being of importance to women in the Church:

- Adult Faith Formation
 - Growing in knowledge of our faith as adults
- Youth
 - Listening to the needs of the young
- Inclusive Language/Liturgy
 - Use of symbols/language that speaks to/of women
- Communication
 - Ongoing circle of communication at all levels
- Compassionate Treatment
 - Recognising needs of marginalised and alienated

Working groups have been set up to discuss these topics. Submissions from Parishes via the Deaneries are being sent to these working groups and the first report has just been presented on Inclusive Language/Liturgy. The Deanery women have met with the Deanery priests where it was stressed that women and men ought to work together to build the church of the 21st century. The Archbishop's "Invitation to Dialogue" is the first step on that road.

In Knocklyon our two elected representatives were Catherine Donoghue and Catherine Collins. Their term of office is now up and so elections are taking place to elect representatives for the next two years. There will be a meeting in the Doire room on Thursday 12th March, where there will be discussion on the past two years, opportunity for suggestions for the future, and election of two women to the Deanery Forum. We would urge as many women as possible to attend, as the more views we get, the stronger an influence we will be. The Archbishop has said "the purpose of the Forum is to ensure that women's voice will be heard in the formative stages of Diocesan policies".

Make sure your voice is heard in the Forum

MEETING OF WOMEN'S FORUM

to elect representatives to Deanery Forum Thursday 12th March 8 p.m. in Doire Room

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SCHOOL NEWS

SENIOR

Spring is in the air. As the daffodils appear, the Senior School smiles once more. Preparations for the hurling season, "The Red Piper" Seachtain na Gaeilge and the Confirmation are well underway.

CURSAÍ SPÓIRT Mr. Murphy gives us an update on sporting matters

Thanks to the recent mild spell the hurling and camogie season has had an early return to full activity. Already Mr. P. O'Neill has had the senior team in action against Ballyroan and Drimnagh Castle as they prepare for the Herald Cup campaign ahead. Mr. Sweeney has had the camogie panels on a couple of visits to the Basketball Arena as they hone their skills for the Corn Bean Uí Phuirséil competition, while Mr. Murphy's juniors have also been to the Arena and recently faced a senior selection in their efforts to be ready for the Corn Oideachas.

Thanks to the enthusiasm of so many boys and girls the teachers' most difficult task is selecting teams for these games. Hopefully by the end of the year as many as possible will have been catered for with as few as possible disappointed.

Finally, Mr. S. O'Neill has also mobilized the vast numbers interested in the games in 3rd class and their appetite is being whetted by some Community Centre activity. More anon!

Mr. P. O'Neill's senior hurling team has been busily training in all weathers

The school's senior team will participate in the Cumann na mBunscoil competition for the Corn Herald (Senior, Division 1). With many of last year's panel available we look forward with optimism. Much will depend on the likes of Michael Griffin, John McCormick, Graham Ward, James Duffy and Donal O'Brien. Go n-éirí libh a bhuachaillí.

Mr. B. McGowan Reports on the School Badminton Teams

The boys and girls school badminton teams recently played in the Primary schools competition held in Baldoyle Badminton Centre. A most enjoyable day was had by all the players with two boys' teams and one girls' team reaching the quarter finals.

The players involved were:

Boys - Gerard Fitzpatrick, Colm Corrigan, John Cooper, Conor Pounch, Daragh Kelly, Colm O'Donnell, Darren Lavery, Jonathan Flood, Ross McHugh, Kevin Donnelly, Eoin Douglas,

Girls - Vicky Cullen, Rhona Clifford, Kerrie Williamson, Róisín Barrett.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

I mbliana, the school's Seachtain Ghaelach will run from the 5 Márta - 13 Márta. This is always a week of enjoyment for pupils nuair a ghlacann siad páirt i ndéanaí, comórtaisí ealáine, filíochta agus amhránaíochta. Táimid go léir ag súil le seachtain bhreá.

Mr. Gearty informs us of the musical activity in the Senior School this month

The Senior School Choir participated in this year's Cór Fhéile na Scoileanna in the National Basketball Arena on Tuesday night March 3rd.

A World Premiere of a new Opera for children "The Pied Piper" will be performed for a week in March in The Ark, Temple Bar. It is a great honour to our school that all the children involved in the Opera have been chosen from our 5th classes. We wish all involved every success. (Photo and review to follow next month!)

Well done to the pupils from sixth class who took part in the Credit Union Quiz in Loreto School, Rathfarnham. They were a credit to the school.

Congrats. to Caoimhe O'Neill, Shane Cooney, Owen Douglas and Anita O'Sullivan (Rm. 5) on the publication of their book reviews in the Reading Association of Ireland's Newsletter.

The skiers have returned safely from Italy. John McCormack Room 4 reveals all.

An excited bunch of children emerged into the car park carrying the skis they rented the night before. A small bus arrived. People jostled for a place on the bus. Skis on the rack and a run for a place was our priority. The first day took a lot out of everybody. The heavy boots and skis bruised the feet. The food in the snack-bar-restaurant was nice. This was the routine each morning. After lunch we practised on the slopes. At around five we went back to the hotel. We changed out of our ski-wear and played games, then came dinner! The food did not really agree with a lot of the children. Nights were fun. One night we went swimming and another we went ice-skating. Most nights we had a disco. This, more or less, was the six day cycle. We were nurtured along by the instructors Dario, Luca, Jean Paul and Fedali and when the going got tough Mr. Kelly, Ms. Murphy, Ms. McCann and Mr. Ruddy helped and guided us along.

On the last day we were awoken at a quarter to three in the morning. We crawled out of bed and ambled downstairs. We said our farewells to the bus drivers Ali and Ali and boarded the bus. We looked back at the Hotel Splendid for the last time and drove off. A wonderful time was had by all. Thanks to the

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3RD CLASS NEWS



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The Workshops were a huge success, enjoyed by teachers and pupils alike. Larry recited poetry, regaled us with stories and composed new titles all with his inimitable talent and ease.

Thanks for a great time Larry, we look forward to your next book.

Ceremony of Light

The Ceremony of Light for Confirmation will take place on Thursday March 12th, after the sixth class Retreat.

Slán anois.

JUNIOR

- It is most important that your child's name is registered for starting school this September. You must confirm this with Carmel (School Secretary) a.s.a.p.
- School closures this term: 16th and 17th March, 3rd April Easter holidays.

OCOMPUTER TRAINING

A series of 5-week courses are taking place in our Computer Room at present. A further 5-week course will begin on 2nd/3rd/4th March. All enquiries to Carmel 4947422. These courses cover an *Introduction to Computers and Windows 95, Word Processing, Desktop Publishing and the Internet.* Courses in other Applications will be offered at a later stage.

 2nd Classes have been very busy since January. Each class has made a visit to the basketball arena in Tallaght for a spot of basketball coaching.

Ms. O'Donoghue's and Ms. Meely's classes are preparing for their performance in the Cór Fhéile Festival on Thursday, March 5th.

All children in 2nd class are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Penance in the first week of March. This service, which takes the form of a communal prayer service followed by a private confession, will take place in the church on Tuesday 3rd, Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th at 7.30 p.m.

• ROAD SAFETY WEEK will take place on the week starting 2nd of March. Pupils from some of the 2nd classes will visit the Traffic School. The Community Guard will be here to talk to children.

Colouring Competitions will be organized. Please play your part in ensuring that your child is aware of road safety. Park only on designated areas in the car park.

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Timetable:

French: Saturday 21st March 1.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. & Sunday 22nd March 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

German: Friday 20th March 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. & Saturday 21st March 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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KNOCKLYON COMMUNITY GAMES

Sunday 22nd March is Registration Day

for all team events of the Knocklyon Community Games – 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. All wishing to take part should come along and register at the **Community Centre**. Adults interested in helping or managing a team will be warmly welcomed.

For further information contact Paul Warren (Chairman) 4942040

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- A.G.M. -

The A.G.M. of the Community Council was held on 10th February 1998. The attendance was very satisfactory. Minister Tom Kitt TD was present as were local Councillors Ann Ormonde and Mary Muldoon. Apologies were received from Minister Seamus Brennan, Alan Shatter and Minister Liz O'Donnell.

The newly elected Independent members to the Council are: Michael Brennan, Bill Meagher, David Hickey, Pat Blaney, John Connery and Frank Brooks.

Each of the public representatives present assured the committee of their continued support for the issues raised on the night – traffic management proposals during the construction of the Southern Cross Route – that the realignment of the Knocklyon Road be put on hold until the completion of the Southern Cross Route – that no more planning for houses be granted until the completion of the motorway.

- Chairman's Address -

In the course of his address, the Chairman commented that traffic management in Knocklyon was a serious problem particularly the access/departure for vehicles from St. Colmcille's National School, and St. Colmcilles Church. Meetings are being held to attempt to arrive at a consensus policy that the council can place before South Dublin County Council.

Residents were encouraged to visit the exhibitions re. the Southern Cross Route at the various Local Community Centres. The K.C.C. have requested regular meetings with Dun Laoghaire Council and the contractor to discuss and review traffic management proposals during the course of construction.

- Motions -

At the A.G.M. two motions were received and passed as follows:

- (i) That the A.G.M. of the Knocklyon Community Council henceforth be held before the end of February.
- (ii) In relation to the draft development plan published recently by the South Dublin County Council it was decided that a special EGM of the Community Council should be held to discuss *all* future rezoning motions within the South Dublin Council area.

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Monday 9.45 a.m. to 8.00 p.m.
Tuesday 9.45 a.m. to 8.00 p.m.
Wednesday 9.45 a.m. to 8.00 p.m.
Thursday 9.45 a.m. to 8.00 p.m.
Friday 9.45 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.
Saturday 9.45 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Upcoming events which may be of interest include a talk by Patricia Ryan entitled "Creating the Optimum Mental Environment for Health" which takes place on Wednesday 4th March at 7 p.m. All are welcome. Booking is not required.

Library Play



It is hoped to present the play "Alas in Blunderland" by Peter Gunning in the library next Easter. Rehearsals for this play will take place every Thursday evening at 5.15 p.m.

Children aged 6+ are welcome to attend. Names should be left with Library Staff.



PARENTING AND INTERIOR DECORATING?

One might ask what Interior Decorating has to do with parenting. Well plenty, as many of the women who attended the February meeting found out.

After all decorating a house to suit your family's lifestyle takes planning, budgeting and time.

Yvonne Homan Tully (Interior Consultant) spoke to us for an hour giving advice on choosing a sofa, putting colours together, and basic do's and dont's when decorating.

We all shared and laughed at our horror stories of the oversized couch not getting through the livingroom door! the crazy 1970s patterned carpets! and let's not forget the many painting disasters!

The cuppa and chat is always a big hit at these meetings as it's great to meet other women sharing the same experiences.

LECTURE SERIES

Creating a warm, comfortable home is important for us and our children. Perhaps of even greater importance is the nurturing of a warm and loving atmosphere. Easier said than done in a world of exam pressure, peer group pressure and growing materialism. KAPE have invited **Mike Watts** of **GROW**, the largest mutual help movement in the field of mental health in Ireland, to share his expertise on the pressures and strains on all our family members as we approach a new millennium.

THURSDAY 12th MARCH 1998 MIKE WATTS

"Mental Health and our Families" Iona Room (Pre-fab) 8 p.m.

SPRING/SUMMER PROGRAMME '98

KAPE intends running two Parenting Programmes after Easter. Details of courses will be in the April Newsletter. Watch this space.

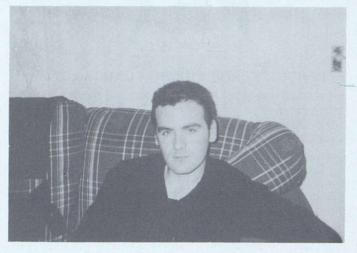
MONTHLY MEETINGS

KAPE (as in Cape Crusader!) hold a morning meeting on the first Wednesday of *every* month in the **Toraigh Room**, 10 - 12 noon. Joyce O'Hara's talk on **Music and Children** in March is followed on the 1st April by Colour Me Beautiful Consultant Bridie Steedman. ALL welcome.

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



Making His Mark



Many of our young people will be familiar with the voice of Mark Brennan, who for the past two years has been the presenter of the Thursday night programme "Nightline Show" on Freedom 93 FM from 9 p.m. to 12 midnight. His programme, with the motto "your opinion counts" has become a popular slot for the 15-18 age group.

Mark feels that the national airwaves do not give an opportunity to young people to ring in and discuss problems and he feels that a fifteen year old with any anxiety has as much right to have an opportunity to seek advice as an adult. He feels it is important that teenagers are taken seriously and that they feel they can trust the presenter on the other end of the line.

What started as a hobby has become a serious issue with Mark and he feels every minute of his voluntary time to the station is constructive; he looks on it as a service, and is delighted with the large listenership.

Mark is a past pupil of St. Colmcilles and Colaiste Eanna and is currently preparing for a Social Studies Diploma in Rathmines D.I.T.

At the moment Mark has taken time off from broadcasting to study for his exams in May. As part of his course Mark works with handicapped children two days a week in Wicklow, and eventually he wants to work fulltime with the disabled.

Another ambition of Mark's is to write stories for children – he has already created a few characters while storytelling for the children he cares for in Wicklow and hopes one day to get these characters into print.

Mark, who is 23, is the youngest son of Colette and Mchael Brennan from Knocklyon Road. He is clearly a very caring young man and is a wonderful role model for our teenagers. We would hope that his enthusiasm and commitment to others would strike a chord with the hundreds of young people we have in Knocklyon and encourage them to get involved in the community. We wish Mark well in all his activities.

Editor's Note: We always welcome the views and comments of our young people, and in the past have published some of their articles. We look forward to receiving more items from this age category for consideration in future publications.

Bros. Pearse A.C.

In late January a small but select band of our athletes made the annual pilgrimage to Tipperary to compete in the Children's National Indoor Championships in Nenagh. Colin Holmes, Coolamber (Boys U.15) who collected a bronze in the 600M last year, went two better this year collecting two silvers (60M and 1000M). Another strong performer from last year, Bronwyn Kiernan, from Coolamber, took a valued gold in the Girls (U.15) 300M.

We send our athletes Colin Holmes, Susan Tyson and Bronwyn Kiernan best wishes on being selected to take part in a training camp in Malta for two weeks from 4th-18th April. The trio are part of a panel of 50 young Irish athletes invited to this event.

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At this time of year, many people consider doing a Retreat in preparation for Easter. If you are so inclined, but don't know where to go, you may be interested to know that The Association of Retreat and Pastoral Centres in Ireland has recently published its 1998 Directory. Venues listed for the Dublin area are as follows:

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- MERCY CENTRE. Sisters of Mercy. Coolock House,
- St. Brendan's Drive, Dublin 5. Telephone: 8486420
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- · ORLAGH. Augustinian's. Augustinian Community, Old Court Road, Dublin 16. Telephone: 4931163/4933315
- STELLA MARIS. Sisters of Charity. Baily, Co. Dublin. Telephone: 8322228.

With the exception of the MERCY CENTRE all the above centres have residential accommodation.

SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS

A Public Display of the Draft Development Plan will take place in Knocklyon Junior School on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th of March. There will be a public Information Meeting on the Tuesday 24th. Local Councillors and Planning Officials will be in attendance to answer any

This Draft Development Plan is currently on display in the South Dublin County Council Headquarters where it is on view to the public until 9th May. Local people should be aware of the implications for Knocklyon as a result of this development:

- 1. An extra 2,400 houses in the Ballycullen/Old Court/ Edmonstown area, adding to the traffic chaos.
- 2. It is proposed to build a road from the Spawell Roundabout across the Dodder Linear Park at Cherryfield, continuing across Firhouse Road to the Road Reservation between Coolamber and Lansdowne.

Cllr. Muldoon has voted against the above proposal and would welcome people's views on this plan. She can be contacted at 4946601.

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Tour de France comes to Templeogue and Tallaght! Date for your Diaries - 11th July.

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(L-R): Susanne Ryan, Elaine Lynch, Susan Watt and Clodagh Rice from the "Show Boat" cast. Susan and Clodagh are both Knocklyon Residents.



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SHOW BOAT



"Show Boat" Producer Kay Martin, pictured with leading lady Ruth Cahill

Having encouraged you all (in our last issue) to go along to the Sancta Maria girls' production of this show, we felt compelled to take our own advice and do likewise. One of our group went along with extended family in tow, and the verdict from all was a unanimous "thumbs-up".

With Glenvara girls Ruth Cahill, and Aoife Moynihan playing the lead roles of Magnolia, and Ravenal the show was enthralling from start to finish. The standard of singing and acting from the entire cast was excellent. Among the many high points – the beautiful duet (Make Believe) from Ruth and Aoife stands out, along with "Can't Help Lovin that Man", when it was difficult not to join in. Other well loved musical scores that met with loud audience approval were "Ol Man River" and "After the Ball".

The sets, costumes and make-up for this show were all very impressive as was the choreography. For a musical first performed in 1927, this '90's production was as fresh as the morning dew. We send our congratulations to Director Mrs. Kay Martin, Musical Director Mrs. Siobhán Cassidy, and to all the transition year students who sent us home with a song in our heart, and a definite feeling of having seen something very special.

We're already looking forward to next year's offering.

TO KILL A MOCKING BIRD

Having sampled what the transition year girls could produce on 30th January, we felt we could be charged with gender bias if we didn't go along to the production by the transition year boys of Templeogue College the following week. Both local schools boast many Knocklyoners among their ranks, and we're always interested in following the fortunes of past pupils of St. Colmcilles!

For this production the transition year boys were joined by transition year girls from Our Lady's School, Templeogue. The first thing to strike us about this production was the scenery and sets, which were of the highest standard and very impressive. We understand Aidan Smyth on sets, and Ian Mulholland on lighting (both St. Colmcilles past pupils) made a big contribution here.

The play is adapted by Christopher Sergel from the novel by Harper Lee and set in the 1930s in Alabama. It revolves around the theme of racial prejudice, and is a difficult work for any group to perform, especially with the accent requirements, however the combined cast of Templeogue and Our Lady's were not found wanting, and a wonderful night's theatre unfolded before us. Special mention must go to Muireann Ryan ("Scout" as an adult) who narrated the story and Amy McAllister who played the young "Scout". Very fine performances were given by the cast of twenty which incidentally included two parishioners (Aoife Doyle, Knocklyon Ave. and Paul Cusack, Beverly).

This production was directed by Tony Mulholland, also a parishioner, with Kevin O'Brien (fellow parishioner) – transition year co-ordinator acting as assistant Director. Christine Murray and Carol Cusack added to the Knocklyon contribution in the make-up and costume department. Many congratulations to teachers and students of both schools on a very impressive



The Courtroom scene from "To Kill a Mockingbird"

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• THEATRICAL APPEARANCE

Congratulations to Joanne Gallagher, Knocklyon Avenue, on successfully finishing a two week run of "The Positive Hour" in Andrews Lane Theatre. Joanne (aged 10) played the part of Victoria, a little girl in foster care. She attends the Coffey School of Drama.

• SALE OF WORK

Congratulations to first year students of Sancta Maria College who recently raised £50 for Concern at a Sale of Work in Glenvara Park as part of their "Action Project". Participants were Lisa Quinn, Louise O'Dowd, Maria Walsh and Anita McAree.

KNOCKLYON SOCIAL BADMINTON Correction

The correct times for Knocklyon Social Badminton Club are **Wednesdays** (8 - 10 p.m.) and Sundays (7 - 10 p.m.) Apologies for the mistake in our Directory last month.

YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

We send "good luck" wishes to parishioner Kirsten Hughes and Rachel Holland, whose project was chosen to represent Sancta Maria College in the Senior Section of the Forbairt sponsored "Young Entrepreneur' Competition. Their project is a children's book written in both Irish and English with illustrations. Best wishes girls in the finals at U.C.D. on 10th May next.

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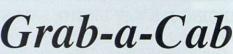


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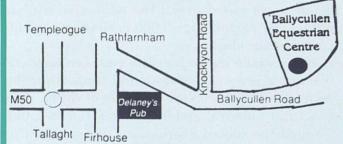
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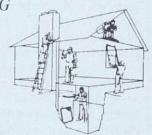
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