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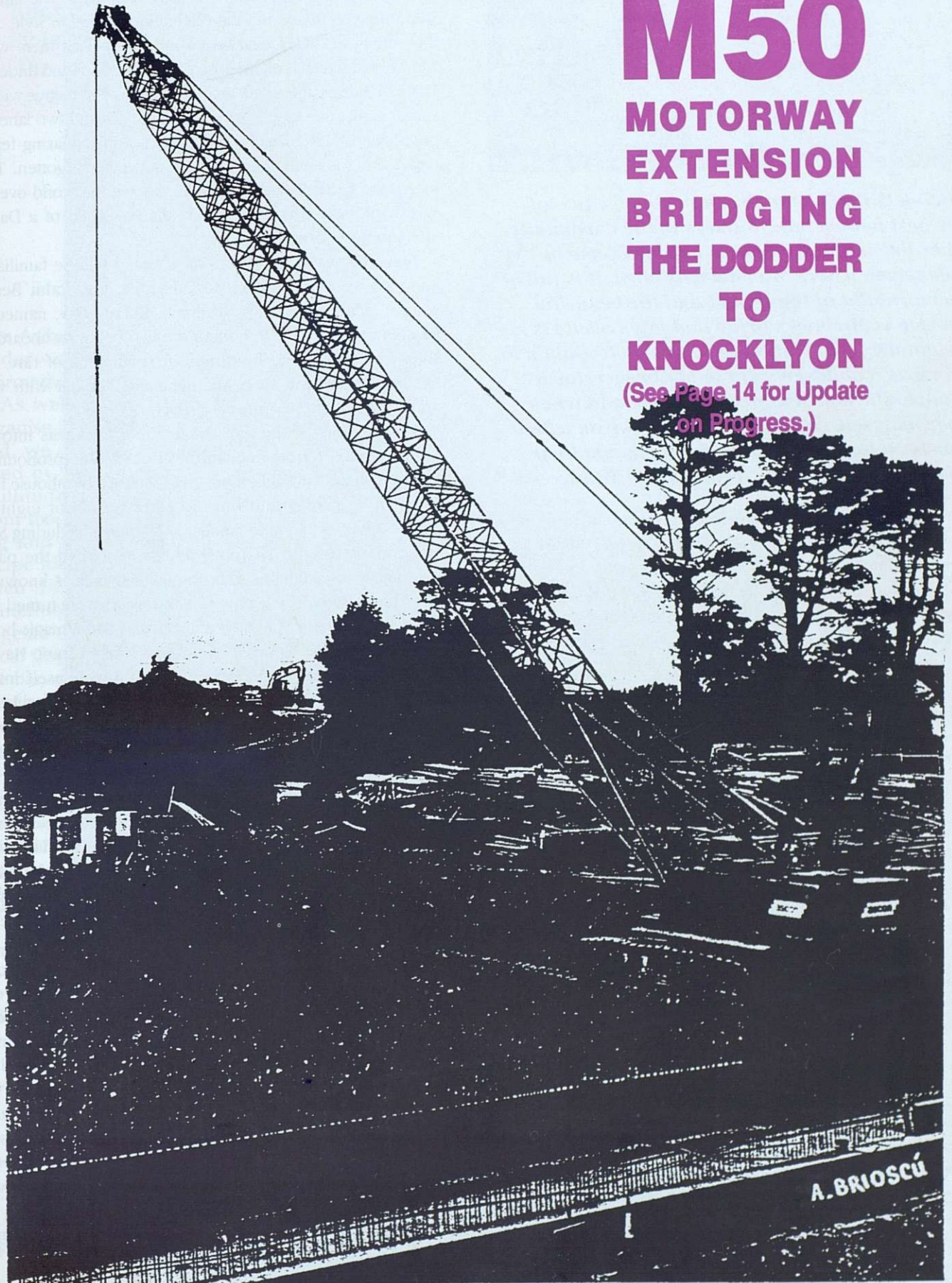
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on Progress.)



Home — and Away — and Home Again



Michael and Collette Brennan must be two of the best known parishioners in the community. They live in the lovely olde worlde house in Knocklyon where Michael was born. It is full of memorabilia of times past and the beautiful garden is Michael's pride and joy. Collette is originally from Mullingar but came to Dublin to work as a children's nurse in Cheeverstown House. She met Michael at a party and when they married, came to live in Knocklyon which has been home ever since for them and their four sons, Peter, Paul, Francis and Mark.

Both Michael and Collette have been involved in parish work since 1974 when St Colmcille's parish was formed. Michael has been a church collector for twenty-three years and he and Collette were members of the first Parish Council Committee. The "Wheel of Fortune" for the first Christmas Fair was made by Michael and indeed there are two new wheels painted, ready and waiting for this year's event.

I called on them recently to hear about their "Journey of a Lifetime" which they made earlier this year – specially planned so that Collette could visit her sister Monica in South Africa and Michael could visit his two brothers in Australia. The day dawned when they flew out of Heathrow and twelve hours later arrived in Johannesburg. It was a joyful but emotional moment when Collette met the sister she had not seen for thirty-three years.

Johannesburg is South Africa's largest city and chief industrial centre. Collette and Michael found the city most impressive with its resplendent glass skyscrapers, exclusive shops, restaurants and obvious wealth. They also saw some dark sides to Johannesburg. One is that the city is totally deserted after 6 p.m. Muggings, pickpocketing and hi-jacking of cars makes it unsafe to walk out at night and visitors are warned accordingly. There are also a number of shanty towns in the outer areas of the city. Monica took them to visit one and it was a heart-breaking experience. Rows upon rows of houses were literally built from cardboard boxes and tin. Men, women and children huddled together in these hovels by the side of dusty dirt roads. Monica and a nun friend run a Soup Kitchen from a school shed – a little light of love in a world of unbelievable poverty. The time flew. They visited Pretoria, the capital of South Africa – a beautiful city boasting stately government buildings and hundreds of jacaranda trees.

Soon it was time to go and one morning at 6 a.m. they set

off for Australia. Their first sight of Sydney from the air was one of extraordinary beauty. The Harbour, straddled by the magnificent Harbour Bridge, and the white roofs of the Opera House which seemed to surge up to meet them were breathtaking. They touched down at 5.45 p.m., soon to meet a rapturous welcome. Michael has two brothers, Peter and Joe, one of whom has been in Australia for forty-two years. The families were there en masse and the celebrations began in style. After the settling in, sightseeing began in earnest. First there was a trip by boat which took them across the Harbour and under the Harbour Bridge, the single arch of which is 503 metres wide. It carries eight lanes of cars, two railway tracks and two lanes for cyclists and pedestrians. The spectacle of this amazing feat of engineering is something that can never be forgotten. They toured the Opera House, a building known the world over for its extraordinary geometric design, the brainchild of a Danish architect, John Utzon.

Some names of the places they visited will be familiar to many of us. Bondi Beach for instance, and Palm Beach, where "Home and Away" is filmed; Botany Bay, named by Captain Cook in 1770 to honour the two botanists aboard his ship who had found hundreds of specimens of rare and exotic plants in the area. Another name familiar with wine drinkers comes from a vineyard – Jacob's Creek.

Perhaps one of the most memorable trips was into the Bush or Outback from Kootamba to Duck Moloi (pronounced Molloy), where Michael's family had rented a farmhouse for a week. It was huge and built to cater for about eighteen people and in addition to family, many friends including Séan McCormack (originally from Knocklyon) joined the party. Katoomba has a famous rock formation which is known as The Three sisters. The legend says the sisters were turned into stone by their father (a witch doctor) who had a magic bone. He did so in order to save them from a wicked spirit. Having accomplished this act he proceeded to turn himself into a lyrebird. Unfortunately he lost the magic bone and to this day he is still looking for it. They say if you listen carefully you can still hear the lyrebird calling sadly for his three daughters of stone.

The nearly Blue Mountains had a fascination for them both. The mountains are covered by Eucalyptus trees. There you will see the Cookaburra birds and if you are lucky the Koala bears. Michael rode on the zig zag railway to the valley below – a hair raising experience. Collette was much happier in Kangaroo Valley. She says she would love to have taken a kangaroo home!

So many memories tumbled out – Their visit to Canberra, the capital city, designed and fixed as a compromise between Melbourne and Sydney who both wanted the fame and glory. It is a stately city and Embassy Row, the homes of diplomats are elegant as befits the capital. Home Bush Bay, and of course the Olympic Stadium is waiting in readiness for the year 2000. They recalled Manly Beach, Watson's Bay, Kiama with its Blow-Hole, the Easter Show – The Christmas House – and the little Catholic Church in the middle of a forest, built in 1847 by a priest from Clonliffe College and packed with people for Sunday Mass.

Well, with twenty-five hours of video and five albums of photographs – the memories will surely last forever.

Eileen Casey

PARISH JUBILEE CELEBRATION

In 1999 St. Colmcille's Parish will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of its foundation. Parishioners who have photographs or who have reminiscences of events which took place in the past twenty-five years and which they would like to share with readers of the 'Knocklyon News' are invited to do so. Pictures and articles should be left in the Presbytery. Photographs will be returned to senders in due course.



Our Autumn 0 - 6 Parenting Course is by now well underway and you can be sure all involved are thoroughly enjoying same.

As well as running Parenting Courses K.A.P.E. organise talks on day-to-day parenting issues. To this end, we organised a talk on Children's Diet facilitated by Anne Gillen. In her talk Anne covered a multitude of interesting facets of this subject ranging from food additives to, among other things, marketing and packaging strategies. We all exchanged recipe ideas designed to entice the appetites of our often times reluctant offspring! It was agreed that something as simple as slicing/chopping of fruit/vegetables and grating of cheese might just do the trick! Congrats. Anne on a very informative talk and the banana bread supplied by her also went down a treat with our usual cuppa!

In December we are having a purely social morning with the sole purpose of chatting and eating as many mince pies as possible. So put this in your diary:

— WEDNESDAY 2nd DECEMBER '98 —
10 - 12 Noon (Toraigh Room) – Mince Pie Morning
N.B. It is not necessary to have completed a Parenting Course to participate in above. All welcome.

For any information regarding K.A.P.E. you can contact Mary at 4942130 or Ann at 4939424.



INTERIOR DESIGN

SPACE SAVERS ...

With the current housing boom in full swing, we are all aware of the advantages and disadvantages of selling up and moving to a new location. For many of us our home is our sanctuary and it is the place we retreat to at the end of a busy day. If you are happy in your present situation but are considering reorganising your storage and interior space look no further. Here are just a few ideas that might set you on your way.

- Remember that plain or soft white walls will always help increase that feeling of space in any room.
- If you have a small kitchen, fold-up furniture might be a good buy as it is easily stored away when not in use. Folding chairs are available from Habitat.
- Consider built-in furniture, which could solve the problem of awkward corners or niche areas. The space at either side of a chimney breast will always accommodate good storage.
- Modular storage systems are also a good bet as they can house a wide variety of items, including music systems, books, lamps and personal artefacts. The advantage here is that you can add or subtract to the modular system as your lifestyle changes. Try Bob Bushells or Habitat.
- Sofa beds have never been so stylish. Create extra sleeping space by choosing a sofa bed with clean lines and a suitable fabric to complement your interior scheme.
- If you are thinking of purchasing a new bed why not consider one with an under bed storage drawer, perfect for that shoe collection or items that you just can't part with.
- If you are partial to the country or the 'rustic look' then why not select a good quality blanket box, which will double as storage and a coffee table.

Finally, it is worth setting aside one afternoon a month for a good clearout of those unwanted items. You really have to be ruthless to avoid a build-up of household clutter. The end result might show that you have much more space than you originally thought.

David Dempsey

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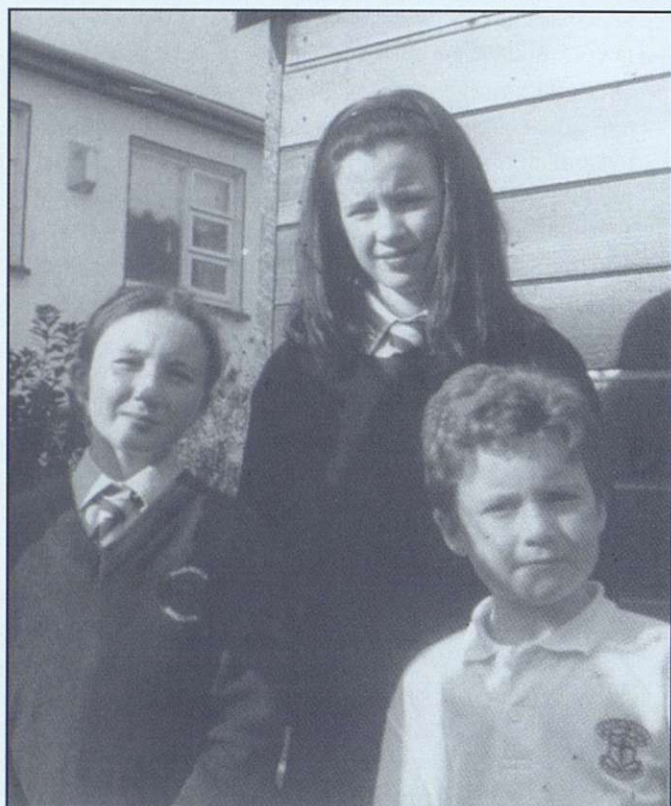
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FLASHBACK!!!

Participation of Knocklyon youth in Summer holiday sports' activities

Four Bags Full!

Catherine Reilly, Niamh Whyte, Nichole Walsh, and Becky Murphy waiting for the start of the Sack Race at the Glenvara Park Sports' Day.



Young Knocklyon athletes Margaret, Evelyn and John Sadlier (Beverly) all of whom competed for Knocklyon South, in the Community Games.



Aidan McNamara, Orlagh Park, Peter Keeley, Westbourne Lodge, gold medal winners at the Dublin Finals of the Community Games, pictured with Aileen Millane - Swimming Co-ordinator.

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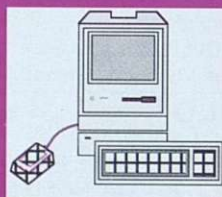
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KNOCKLYON HISTORICAL GROUP Update

At the invitation of Mr Séamus Brennan T.D. twenty members of the Knocklyon Historical Group visited the Dáil and Seanad recently. It was a pleasant and highly informative evening.

FORTHCOMING LECTURES:

- **Wednesday 11th November:**
Lord Edward Fitzgerald - Matilda Tone
 - **Wednesday 9th December:**
Thomas Moore (Video Presentation)
 - **Wednesday 13th January:**
Medieval Dalkey
- VENUE:** Toraigh Room **TIME:** 8.30 p.m.



Diary Dates

UPCOMING EVENTS AT
ORLAGH RETREAT CENTRE,
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• *Images of Self and God*

Saturday, November 14th 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Mary Kearney and Kieran O'Mahony OSA.
£12.00.

• *The Story of Jesus' Birth in Luke's Gospel*

Sunday, December 13th 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Kieran O'Mahony OSA. £15.00.

Guests are welcome to come and spend some time in Orlagh, whether this be a few hours or a few days.

Contact

*Fr Kieran O'Mahony
or. Fr John Byrne*

~~ Summer Bride ~~



Tara Durkin, Knocklyon Avenue, and Paul O'Brien, Ellensborough Rise, who were married last June 12th by Fr. David Weakliam

ST. COLMCILLE'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Welcome back to one and all after the Summer holidays. Our A.G.M. was held on 30th September 1998 and despite the horrible weather on the night, a good many people attended. A big thank you to Mr. Pat Kelly for allowing us to use the Senior School hall for the A.G.M. and the social get-together afterwards.

We say a fond farewell to Mr T. J. Walsh who resigns as Chairman (thanks for all your hard work, T.J.) and welcome in Ms Elsie Keating as our new Chairwoman. A full list of all Committee Members will issue shortly.

I.C.A. News

The I.C.A. hosted a coffee evening for Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross, on Tuesday 6th October 1998.

We would like to thank everybody who so generously contributed to this event, raising the sum of £840.

The I.C.A. meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month in the Community Centre at 8.30 p.m. New members are welcome.

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In our last issue we published an advertisement for the "Allen Carr's Method of Stopping Smoking". Below we print one person's direct experience of this programme.

For twenty-five years Brenda Sweeney smoked, on average, twenty cigarettes a day. She tried numerous methods of giving up, all without success and was almost resigned to the fact she just couldn't do it, until she discovered The Allen Carr Easyway To Stop Smoking. That was two years ago and Brenda has had neither the need nor desire to smoke a cigarette since.

Brenda now runs the only Irish clinic for The Allen Carr Easyway to Stop Smoking, based in Knocklyon.

How Does This Method Work?

"Smokers have a perception that there is a certain amount of pleasure and stress relief in having a cigarette and think giving up is going to be a painful experience. I don't concentrate on the reasons why they shouldn't smoke, but I look instead at the reasons why they do smoke. I show them that their ideas about it being a pleasure are just an illusion. It's a case of changing their perceptions about smoking.

Normally a single group session of about four and a half hours is enough to ensure that a smoker leaves the session as a non-smoker, happy to be a non-smoker and without the need to attend further sessions. For the minority that do want one there are up to two specially designed back-up sessions lasting about two hours.

Any smoker using Allen Carr's Easyway method can stop immediately, without suffering any of the trauma normally associated with nicotine withdrawal, without needing to gain weight. Little or no willpower is required.

The method was devised by Allen Carr, an English Accountant by profession, in 1983 and since then he has dedicated his time to helping smokers quit. Thousands of people have stopped smoking using his counselling method, which is available through a world-wide network of about thirty-five clinics. There is a three month Money Back Guarantee, and based on this the success rate is 90%. The success of the method speaks for itself."

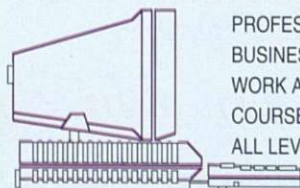
Anyone wanting to find out more about the Allen Carr method can speak to Brenda at 4941644.

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NOTE OF INFORMATION KNOCKLYON Post-Primary School

The Department's Post-Primary Building Unit is proceeding with architectural planning for the new second-level school at Scholarstown Road, Knocklyon and it is hoped that the school will be open for operation by September 2000.

The details of the management structure for the school are being finalised at present. The school is being planned to accommodate 650 pupils and will consist of the following accommodation:

12 General Classrooms	P.E. Hall + P.E. Ancillary
2 Lecture Rooms (interconnected)	Pastoral
1 Mathematics Room	Cloaks
1 Social Studies Room	Lockers
1 Language Laboratory	Administration
3 Science Laboratories + Prep	Principal's Office
1 Demonstration Room (tiered)	Deputy Principal's Office
1 Woodwork Room + Store	Staff Room
1 Building Construction Room + Store	Toilets
1 Senior Metalwork Room + Store	General Stores
1 Technology Room	Project Stores
1 Mechanical Drawing Room	Caretaker's Work Area
1 Art/Craft Room	Photocopy Room
1 Home Economics Room	Meeting Room
1 Computer Studies Room/Typing Room	Boiler Room
1 Commerce/Business Machine Room	Social
1 Music/Drama Room	Circulation
1 Guidance Suite (Classroom + Office)	EXTERNAL
1 Special Tuition Room	Store
1 Home School Liaison Room	Covered Area
1 G.P./Dining Area	Hrd Play Area (5 Courts)
1 Kitchenette	5 Courts
1 Library	Car Parking Spaces (40)

The Department is satisfied with the progress of this project and the Design Team have been instructed to proceed with Stage 2 – the outline Sketch Scheme, in accordance with the Department's Design Team procedures.

● GAELSCOIL

The K.C.C. took a decision at the September meeting to assist the Gaelscoil Committee in its search for a suitable site for a school and to secure its place in Knocklyon.

— ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR —

There has been an increase in anti-social behaviour in certain areas of Knocklyon. The K.C.C. has held meetings with various parties to help to minimise the problem. The best way of reducing this problem is for parents to be more aware of the activity and location of their children between 8 pm and 1 am. This anti-social behaviour includes the use of drink and drugs, particularly on open spaces in the parish. We would urge parents to be aware of the threat posed by the peddling of drugs in Knocklyon.

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SENIOR



Mr Murphy puts his class through their paces during a recent P. E. session.

School life in October was dominated by the success of our football teams. Mr McGowan, Mr Ruddy and Mr Kearney report:

SENIOR FOOTBALL

Our boys' senior football team has followed the example set by the girls and qualified for the Corn Kitterick Sweet Afton Senior Division 1 final. Having won our section we played O.P.M.I. from Malahide in a closely contested semi-final. As yet no date has been fixed for the final in Croke Park but we're looking forward to a big day out against either Marino or Drimnagh Castle. Cnoc an Liatháin abú!

B. McGowan

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

The junior football team have qualified for the semi-final of their competition which is due to be played on Thursday 5th November against Killester N. S. After a shaky start, they have progressed very well and in spite of their ages, they have done superbly in getting this far. Let's hope they make it three out of three in Croke!

V. Ruddy

GIRLS FOOTBALL

Congratulations to the girls' football team for qualifying unbeaten for the final of the Corn Royal Breffni to be held in Croke Park. The girls will be playing neighbours Ballyroan in what should be a fantastic final.

Mr Kearney

The school **Anti-litter** campaign is underway. Our important school litter wardens have been appointed. Children are being encouraged not to throw litter in the school or the community. We have noticed a great improvement. Keep up the good work everyone!

The South Dublin litter warden visited the sixth classes. He explained the litter laws to us. We were surprised to learn that we are responsible not only for the cleanliness of our own gardens but also the areas outside them. If litter is found there you can be fined, regardless of how the litter appeared!

We hope that our school campaign will help to make Knocklyon a cleaner place to live.

Congrats. to Mr Murphy and his hurling team, Crumlin. They were beaten finalists in the Dublin Senior Hurling final.

Well done to Ross McNamee who was chosen to represent the school in the Rion's "Planting the Seeds of Peace" poster competition. All the posters were of a very high standard. Well done to all who entered.

Slán go fóill.

Starting Out ...



Anna Stafford (Mrs McDonald's Junior Infant Class) - looks very content.



Lorcan Cahill (Ms Callaghan's Junior Infant Class) - happy with his lot.

— KARATE —

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JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS

The 1st and 2nd Classes are back in the swing with swimming and basketball coaching underway again. Our annual 2nd Class indoor soccer league will be run over the winter months and teams and fixtures are being sorted out currently. Early leaders should be showing in time for the next issue of *Knocklyon News*.

IRISH TIMES "MUSIC IN THE CLASSROOM"

The pupils of Senior Infants, 1st Classes and 2nd Classes – over 600 children in all – travelled to the National Concert Hall in Earlsfort Terrace on Tuesday October 20th for the *Irish Times* "Music in the Classroom" concert. The hour-long performance by the R.T.E. concert orchestra under the baton of Gearoid Grant provided a wonderful introduction to the world of classical music. The children were

entertained by a wide variety of music, ranging from pieces by Mozart to the theme tunes from *Annie*. C.I.E. did the driving and the journey by double decker to and from the concert venue provided another exciting facet to this outing.

Dear Parents,

Winter time is upon us with a vengeance (as I write). Need I mention the traffic congestion in the Knocklyon area? I would ask parents, where at all possible, to walk to school with their children and not to add to the traffic problems.

Our congratulations to Siobhan O'Donoghue and husband Rory on the recent birth of their son.

We welcome two new members to our staff – ms Claire Walsh and Mrs Margaret McCarthy.

It is essential that your child is happy in school. Please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher or myself should you have any problems in this regard.

Please refer to our calendar of closures and we ask you to pick your child up promptly at closing time.

Computer classes for "Raw" beginners begin on Tuesdays/Thursdays in November. We hope to continue these courses after Christmas. Please contact the school office 4947422 if interested.

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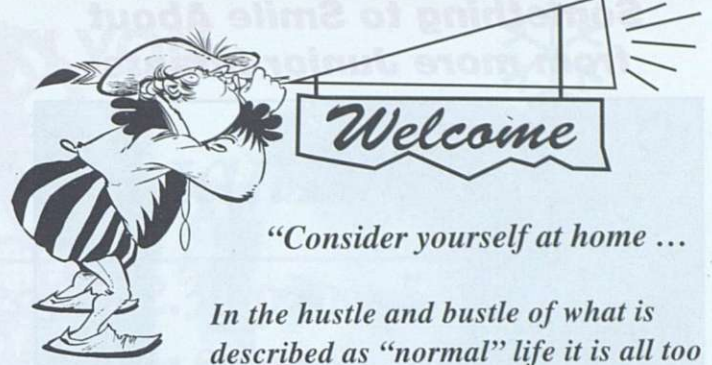
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Conscious of how important these gestures are to the life-blood of a community, we would like to take this opportunity to extend a very warm and sincere welcome to all newcomers to our parish – those who have moved into established estates and those who, every week, continue to move into the newest development at Woodstown Village. We hope that for all of you, your years in Knocklyon will be blessed with happiness and that you will be as pleased to be part of our vibrant, caring community as we are to have you among us.

Consider yourself one of the family".

Pre-Natal Blessing

Our now regular bi-annual Pre-Natal Blessing Service will take place on Wednesday, 2nd December at 7.30 p.m. in the Church. This is an opportunity for expectant mothers and their families to pray together for the health of mother and baby during pregnancy, and for a safe delivery. We look forward to meeting you then.

Remembering our Deceased

Our Annual Mass and Liturgy for those who have died during the past year and for all who continue to experience grief will be held on Wednesday November 18th at 7.30 p.m. (The names of those to be remembered at this Mass may be entered on the list at the back of the Church.) All are welcome.



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RAINBOWS

We are very pleased to report that the "Rainbows" project is now up and running in the parish. The programme, which is designed as a support service for children bereaved through the death or separation of a parent, will run for six weeks up to Christmas, and six weeks afterwards. The current programme caters for between twenty-five and thirty children, divided according to age into small groups of five, each group being led by a trained adult facilitator.

When this current programme finishes in February of next year, we hope to commence a new programme for other children who wish to participate. Communications regarding the next programme will be made by means of letters to parents through both the Junior and Senior School. Enquiries to Ruth Kelly at 4934495.



Bros. Pearse A.C.

It was delightful to see voluntarism working at its best at our recently held A.G.M. in the Temporary Pastoral Centre. Many new faces (parents of new club members) appeared with a refreshing eagerness to help. So our new team reads like a *Who's Who* from the world of Knocklyon and its surroundings. I can't contain myself any longer. The following are the names of our new Committee and support team.

Chairman: Matty Moloney; *Vice Chairperson:* Karen Cashman; *Secretary:* Aine Kelly; *Registrar:* Claire Barnwell; *Treasurer:* Jim Sadlier; *Dublin Board Delegate:* Bill Tyson; *Extended Committee:* Dermot Dalton, Tom Doyle, Larry Kiernan; *Coaches:* Matty Moloney, Bill Tyson, Liam Wright, Patsy Conboy, Carolyn Whelan, Trish Eustace, Tom Kelly; *P.R.O.:* Paul Cummins.

Now that the evenings are dark we have moved back to Sancta Maria College on Tuesdays and Thursdays for training from 7 to 8 p.m. New athletes, eight years old and over, are welcome. Most Sundays we are in Cherryfield at 11 a.m.

Paul Cummins, P.R.O.



IN THE NET



Over the years Knocklyon has produced many sports stars, and recently two more young men came home with All Ireland trophies. Ciarán Ahern (Knockaire) and Mark Coleman (Knocklyon Green) played on the Coláiste Éanna U.19A Basketball team in Tralee. The Aidan O'Neill Cup Tournament attracted teams from schools all over the country, and after several tough matches the local lads beat St Malachy's, Belfast in the final.

Ciarán, who captains the team, was also the top scorer in the final. Well done Ciarán and Mark, and we wish you continued success.

DUBLIN COMMUNITY GAMES UPDATE

Congratulations to Clodagh Galloway (Knocklyon North) who was 3rd in the Under 14 800 Metres Final in Santry in June. In our last issue Clodagh was credited with being a finalist.

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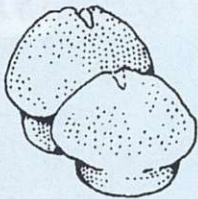
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To ensure an atmosphere of "Christmas Cheer" Carol Singing from
all Parish Choirs - Folk Group, Children's Choir and Gospel Group
will continue outside the hall throughout the afternoon.

**Please respond as generously as you can to our appeal for
items and helpers. Come along and enjoy a great Family Day.**





Below is the first of a number of information "snippets" on different drugs which are being abused, that we plan to brief you on, over the coming months.

- 37% of Irish 16 year olds use cannabis (Research – Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drink Addiction).
- Cannabis is a mood altering drug.
- Cannabis is an addictive drug.
- Long term cannabis use is harmful to mental and physical health.
- Studies show that cannabis users are more likely to use other drugs such as heroin or cocaine than non-cannabis users.
- Also known as Hash, Blow, Grass, Weed, Pot and Marijuana.

Remember: Parents are the child's main defence against the pressures to use drugs. You must know the facts about drugs and be able to talk to your child.

SOME WARNING SIGNS

- ☛ Secretiveness
- ☛ Drop in school grades
- ☛ Severe mood swings
- ☛ Sensitive eyes with dilated pupils
- ☛ New 'friends' – sometimes older
- ☛ Stealing money or possessions
- ☛ Weight loss / 'Munchies'

Breda Fitzharris, P.R.O., Tel: 4946899



The Committee of Knocklyon Youth Club would like to convey our thanks to all who attended our re-convened A.G.M. on October 5th. We are pleased to report that we were successful in establishing a Committee of twenty-one people to co-ordinate the activities of the club over the coming year. We have already taken registration for ninety members and some places still remain in both the Junior and Senior sections. The Junior club operates from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Fridays and the Senior club from 7.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturdays in the Community Centre.

Late registration can be taken on any Friday night between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. In the next issue we will publish details of the officers for 1998/1999.

David Hickey,
Chairperson, Knocklyon Youth Club

MORE SWIMMING ENTHUSIASTS



(L.-R.) Ross McSherry, Adam White, Keith Jackson and Declan Flynn who participated in the Community Games Swimming over the summer.

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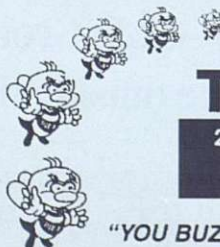
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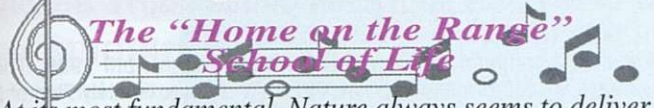
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Reflection



At its most fundamental, Nature always seems to deliver opposites, some of them contradictory, some complementary. Electrons and Protons in **matter**. Positive poles and negative poles in **electricity**. North and South poles in **magnetism**. Male and female in **animal life**. Even the 10 Commandments are a mix – albeit unequal – of “shalts” and “shatt nōts”!

All of which might make one suspicious of the modern trend that seeks to promote and espouse only positive experiences and eliminate the negative! Painful experiences, it insists, should be avoided like the plague and our children protected from them at all costs.

What a dreadful mistake! In our efforts to edit pain out of life, we ignore the positive purposes for which pain exists. We make desperate attempts to shield our young from every possible suffering, and in so doing neglect to equip them for the adult world they must ultimately enter. Our Society has failed to distinguish unnecessary, detrimental sufferings from the many necessary but painful experiences which are conducive to growth and maturity and need to be embraced.

Children have to be taught the positive value of many sufferings. How, otherwise, can they or any of us learn to pick ourselves up after a fall? How can we come to be able to deal with the inevitable rejections and denials that life demands of us, if our elders have always run scared of saying “No”!

The Prophet (by Kahlil Gibran) speaks of joy and sorrow as “inseparable”. “Together they come” he says, “and when one sits alone with you at your board, remember that the other is asleep upon your bed.” We need to be bred to cope with this reality.

The plea, here, is not to put suffering on a pedestal, but to restore a healthy balance of the positive and negative in life.

And, oh yes! What about the title of this reflection? The old cowboy song longed for a home on the range “where seldom is heard, a discouraging word, and the skies are not cloudy all day”. Sounds inviting; good for a respite. But as a philosophy for living you can write it off!

Fr. David

K.A.R.A. News

(Knocklyon Active Retirement Association)

During this “Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness” our group decided to take a short trip to the West of Ireland. A party of twelve of us travelled to Hotel Westport, Co. Mayo. We were welcomed by the friendly staff at a drinks reception which preceded a beautiful five-course dinner. Afterwards, we were entertained to music, dancing and a sing-a-long in the comfortable lounge until midnight. It was really a great get-together.

The following morning we ~~visited~~ on a tour to Kylemore Abbey, Connemara, passing through Leenane, Murrisk and passing close to Croagh Patrick. It was a beautiful and comparatively mild day, and we were enthralled by the beauty of the countryside, where one cannot fail to feel “closer to God”. The Benedictine Nuns still own and manage the Abbey and run a renowned boarding school for girls. Thousands of tourists visit the Abbey every year. After a very memorable day’s outing we returned to the hotel for another first class meal and excellent entertainment.

Next morning, we decided to visit Foxford Woollen Mills and Ballintubber Abbey. We headed first for Ballintubber and we had a very informative tour of the Abbey. The courier gave us a detailed account of “the Abbey that refused to die”. It is now 782 years old – founded in 1216 by Cathal O’Conor, then reigning King of Connacht. The Abbey Church still retains most of its original features and architectural style. Wonderful restoration work has been carried out and thousands of people visit every year. After an impressive tour we again partook of a lovely meal and entertainment at the hotel.

Sadly we had to bid adieu to the West the following day, but are already looking forward to our next holiday in early in 1999. D.V. Prior to that we are booked to see “Phantom of the Opera” this month and our annual Christmas dinner will take place early in December.

We still have some vacancies for new members, so anyone over 55 is very welcome to come along to the Community Centre, Knocklyon at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday mornings. A hearty “céad míle fáilte” awaits you. Our bowls session is also held every Thursday from 1.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. at the same venue. Do come along and join in our activities.

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## ● CREDIT UNION SITE

The Council voted to accommodate the provision of a Credit Union site in the Knocklyon area on land excluding amenity or residential areas.

## ● BRIDGE OVER THE DODDER

The following motion in Cllr. Muldoon's name was passed:

"That South Dublin County Council hereby resolves that a Specific local Objective be included in the Map and Written Statement of the Development Plan to incorporate a bridge over the Dodder adjacent to Balrothery Interchange and that its construction be contemporaneous with the motorway development, in order to alleviate existing gridlock in the Knocklyon/Firhouse area and, simultaneously, preserve for all time the unique amenity of the river valley between the Southern Cross Route and the Austin Clarke Bridge."

## ● PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN 1998

The display of all proposed amendments to the Draft Plan will remain on display at the Council's Headquarters, Town Centre, Tallaght, Monday – Friday between the hours of 9.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. each day (excluding Bank and Public Holidays) up to and including **Monday 23rd November 1998**.

Copies of the proposed amendments are also available for inspection at the Council's Libraries in Ballyroan, Whitechurch, Castletymon, Clondalkin and Tallaght. Copies of the Draft Plan and amendments may be purchased from the Council at a cost of £125 for a full set of five maps and the written statement amendments, or £5 for written statement amendments and £25 per map.

Objections and representations in respect of the proposed amendments, made in writing to the Council will be taken into consideration before making the Development Plan.

All objections and representations should be addressed to:-

**Senior Administrative Officer, Planning Department,  
P.O. Box 4122, Town Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24**

and must be received on or before 5 p.m. on **Monday 23rd November, 1998**.

For further details telephone 4149146 or access the Council's website @ <http://www.sdcc.ie>

## ● UPDATE ON SOUTHERN CROSS ROUTE MOTORWAY (PHASE 1)

Ascon Ltd commenced work on site on the 20th April 1998. The contract which provides for the construction of approximately 7km of 2 x 2 lane motorway and interchanges at Balrothery and Scholarstown is divided into two sections:-

**Section 1** (the completion of the Balrothery Interchange) is scheduled to be completed by Spring 2000.)

**Section 2** (which is from the Dodder River to Kellystown, is scheduled to be completed by Spring 2001.)

Progress: Topsoil on the entire site, except for the few localised areas, has now been stripped which gives a clear indication of the motorway route on site.

The main earthworks i.e., excavation of sub-soil to foundation level are scheduled to commence in March 1999. By this stage, the new Firhouse Road Bridge and Dodder Bridges will be completed. These will allow the contractor to transport earthfill to the Balrothery area without interrupting existing traffic.

At present, the contractor is working in three main areas:-

- Balrothery/Firhouse • Edmondstown • College Road/Marlay Park

These works include the construction of:-

- Large diameter drainage outfalls • Motorway and pedestrian/cyclist bridges at Balrothery, Dodder River and Firhouse • River culvert and spillway at Edmondstown • Retaining walls at College Road • Accommodation works • Major temporary diversion route at Firhouse

Overall progress on the project is on target in accordance with the programme referred to.

## SITE COMPOUND/RESIDENT ENGINEER'S OFFICES

These have been completed and are located off the Ballycullen Road near the Scholarstown Interchange. Telephone No. 4933277, Fax 4933801, E-mail [mailscrm.com](mailto:mailscrm.com) [www.scrm.com](http://www.scrm.com)

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

A number of meetings have been held on site with Resident Associations from the Knocklyon, Castlefield and Orlagh Estates. To date, there have been few complaints and the Resident Engineer's staff have a procedure in place to react promptly to them.

The contractor is regularly cleaning the roads adjacent to the site and will take steps to minimise dust in dry conditions.



## *A Word About Books*



If children's books are part of your Christmas Shopping List – the following titles in Poetry and Information might be of interest to you. These lists appear in the "Best Books 1997-1998" Booklet – published by O'Brien Press and edited by Children's Books Ireland (C.B.I.) and the Youth Library Group (Y.L.G.)

### ☞ Poetry Best Seller List

1. Alice Taylor, *Book of Irish Rhymes*, Gill and MacMillan £6.99.
2. Poolbeg *Book of Children's Verse*, Poolbeg £3.99.
3. Shel Silverstein, *Falling Up*, Collins (U.S.) £10.99.
4. A. A. Milne, *When we Were Very Young*, Mammoth £3.99.
5. Benjamin Zephariah, *Talking Turkeys*, Puffin £3.50.



Illustration from *A Child's Book of Irish Rhymes*, edited by Alice Taylor

### ☞ Information Best Seller List

1. Terry Deary, *Cut Throat Celts*, Scholastic £3.50.
2. M. A. Fitzgerald, *The World of Colmcille*, O'Brien Press £8.99.
3. Ross Stewart, *Pirates*, Puffin £4.99.
4. Michael Coleman, *Foul Football*, Scholastic £3.50.
5. Nick Arnold, *Chemical Chaos*, Scholastic £3.50.

### Bird Search

Can you find the ten birds hidden in the rectangle?



- Guillemot
- Magpie
- Puffin
- Wagtail
- Cuckoo
- Shag
- Goose
- Swan
- Duck
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# Hotlyon ...

## ● SINGING THROUGH THE ROOF

We send our heartiest congratulations to Lisa Kelly, Idrone who recently played a major role in the musical "Fiddler on the Roof". Lisa, who is well known for her involvement with the Folk Group in Knocklyon joined the Rathmines/Rathgar Musical Society early this year, and their production played in the Gaiety for two weeks. Lisa's next public appearance will be with the AIMS Concert in the National Concert Hall at the end of November. We wish you continued success Lisa with your music and singing which we know you love.

## ● TABLE TENNIS CHAMP

Well done to Noelle Lennon, Knockaire, who was on the winning team in the Junior British Table Tennis League in Kettering, England recently. Noelle was also on the Irish team representing us in Moscow at the World Championship where she did us proud. We wish her continued success.

## ● "FOR THE LOVE OF LIFE"

Mary Clifford advises us that to date her book has raised £10,000 for cancer care/research. The book is an ideal gift for Christmas and is on sale in Bates Pharmacy and the Church Shop. Price £5. Mary would like to thank all who have supported this project to date.

## ● KNOCKLYON VARIETY GROUP

The Knocklyon Variety Group are running a fundraising event entitled "Dancing Through the Decades" on Saturday 28th November in St Enda's G.A.A. Club. Watch out for posters! The group would also like to inform you about their forthcoming Pantomime, "Jack and the Beanstalk" to be staged from 11th - 13th December in Sancta Maria College. Your support for both of these events would be very much appreciated. Tickets for St Enda's are £4.50 - light supper included.

Teresa Hogan, Tel.: 4941021

## ● CYCLING NEWS

Ireland and Sligo are proud of the most recent World Junior Champion in the form of Mark Holland. Knocklyon is also proud of one of our young cyclists, Shane Prendergast from Knocklyon Avenue. Shane was one of the five young men representing Ireland in Holland at the World Junior Road Race. Well done Shane.



# Recent Baptisms

Darragh Liam Byrne, 25 Templeroan Downs  
 Ellen Katie Nolan, 96 Woodfield  
 Jack Gerard Miller, 6 Glenlyon Crescent  
 Benjamin Brian McMahon, 29 Templeroan Downs  
 Phoebe Jane Tighe, 24 Templeroan Meadows  
 Eoghan Christopher O'Brien, 4 Delaford Park  
 Sarah Maria O'Brien, 4 Delaford Park  
 Ashley Sweeney, 30 Lansdowne Park  
 Tara Sylvia Garvey, 47 Woodstown  
 Cian Michael Stanley, 49 Woodfield  
 James Patrick Peters, 14 Beverly Downs  
 Aaron Coffey, 13 Templeroan Meadows  
 Aishling Maria Crowe, 9 Woodstown Close  
 Jade Hannah Farrell, 1A Beverly Rise  
 Jonathan Peter Browne, 12 Glenvara Park  
 Andrew David Colclough, 55 Idrone Drive  
 Helena Louise Bonar, 1 Beverly Crescent  
 Niamh Catriona O'Reilly, 7 Orlagh Downs  
 Holly Kate O'Connor, 4 Templeroan Court  
 Isaac Paul Walsh, 19 Woodstown Close  
 Laura Aoife Tyrrell, 214 Glenvara Park  
 Anna Columba Brittain, 38 Orlagh Park



## ● SCOUT DRAW RESULTS

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 £50 R. A. Whelan, 122 Coolamber Park  
 £25 J. & B. O'Carroll, 31 Delaford Avenue

### August '98:

£100 P. Carter, 91 Glenvara Park  
 £50 Michael Brennan, 156 Coolamber Park  
 £25 S. & T. McMenamin, 59 Cremorne

### September '98:

£100 T. & A. Fitzpatrick, 23 Mount Alton  
 £50 Dolores Reid, 17 Mount Alton  
 £25 Alan P. Collins, 28 Delaford Lawns

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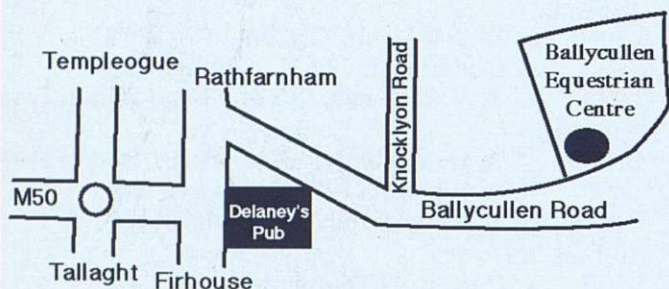


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