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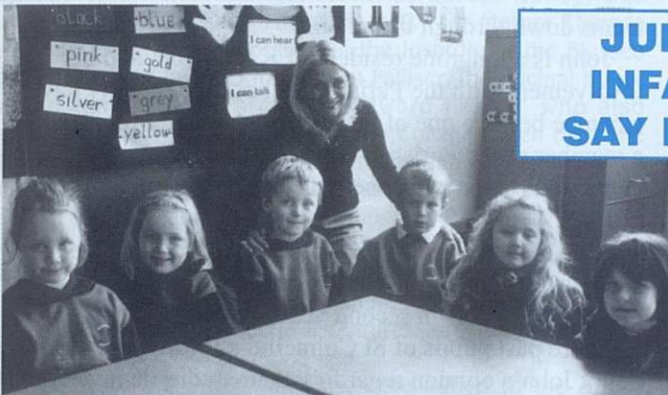
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(L.-R.) Oonagh McIntyre, Shauna Sheehan, Elisabeth Whittam



(L.-R.) Gary Ibbotson, Lucy Flanagan, Amy Troy, Emer Duffy with teacher Mrs Donnelly



JUNIOR INFANTS SAY HELLO



(L.-R.) Katie Byrne, Nicole Byrne, Dylan Drein, Sam Giffney, Heather Murphy, Anna Kearney with teacher Mrs McDonald

(L.-R.) Kate Dowling, Aoife Small, Hannah Ryan, Emma Nolan, Emily O'Neill



(L.-R.) Kate Creedon, Kyle Fitzmaurice, Tara Burke



(L.-R.) Niamh McMahon, Kerrie Griffin, Lyn Downey



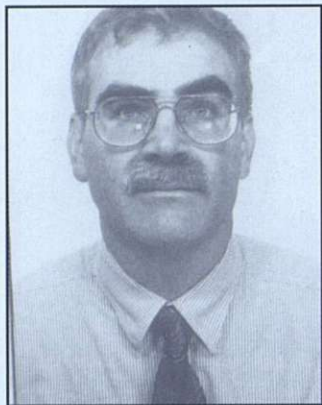
Front Table: (L.-R.) Karen Bobbett, Luke McGivern, Ben Richardson, Doireann O'Sullivan, Caitriona Flood, Daniel Farrell



(L.-R.) Aaron Delaney, Rachel Kirwan, Ruth Cassidy, Eleanor Byrne, Jack McCarren

We send our good wishes and congratulations to two of our parishioners – teachers John Murphy - Knocklyon Avenue, and Brendan Byrne - Glenvara on their recent appointments. John has taken up the position of Principal in Templeogue College, while Brendan has been appointed Principal in De La Salle, Churchtown. Brendan recalls here his introduction to and involvement with De La Salle College, while John Murphy shares with us, details of his career to date.

BRENDAN



One of my early childhood memories is gazing out of my bedroom window at the front door of the “new school” that had been opened with great ceremony by Archbishop McQuaid, with my mother’s words ringing in my ears. “That’s where you’ll be going to school when you’re big”. How right she was. De La Salle College, Churchtown, became more than just a school to me from the time I entered those doors

at 12 years of age to the day I crossed that same threshold as Principal this year. In De La Salle I encountered for the first time that unique atmosphere between student and teacher that has become part of the folklore of the school. I was happy there. Standards were high but teachers and Brothers cared for and encouraged us in all areas of school life.

It was with that same backing and encouragement that I was able to step back from my teaching career there after 14 years, and embark on an area of study that was to alter the course of my life and change the face of education in Ireland in one particular area, that of school bullying. My work in that area not only brought me into contact with schools throughout Ireland, it allowed me to examine at close quarters best practice in Education in schools throughout Britain, Europe and Australia.

Stepping into Principal shoes is a daunting step for anyone, yet for me, becoming Headmaster has special meaning. De La Salle has always been associated with expert teaching, caring but firm discipline, high academic standards and commitment to sport, pastoral care and innovation. It is no surprise to me that De La Salle students have reached the highest positions in Business, Law, Medicine, Education, Science and the Arts. As a past pupil of the school, walking through those doors as Principal was a very special moment. My mother was right, but then mothers always are!

Brendan has resided in Glenvara for 23 years and his children Mark, Louise and Emily are all past pupils of St Colmcille’s.

JOHN



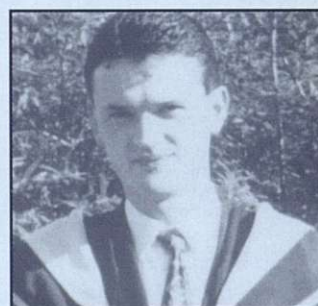
John Murphy, a native of Newmarket, Co. Cork commenced his career as a primary school teacher. After a short spell in Mallow he spent four years teaching in Sierra Leone, West Africa before taking up a position in Templeogue College in 1971. Since then John has taught English and Maths and has worked with numerous boys in his capacity as a Career Guidance Teacher. He has also trained the various rugby

teams down through the years.

John is a longtime resident of Knocklyon, and his involvement with the Parish goes back to the early days when he became one of the first Eucharistic Ministers. He is a member of the Parish Council, and one of the founder members – and a keen one – of the Knocklyon Golfing Society.

John’s son, eighteen year old Robert is a sixth year student in Templeogue College while his thirteen year old daughter Carrie is in second year in Sancta Maria College. Both are past pupils of St Colmcille’s Primary Schools. No doubt John’s opinion regarding their studies is invaluable to them.

During this new chapter in John’s career we are certain that the boys in Templeogue College will benefit greatly from his expert advice and guidance in both their academic and sporting lives.



CONGRATULATIONS to Paul Begley, son of Anne and the late Jack Begley of Knocklyon Avenue on his appointment as Financial Controller of Chelsea Football Club. Paul is a former pupil of St Colmcille’s and Terenure College. We wish him well in his new position.

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AN HISTORIC VISIT TO LORETO ABBEY



**MEMBERS OF KNOCKLYON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
AT THE ABBEY**

During the Summer the Knocklyon Historical Society had the privilege of visiting the Loreto Abbey, Rathfarnham – a location associated with many famous Irish people. The original Palladian style house, which now forms the centrepiece of the large complex of buildings known as Loreto Abbey, was purchased by Archbishop Murray in 1821 for Mother Theresa Ball, founder of the Irish Branch of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Built in 1725 for William Palliser, the original house was designed by the architect Edward Pearce, who also designed the Irish Parliament House in College Green (now the Bank of Ireland). The house in Rathfarnham was owned by George Grierson, King's Printer, prior to the Act of Union in 1800. It later became the motherhouse of the Loreto nuns as they are commonly known. The fine Gothic style church attached to the convent was designed by the English architect, August Welby Pugin, and the Irish architect Patrick Byrne. It has many outstanding architectural features and is enhanced by objet d'art.

Over the years other buildings were added to the Abbey including refectory, concert hall, classrooms, gymnasium, study block etc. Originally there were about 200 acres of land attached to the property but due to changing circumstances nearly all of it was gradually sold off. The well-known boarding school has now been closed down and the convent and school buildings, together with twelve acres of land, are being sold. The Loreto Sisters are retaining a small section of the property to establish a retirement and nursing home for elderly members of their order. Mother Theresa studied for a short period in Loreto Abbey, Rathfarnham, before she left for missionary work in India.

It is hoped that the new owners of the Loreto Abbey will find an appropriate use for the beautiful historic chapel. We in the Historical Society felt very fortunate to have viewed its "hallowed halls" before the next chapter in its history is written.

A.B.



**CENTREPIECE OF THE LORETO ABBEY.
THE ORIGINAL HOUSE WAS BUILT IN 1725**



ECUMENICAL CELEBRATION

Parishioners from Knocklyon, Firhouse, Ballyboden, Rathfarnham, Boharnabreena and Whitechurch participated in an Ecumenical Act of Worship at St. Colmcille's Well, Ballycullen Road, on Sunday June 6 to celebrate the feast day of St Colmcille.

After the opening hymn Fr Kieran O'Mahony, O.S.A., Prior of Orlagh College, welcomed the congregation and announced the presentation of symbols of St Colmcille. This was followed by the opening litany and prayer. Extracts from the Book of Genesis and Adamnan's Life of Colmcille were read by Glenvara residents Angela Ryan and Ann O'Connell. Orla Kelly played the harp accompaniment to the hymn, "I arise today". An episode from the Life of Colmcille was portrayed by drama pupils of Eva Coffey.

In the course of the Reflection, Very Rev. Canon McKinley from the Church of Ireland, Whitechurch, spoke of St Colmcille and his mission. After the Intercessions the congregation was sprinkled with water from the well. All then joined in the Lord's Prayer. The Prayer of St Colmcille and a Prayer for Ireland then followed. The congregation joined in the chorus of the closing hymn, "Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee, How great thou art! How great thou art!"

Before the Ecumenical Service the Knocklyon Concert Band (pictured below) played a varied selection of music and after the service the entertainment was provided by Orla Kelly, local musicians and dancers. The compere was local actor Jim Bartley.

Ed. Note: Well done to all concerned in organising what appears to have been a very enjoyable and memorable celebration of the feast of our patron saint.



**THE KNOCKLYON CONCERT BAND AT
ST COLMCILLE'S WELL, BALLYCULLEN ROAD.**

KNOCKLYON COMMUNITY GAMES 1999

The Community Games for 1999 are now complete. Knocklyon had a very successful games this year especially considering the small number of competitors who took part. Those who did take part thoroughly enjoyed the experience and benefited greatly from it. The following are the results:

● BASKETBALL

The Under 13 Knocklyon North Team won the gold medal in Dublin. They were unfortunately defeated in the Leinster Section by Newbridge.

● SOCCER

Knocklyon South progressed to the 3rd round of the competition but were narrowly defeated by Cherry Orchard (2:1) who went on to win the South Dublin Section. Knocklyon North were defeated by St Judes.

● GYMNASTICS

The gymnastics team results were outstanding this year and as a result they were awarded a trophy for the best overall team in the Dublin Finals.

Under 8

Jasmin Redmond – Gold Medal. Jasmin, who is only just gone 7, went on to take part in the All Ireland Finals in Mosney where she won a silver medal. What a fantastic achievement!!! Shauna Corrigan – 4th Place.

Under 10

Rachel Brennan – Silver Medal.

Under 12

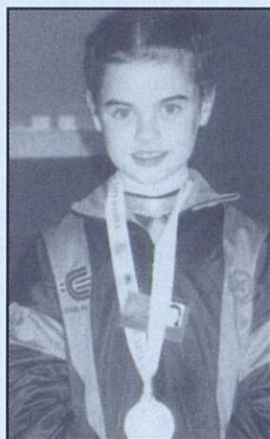
Claire Bentham – 5th Place.

Under 14

Edel Murphy – Gold Medal. Edel came 6th in the All Ireland Finals.

Under 16

Aoife Synnott – Gold Medal. Aoife also came 6th in the All Ireland Finals.



Jasmin Redmond, aged 7 from Templeroan with the Silver Medal she won in Mosney.

● ATHLETICS

Once again our athletes did very well in the Dublin Finals which took place in Santry Stadium.

Under 8 60m Girls

Roisin McHugh – Gold. Roisin took part in the All Ireland Finals in Mosney where she came 6th. Siobhan Pennycook – 4th Place.

Under 8 60m Girls

Jane Nolan – Gold. Jane came fifth in her heat in the All Ireland Finals in Mosney.

Under 10 100m Boys

Brian Coffey – Gold. Brian came fifth in the All Ireland Finals in Mosney.

Under 10 200m Boys

Adam Kieran – Silver.

Under 12 100m Boys

Stephen Ryan – Bronze.

Under 12 600m Girls

Laura Scanlon – Gold. Laura came fifth in the All Ireland Finals in Mosney.

Under 12 Relay Team - Boys - Bronze.

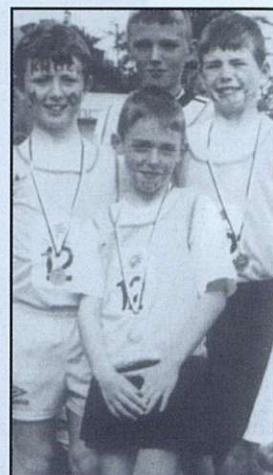
Under 14 800m girls

Sharon Johnston – 4th Place.

Many of our competitors reached the Finals of their events. Congratulations to everyone who took part.

● TENNIS

The Knocklyon North Under 13 team won the Gold Medal in the Dublin Finals. A great achievement especially considering the team members were very young. They were narrowly beaten in the Leinster Finals which took place in Naas. The under 16 team won the Bronze Medal in the Dublin Finals.



The Knocklyon North Under 12 Relay Team receiving their Bronze Medal in Santry Stadium.

● SWIMMING

There was a very poor response to the swimming this year. Those who did go to the Dublin Finals in Coolmine did extremely well with many winning certificates. Congratulations to everyone who took part.

The results this year were fantastic with competitors from Knocklyon representing Dublin in **Seven Events in the All Ireland Finals**. Well done to everyone who took part. We would like to thank everyone (managers and parents) who helped in organizing the various teams. All help was greatly appreciated.

*Maureen Coffey
Knocklyon Community Games Committee*



The Under 13 Knocklyon North tennis Team who won the Dublin Final.

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SCOUTING NEWS

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The '99/2000 Scouting season has commenced and most of the children have arrived back to their Beaver Colonies, Cub Packs, Scout Troops and Venturer Group after their long Summer break. The Scouts and Venturers were in Scotland for their annual camp. Most had a fine time. Our Scout Troop won the Shield Competition in Larch Hill and went on to participate in the Melvyn Competition in August. They accounted for themselves very successfully. We had 60 children on our Beavers waiting list and all of these have been called into our Unit. If you want to get your child into the Unit next year please fill up an application form which is in the Scout Hall.

LEADERS – WE NEED HELP

I would like to jolt your conscience. I have always found September a great month for Stocktaking. The children have returned to school, the Summer holidays are over and the evenings are getting shorter. The routine returns to the family and the disorganisation of the Summer months is gone. Are you one of those people who when asked to help is:

a) Always too busy, b) Not able, c) No Scouting knowledge. Those are excuses I hear and I do not accept. Nobody is too busy to look after children. Remember the work will always be there again tomorrow. "Not able" to me means - I don't want to, - I am too selfish with my time. No Scouting knowledge – we will train you and give you the skills.

When you are taking your September "Stock-take" maybe you will find a couple of hours per week which are available to help the Scout Unit. The children of Knocklyon need your help. This call is for all age groups, of both young and old, male and female. Scouting as a hobby is rewarding and satisfying.

If you have ever been involved in Scouting do you not think it is time to give back some of the time and effort that other Leaders devoted to you when you were a Scout. **We need leaders for all sections but particularly for Scout and Venturers.** Scouts and Venturers are in the age group of 11 to 19 years. At this age group, our help, direction and guidance as adults is needed, but unfortunately is hardest to find. Remember we need *male* and *female* adults.

PAY and CONDITIONS

In Scouting we are not troubled by PAYE/PRSI, benefits in kind, pension funds, expense accounts or company cars. All personnel involved in our Unit give their time freely and voluntarily. I would like to thank all leaders both present and past for this personal commitment and sacrifice.

Voluntary Groups are sometimes accused of being

Elitist Cliques hard to break into. Nothing could be further from the truth where Scouts are concerned. New leaders are welcomed with open arms. There is a strong social active group amongst our Leaders. Please do not be shy about coming forward and if you can help in any way please call me at 4946187 after 7 p.m. or call to the Scout Hall any evening after 6 p.m. and talk to the leaders.

Gerard Daly – Unit Leader, 4946187

We are holding an Introductory Leaders Meeting in our Scout Hall on Sunday October 3rd at 10.30 a.m. If you are interested in becoming a leader please come to this meeting or talk to our leaders NOW.

KNOCKLYON GOLF SOCIETY



RESULTS FOR CAPTAIN'S PRIZE AT EDMONDSTOWN G. C.

1st – Harry Connell
2nd – Jon Corbin 3rd – Ken Ellis
1st Class One: Gerry Diggins
1st Class Two: Fergus Egan
1st Class Three: Seamus Doherty

Congratulations to all our winners on what was a glorious September Day in Edmondstown.

Next year it will be 21 years since John Murphy, Tom Donovan and Colm O'Brien got together to form the Knocklyon Golfing Society. It was set up to bring people of the area together, through golf, and that is still the aim today – to go out and have a bit of craic. We hope next year to organise a special outing to celebrate our 21st, probably along the lines of a weekend away. If you have any suggestions please let any of your committee members know and we will discuss these over the winter.

NEW MEMBERS

As you all know the area of Knocklyon has grown somewhat in the last 21 years and we feel there are a lot of golfers out there who would enjoy the variety of courses that we play each year. At present we have vacancies for membership of the society, so if you would like to meet some new people, play some good golf courses and have a bit of craic – please contact David Torrns (4936784) or Gerry Daly (4946187). **Our last outing of the year is in Naas G. C. on October 23rd** and at present we have Kilkea Castle G. C. and Rathallagh G. C. booked for next year.

Looking forward to seeing some old and new faces at Naas G. C.

David Torrns, Captain 1999

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~ New Pastoral Centre ~

*Broken life needs healing. Healthy life needs growth.
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"What are they building, up beside the Presbytery"? "Oh that! That's the new Pastoral Centre." "Pastoral Centre! What's a Pastoral Centre"? ... It's been so long in the pipeline that no wonder people have forgotten what they would have read in the *Knocklyon News* back in '96 and '97.

The new Pastoral Centre is intended to be a major focal point in our Parish, where Christian life can be developed, healed and celebrated. What does that mean in the concrete?

In common with all urban and suburban communities, we, in Knocklyon, experience the prevalent problems and human tragedies of our time. Drug and alcohol abuse, wanton destruction of property, bullying of the elderly as well as of the young, and anti-social behaviour of all kinds. The perennial problems of broken homes and marriages, bereavement, grief, loneliness and isolation, the incapacities of ever increasing numbers of elderly people, and a host of other difficulties and situations wherein the weaker and needier members of our society ought to be able to look to the stronger in expectation of a positive response.

There are, too, wonderful seeds and strands of life in need of nurturing. A search for meaning in life. A hunger for spiritual living. A yearning to grow in wisdom and true loving. A desire to expand our God given talents. And all in ways more deeply satisfying than a materialist world is able to offer us.

Manifestly, the routine public and private services are not able to deal effectively with all the problems. **However, in Knocklyon we are blessed and fortunate in having one irreplaceable resource, namely, an outstandingly active and committed people, with a broad understanding of Church, offering their services through voluntary groups and associations, ready to reach out and respond to the pastoral demands of the wider Community, and prepared to organise, develop and facilitate whatever will foster wholesome community living.**

It is in order to facilitate and develop these essential community services that we embarked upon such a major project as the construction of the Pastoral Centre building. It will enable us to provide the Community with a wide range of courses, workshops and seminars, support groups, counselling, guidance, etc., through furnishing us with a variety of meeting and assembly rooms for people of all ages, needs and interests, who are looking for support, professional guidance, formation, inner healing or simply a listening ear. Perhaps its most extensive use will be to provide accommodation for parish, community and interest groups to hold their routine or occasional meetings.

The building is on schedule to be completed by Christmas. And not only are the builders at work, a number of sub-groups, set up by the Pastoral Centre Committee, are beavering away, planning the decor and furnishing, developing a programme for use and putting together an interim constitution to define the ethos of the Centre. **The aim will be to ensure that we will have a pleasant, friendly Centre, efficiently run and with accessibility, openness and a welcome for every member of our local Community, irrespective of religious affiliation.**

Like all worthwhile endeavours, if it is to bear fruit, our new Centre will require a generous commitment of time, talent and energy from many of our people in the years ahead. I have no doubt we can count on that.

There are no plans for any fundraising drive for the project. Thanks to the great generosity of the people of this parish, through the weekly Envelope Collection, we should be able to meet the monthly repayments of the bank loan taken out to pay for the building. There will, however, be a need to raise some funds for a suitable standard of furnishing in the Centre. An invitation to sponsor furnishing will be circulated shortly for all those interested in helping in this way.

Fr David

Parish Silver Jubilee Social



Just when you thought all the celebrating was over, the Social Events Group has lined up another treat to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the foundation of the Parish. It was October 1974 when St Colmcille's was constituted as a Parish, and hence it is October 1999 that this Social Evening will take place.

The details are as follows:

Date: Saturday 16th October 1999.

Venue: Ballyboden St Enda's G.A.A. Club.

Price: £10 to include Buffet Dinner and dancing.

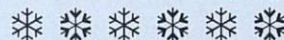
Time: 8 'til late.

Tickets available at the Parish Office or by phoning any of the following: Sylvia at 4942718, or Beth at 4945156.

Why not organise a group of neighbours/friends to come along. A great night's entertainment is assured.



CHRISTMAS FAIR 1999



Yes, we know you're cringing at the mere mention of Christmas when we're barely into October, so please forgive us for upsetting you. However, there are some events which require long term planning whether we like it or not, and the Christmas Fair is one such event. The Fair itself will take place on Sunday 28th November in the Junior School, so make sure to make a note on the calendar before anything else crops up. If you've attended the Fair in previous years you can imagine the amount of work required to co-ordinate everything for the day.

In order to involve as many people as possible in the planning and execution of this major event in the life of our community ...

**A General Meeting will be held on
MONDAY 18th OCTOBER
in the Community Centre (Coffee Dock)
at 8 p.m.**

Anyone interested in helping out at this event in any way will be most welcome to come along, especially residents of the "newer" estates in the Parish.

REMEMBRANCE MASS

**Sunday 17th October 1999 - 3 p.m.
St Colmcille's Church, Knocklyon**

For whom? This Mass is an opportunity for parents, families and their friends, to gather together to remember their children, lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, neonatal illness, sudden or accidental death, or for any premature reason. The theme will focus on celebrating the short lives of these loved ones and will also focus on seeking courage and strength to bear such a loss.

A Call to Ministry... the personal experience of one of our ministers



"The handwriting on the envelope was not familiar. When opened, the letter it contained invited me to become a Eucharistic Minister. There was an element of slight shock and an immediate feeling of "They" got it wrong this time. I was aware that others had received similar

letters. The letter was an invitation to a meeting to be held some short time later.

Over the few days between receipt of the letter and the meeting I carried on a mental argument. It went something like this – "They" don't know my faults and weaknesses – but then I am the only one who knows of these – except, of course, God. But then God also knows all about this letter! Should I refuse – can I refuse? On the basis of never doing today what you can put off until tomorrow – I decided to go to the meeting. I believe some of the others present felt as I did. The meeting dealt with these problems and I decided I could not say no.

There was a period of training and initiation and then I found myself on the altar. It was not easy. I was very conscious of what I was doing. Indeed, I was so concentrated that I did not really see the people to whom I was giving Holy Communion. Someone smiled at me and I suddenly realised I was giving Holy Communion to a close friend. Yes, it has got a bit easier but I still admire the calm and efficient way my fellow ministers can distribute Communion. And – yes, it is not easy to stand on the altar and look at the congregation and know that most of them are better people than you are yourself.

Eucharistic Ministers bring the Sacrament to the sick. It is something special and not easy to describe. St Colmcille's parish is blessed by many hardworking groups who participate in parish life. Eucharistic Ministers are just one of these groups. As with the other groups, there are many good people in the ministry whose purpose is to serve. So next time you stand before a poor Eucharistic Minister, spare a thought and a prayer for him or her."

New Ministers of the Eucharistic Needed ... Is this Ministry for you?



In the near future we will be seeking additional Ministers and, hopefully, having read here about the experience of one of our Ministers, some of you will be encouraged to come forward to serve the community in this way.

Maybe you're saying to yourself "Yes, I'd like to help distribute Holy Communion at Mass or bring it to a sick or housebound neighbour but I don't feel worthy". Well, that's a good start, because none of us is worthy and you'll be just the same as the rest of the present Ministers – so don't make that an excuse! But you might also be wondering what exactly would be expected of you.

First of all you would be required to attend a short Training Course which will take place in late October or early November.

Following from that you will be rostered to serve a couple of times a month at the Saturday or Sunday Mass you usually attend. If unable to serve at the Mass you are listed for, you will be expected to contact one of the other Ministers to substitute for you.

You will need to be available to attend a Meeting for Ministers which takes place on the last Tuesday of each month even if, at times, this may mean occasionally foregoing other good works or involvements. The purpose of this meeting is twofold.

Firstly, and most importantly, through prayer, discussion and inputs, it provides for the spiritual upbuilding of the Ministers and is also an opportunity for them to get to know each other, share experiences and get help for any difficulties which may arise. Secondly, the rota for the following month is drawn up by the teams at this meeting in accordance with the availability of the various Ministers.

Each Minister is asked to collect a copy of this rota, together with any other relevant notices, from the sacristy on the Sunday following the meeting.

As you can see from the above, the ministry does involve commitment and responsibility but it is a great privilege to be able to serve the community in this way and very well worthwhile.

If you feel you would be prepared to help, please give your name, address and phone number to one of the priests, and you will be contacted shortly.

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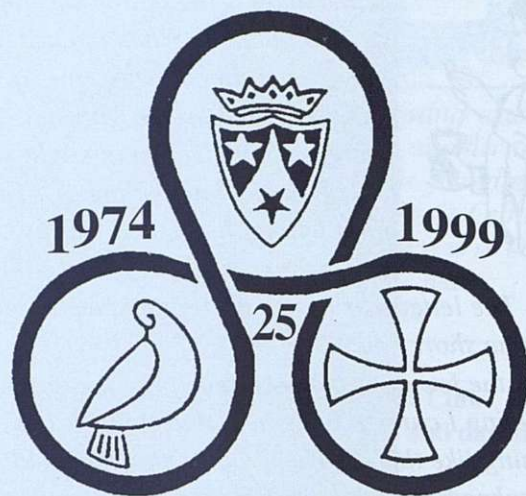
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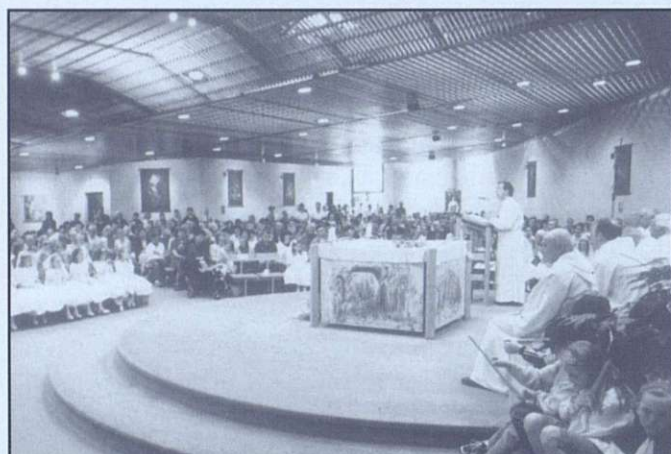
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Ruth Kelly conducts the young Choir



Eileen Casey hands the "Knocklyon News" to Fr Paddy Staunton

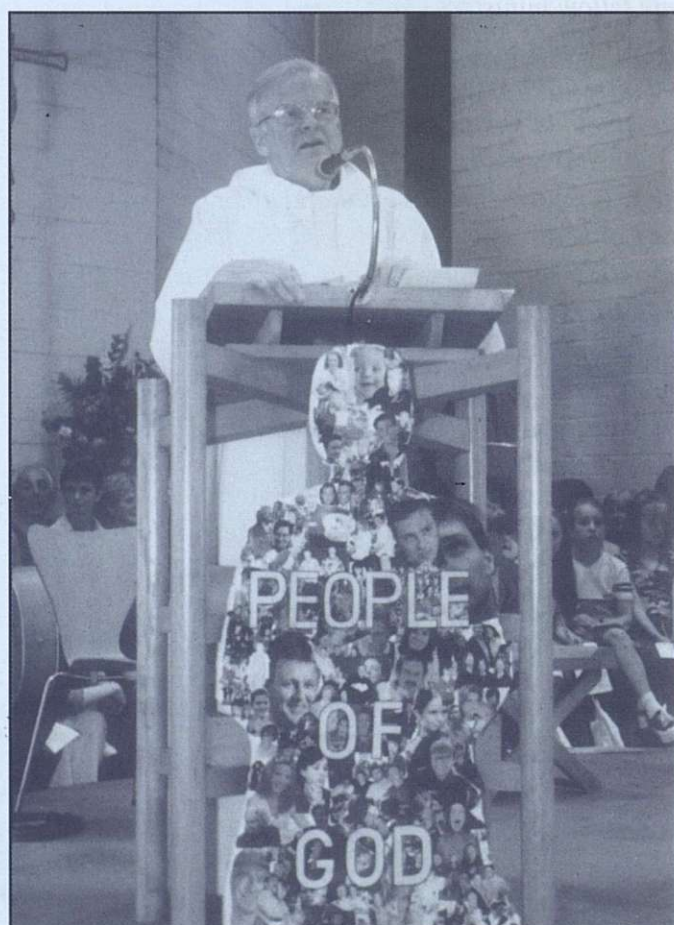


Fr Joe Mothersill addresses the congregation

JUBILEE MASS

If you were fortunate enough to have been present at the Jubilee Mass on June 27th, you will no doubt have experienced the moving, simple, beautiful liturgy presented. The combined choirs provided the music and movement, and a variety of aspects of parish life throughout the last 25 years were represented in the Offertory gifts and other elements. It was a very joyous occasion, made more special with the presence of Fr Paddy Staunton (first Parish Priest in 'St Colmcille's), Fr Fergus O'Loan, and Fr Joe Mothersill who also spent time here.

Once again we, as a community, are indebted to the groups and individuals who worked together to produce such a memorable liturgy.



Fr David, P.P., speaks from the Ambo

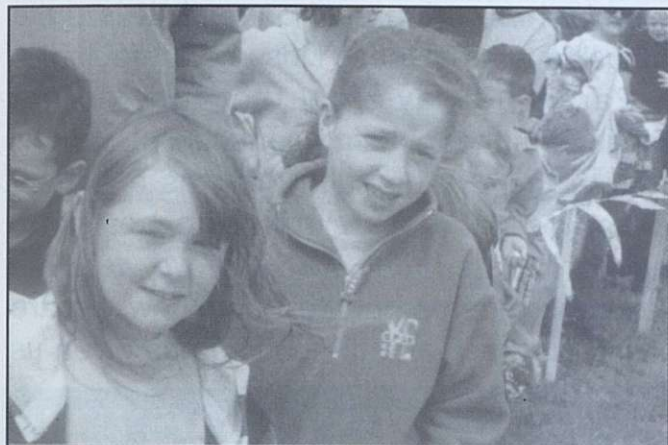
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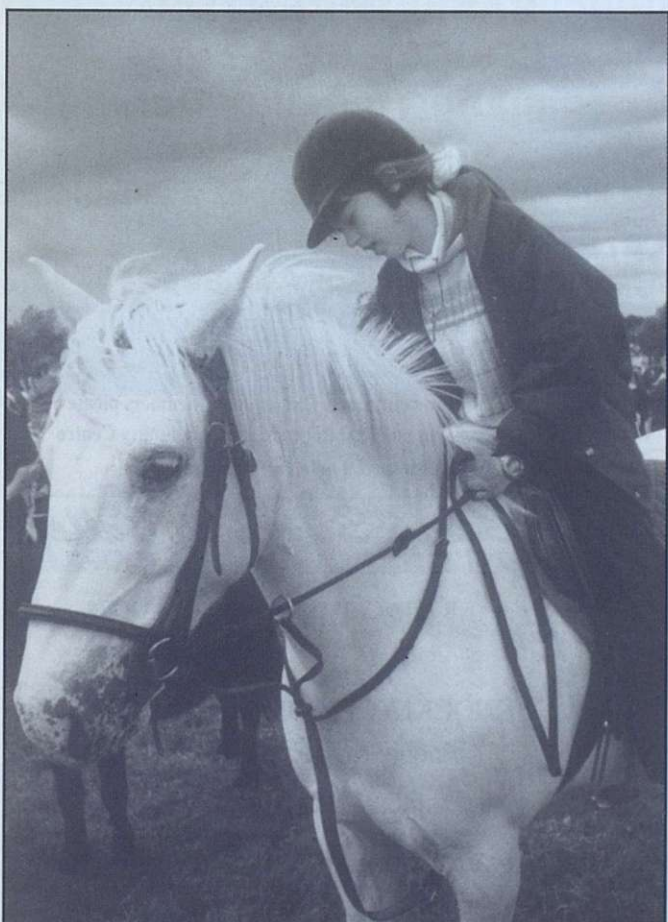
Declan Cahill reaches for the ball



Boys and girls join in the fun



*Spectators at the Family Afternoon
Below: Young rider takes the reins.*



Mount from Ballycullen Equestrian Centre



Balloons arrive on the scene

A BIG THANK YOU

The Social Events Group would like to convey its renewed gratitude to all the individuals and businesses who supported our special Parish Jubilee Week celebrations by their generous sponsorship. We hope that parishioners and friends enjoyed the Programme of Events on offer, and we are most appreciative of any assistance given in preparing for and at the actual occasions.

The participation of so many people in the wide variety of activities from Sports to Quizzes, Talent Competitions, and Bingo, made our job very rewarding.

**Declan Cahill (Chairman)
Social Events Group**



One of the parents who recently participated in a Parenting Course run by KAPE describes her feelings, and reflections on this experience.

On our first evening, twelve of us sat in a circle – a bit nervous and anxious about what we had undertaken. Mostly strangers – we were twelve very different people but we had a common purpose – to learn more about our role as parents.

Our facilitator Mary Byrne quickly and effortlessly put us at our ease and we all relaxed and realised that we all had similar problems with our little darlings. It was a relief to see that our kids were not the little monsters we thought, but were similar to all children and indeed had good points that we had overlooked.

Personally, going on the course I hoped I would be given a list of instructions on how to “Fix” my children but instead I learnt a new way of communicating with my children and started to “unlearn” fixed responses that did not work. Everybody talks about the joy you get from your children but sometimes this joy is hidden by constant battles and the course helped us to examine what we were doing right, and what we were doing wrong and build on the positives. Indeed focusing

on the children’s positive attributes was a major help in dealing with troublesome behaviour and saving our own sanity.

What we realised was that between us we had in fact a wealth of experience. A lot of what we thought were problems with our kids became manageable through discussion and lively and amusing banter amongst the group.

By the end of the course, we had all become friends and still contact each other. The support of the group was a key element to the success of the course and it was definitely “Our” Parenting Course, and like most things in life, you get out of it what you put in. We know each other’s children – warts and all, and we can discuss them openly in a caring environment. It is quite amusing to meet these kids in Superquinn!

Parents always feel that they do not measure up – not being perfect. But we now realise there is no such thing as a perfect parent – but we are trying to be “good enough”. As a group we knew we were not textbook parents but we now know we are doing our best, and the course has given us the confidence to believe this.

Sheila Horan

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KNOCKLYON I.C.A. HOSPICE NIGHT

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SENIOR

Fáilte romhaibh go léir ar ais. A huge welcome to all our new pupils, especially the third classes. We hope you are well settled in the Senior School.

Our new staff members are: Mr Edward Fox - P.2, Ms Sarah Jane Woods - P.3, (a past pupil), Ms Orla Byrne - P.4 and Ms Fiona McBride - R.10. We wish them every success in St Colmcille's.

Congratulations to Ms Gallaher and her family on the happy arrival of her daughter Sadhbh. Well done to Ms McCann who organised a Cofee Morning for the Hospice and raised £160 +. The sports department is once again active. Mr McGowan reports:

● BOYS' SENIOR FOOTBALL

Our boys senior football team was narrowly beaten in their opening match of the season. The final score against St Mary's, Rathfarnham was 4:8 to 4:7. Best on the day for Knocklyon were Finn Prendergast, Liam McCarthy, David O'Connor and 4-goal hero and Captain - Ciarán White. Our remaining games are against Ballyroan, Terenure and Kilmacud.

Mr. Kearney's football team is under pressure!

Last year the St Colmcille's Girls Football team made it to the final in Croke Park. However the 16 girls on this year's panel are hoping to go one better and win the "Corn Royal Breffni". It's going to be very difficult with the matches going up to 11-a-side. We wish the girls the very best of luck as they start out on their campaign.

● SPORTS SHORTS! (Courtesy Mr Murphy)

Pupils and past pupils, Emma Seery, Julie McRann, Emer Lucey, Anne Griffin, Andrew McCutcheon, and Graham Coffey all participated in INTO Mini-7s action in Croke Park during the summer. Well done to all!

Students Laura Scanlon, and Brian Coffey qualified for finals at the Community Games in Mosney - congratulations.

Hurling and Camogie internal Leagues have restarted. More news next month.

We wish all our pupils, parents and teachers a happy, healthy school year.

JUNIOR

Welcome back to school all. We hope that '99/2000 will be a very pleasant year. A special word of welcome to our 'new' parents and children. We are glad that all junior infants settled in so quickly. We extend our sympathies to those families who lost loved ones over the summer period. Our sympathies to Ms Susanna Carr and her family on the death of her father.

Congratulations to Lorraine Stratton (currently on maternity leave) and her husband on the birth of their son Eoin.

Again I must ask parents to show consideration for the Idrone residents. Please do not park on the double yellow lines. Emergency services may need to access the estate and would have great difficulty doing so. Those who can, should walk their children to school. All would benefit!

Paul Dalton, Principal



EOIN FINNERTY and KARL FITZHARRIS who took part in the Readings at their First Communion Mass last May. They were among the many First Communicants who were helped to prepare for their participation in the Mass on their First Communion Day by Eva Coffey and Bernie Dudley. The parents concerned feel this initiative was very helpful and should be built upon in coming years. (Well done boys!)

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Lisa Kelly, Idrone Close and Donal Corcoran, Churchtown, who were married in St Colmcille's Church on 17th July. Congratulations Lisa & Donal (See page 15 for an update on Lisa's musical career.)



Gilly Hughes of Lansdowne Park, and Colin Campbell of Blackrock who were married on 5th August. We wish them every happiness.

AWARDS TO HELP CELEBRATE THE MILLENNIUM

South Dublin County Council has announced proposals to make awards to help local communities in the administrative area of the Council, celebrate the millennium. The Scheme will be operated in conjunction with the National Millennium Committee. Awards must be matched in each case by similar amounts from the applicants or commercial sponsorship. The Council may also be in a position to help with a limited degree of sponsorship.

THE AWARDS: The awards are to assist local organisations, voluntary groups and special committees to mark and celebrate the Millennium in a way they see as appropriate and fitting. It is hoped that the events seeking support will reflect the sense of excitement, celebration and anticipation that the Millennium has generated.

WHO CAN APPLY? Applications are invited from all sections of the community. Examples would be local community and voluntary groups who are drawing up specific proposals for celebrating and marking the Millennium in their areas. Priority will be given to groups that have an existing track record in organising events. Committees set up specifically to commemorate and celebrate the Millennium may also apply.

WHERE TO APPLY: Application forms and particulars are available on request. Enquiries can be made by telephoning the Council at 4149000 ext. 2221 or 4149131.



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RUTLAND CENTRE

The Rutland Centre recently marked its 21st year of service by organising a series of important public lectures. For the information of our readers we give below a brief outline of the valuable work carried out by the Centre. Plans are now being made for the further development of its services. The headquarter premises, Knocklyon House on Knocklyon Road, also has a very interesting history as described in the article entitled "Knocklyon's Equestrian Connections".



RUTLAND CENTRE, KNOCKLYON ROAD

RUTLAND CENTRE on Knocklyon Road was founded by Fr Raphael Short in 1978. It was set up to provide treatment for alcohol and drug dependency and compulsive gambling in a non-hospital based centre. The philosophy of treatment was based on the Minnesota model incorporating a therapeutic community and the principles of the 12 Step Fellowships of Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous. Since 1978, over 4,000 individuals have been treated at Rutland Centre, and at least 12,000 families have received counselling.

● RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMME

The Centre provides a six week residential programme for people over 17 years old experiencing addiction. It also provides a family mobilisation/intervention programme giving them information and support in helping a family member to get help for their addiction.

When individuals complete the six weeks in residence, there is a one year "Aftercare Programme" including group therapy and one to one counselling for them and their family members.

● MAJOR HEALTH ISSUE OF NEXT MILLENNIUM

Rutland Centre believes that addiction is the major health issue of the latter quarter of this century and without intervention and treatment and prevention, will become *the* major health issue of the next millennium. Therefore it involves itself in providing awareness programmes, through its public lecture services, talks to schools, and free family mobilisation sessions at the Centre each month. It is staffed by a team of Counsellors, Therapists, Nurses, Administrative Staff, a Consultant Psychologist and General Practitioner.

KNOCKLYON'S EQUESTRIAN CONNECTIONS

The Rutland Centre occupies Knocklyon House which was built in the eighteenth century. Formerly owned by the Farren family, it was purchased from them by J. H. Griffin who was known as Joe and later nicknamed "Mincemeat Joe" as he was the owner of the Redbreast Mincemeat factory in Tallaght. A colourful character, he had an elaborate extension built to his house, which included a ballroom, conservatory and terrace.

Joe Griffin was a racehorse owner whose racehorse Early Mist won the Aintree Grand National in 1954 and the following year another horse from his stable, Royal Tan, won the same race. The horses were ridden by Bryan Marshall and trained by Vincent O'Brien. On both occasions there were lavish celebrations in Knocklyon House and much excitement in the surrounding area. Mrs. Moya Keogh, who lived at Greenacres, Firhouse Road, was another racehorse owner who employed Vincent O'Brien as a trainer. She owned Hatton's Grace which won the Cheltenham Championship Hurdle three years in succession ('48, '49 and '50) and Knock Hard, winner of the Cheltenham Gold Cup in 1953. She also owned Nickel Coin which came second to Joe Griffin's Royal Tan in 1955 and he purchased it later. Yet another horse owner, Patrick Doyle, lived near the far end of the Firhouse Road. In the 1970s his



horse, Glencarrig Lady, won the Gold Cup at Cheltenham.

Colonel Newman, a member of the Racing Board, resided in Castlefield, a house later occupied by the Hare Krishna, and which was eventually demolished, making way for a housing estate, also called Castlefield.

Joe Griffin, in spite of his winning streak as a racehorse owner, eventually found himself in financial difficulties. His house and his horses were sold to pay off debts. Captain Spencer Freeman bought Knocklyon House. He and Richard Duggan were well known figures associated with the Irish Hospitals Sweepstakes which, of course, were based on horse racing. The Managing Director of I.H.S. was another horse racing enthusiast, Joseph McGrath, who was formerly Minister for Industry and Commerce and Economic Affairs in the Second Dáil in 1922, the same year in which William T. Cosgrave became President of the Executive Council of the Irish Free State. William Cosgrave had a keen interest in horses as has his son, the former Taoiseach, Liam Cosgrave, who is a distinguished resident of Knocklyon.

In view of all the historical associations with horses in the area, it's not surprising that we have an Equestrian Centre in our environs at Ballycullen to foster an interest in this sport among the upcoming generations.



KNOCKLYON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

The new season is well under way and we would like to welcome all our players back to the club. A particularly warm welcome is extended to new players, especially the younger ones, and new managers, who along with us seasoned campaigners are the future of this club. We hope you all have an enjoyable season.

Last season's silverware winners included:

- Under 8 league winners
- Under 14 double winners
- Under 9 league winners
- Under 17 double winners
- Under 12 league winners

Congratulations and continued success.

Presentation of trophies, medals and player of the year, for all teams will be made early in October. Your manager will inform you nearer the time. All players, parents and friends are welcome.

Our monthly draw was carried on through the close season. Winners were as follows:

- June:** 1st prize - P. Caffrey, 2nd prize - K. Geoghegan, 3rd prize - F. Lane
- July:** 1st prize - P. Lawlor, 2nd prize - K. Patterson, 3rd prize - M. O'Brien
- August:** 1st prize - G. Proctor, 2nd prize - D. Malone, 3rd prize - J. Gillis

Congratulations to all our prizewinners.

New members welcome – only £5 per month. Contact any manager or committee member.

Paul Warren (Tel: 4942040)

K.A.R.A. News

(KNOCKLYON ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION)

The following article unfortunately arrived after the deadline for our Jubilee issue ...

Our Knocklyon group was started ten years ago in the local Community Centre with meetings on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons and has gone from strength to strength. The early members who were instrumental in getting "the ball rolling" were Fr Arthur, Sr Therese Carmel, Lyla Kennedy and the late, much lamented, Peter Coogan. Peter, R.I.P. was treasurer of the Club for about five or six years, while Detta, now his widow, held the post of Secretary.

Lyla was our very able Chairperson and Sr Therese acted as Vice-Chairperson. The activities over the years have included lectures, demonstrations, sequence dancing, carpet bowls, holidays, outings to various places of historical interest, concerts etc., and we also amalgamated with other Clubs for different activities. We took part in the Youth and Age Programme a few years ago and some of our members had very interesting discussions with the 6th class pupils of the local school. We also played ten pin bowling with the local Scout group and were entertained by the Tallaght Garda Band on more than one occasion.

We took part in swimming and P.E. at Balrothery Sports Complex, Tallaght, and were a very fit group during these sessions. We made many dear friends over the years, and though some have sadly departed from this life, the fond memories linger on to add solace to our golden years. Many individuals in modern society suffer from loneliness and older persons are particularly vulnerable. This can be because of retirement or the loss of a spouse. The Active Retirement Movement helps to resolve these problems and to enrich on a self-help basis, the lives of members.

The drive and enthusiasm among members is as strong as ever and we extend the hand of friendship and a hearty céad míle fáilte to our new members and hope they derive great pleasure and companionship from K.A.R.A.

Slán libh go fóill.

Ó Máire Carmel Uí Ghormáin

LOCAL CLEAN UP

During the summer the residents who use the pedestrian walk joining Idrone and Knocklyon Estates became concerned about a section of this walk which had become overgrown and littered with rubbish. A clean up was organised and our newly elected Councillor, John Lahart, arranged with the County Council to have a skip delivered and collected. The residents are grateful to all those who took part in the "clean up" and they acknowledge the support they received from John Lahart. Well done to all.

ADULT TABLE QUIZ (PARISH WEEK) – Results

1st Prize – Michael Scanlon, 2nd Prize – Gary Spain
3rd Prize – Niall Scollard.

Our thanks to the following businesses who donated Spot Prizes:

- Alyson Gray • Bates Pharmacy • Book World • News Extra
- McMahan Cleaners • Delaneys • Quinnsnorth • Roches Stores and others

Many thanks also to all who contributed and helped on the night to make it such a success. Anne Begley

Orlagh Retreat House have notified us regarding an upcoming Course as follows:

THE YEAR 2000 – a biblical view of life and faith

Are you at a crossroads with many questions? Are you wondering about life – about where we have come from and where we are going to? Are you interested in exploring your faith? Then you may be interested in joining a ten-week course on Wednesday evenings (8 - 10) in Orlagh Retreat Centre conducted by members of the Orlagh Team – starting October 6th. This is a repeat of the course which proved popular last year. Cost £40. To book, send your name, address and £5 deposit to Fr John Byrne, O.S.A., Orlagh, Old Court Road, Dublin 16. Tel: 4931163

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● JUNIOR BADMINTON IN FULL SWING

Knocklyon Junior Badminton Club re-commenced on Fridays from 4 - 6 p.m. in the Community Centre. New members welcome. Come along on the day.

● AID FOR KOSOVO

During the summer months the children of Orlagh Lodge watered flowers, helped neighbours etc. while the Moms of the area held a coffee morning. The total proceeds which amounted to £158 were sent to The Red Cross for Kosovo. "Thank you Orlagh Lodge".

Three young residents from Idrone - Michelle Fleury, Seán Jennings, and Orla Dnoghue - also held a Jumble Sale which raised £25 for Kosovo. Well done to all who organised and supported this event.

● ANOTHER STAGE

Well done to Lisa Kelly on her superb performance as Florence in the Musical "Chess" recently staged in the Rupert Guinness Theatre. The show was presented by the E.S.B. Musical and Dramatic Society known as "E.S.B. Madsoc". This production also had Colm O'Neill (who in the past sang with our Folk Choir) among the leading roles, and they played to a packed audience on each of the five nights. Both Lisa and Colm are currently studying singing and we have no doubt that we will hear more of these young performers in the future.

● SCOUT DRAWS RESULTS

MAY '99

- £100 A. & A. Finucane, 22 Delaford Grove
- £50 A. M. Collins, 41 Coolamber Park
- £25 D. & N. McKiernan, 21 Scholarstown Park

JUNE '99

- £100 Pat Ahearn, 18 Knocklyon Avenue
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- £25 John D. Fitzgerald, 29 Coolamber Court

(This list includes Baptisms up to 4th July 1999.)

Laura Marie Caulfield, 193 Glenvara Park
 Sarah Louise Göbl, 15 Ashton Grove
 Anthony Patrick Kilmartin, 25 Westbourne Lodge
 Andrew Joseph Timmons, 12 Orlagh Meadows
 Conor Padraig Dunne, 14 Cremorne
 Ciara Furlong, 23 Woodfield
 Ciaran Joseph Fleming, 10 Templeroan Court
 Jack Brian Kelly, 9 Orlagh Rise
 Ciara Mary O'Brien, 68 Templeroan Avenue
 Michael Kevin Moloney Humphreys, 60 Woodfield
 Jack Patrick Lawlor, 20 Orlagh Grange
 Avril Mary Flood, 13 Beverly Avenue
 Phoebe Isabella Mooney, 43 Templeroan Avenue
 Kelan David Dempsey, 220 Woodfield
 Sorcha Teresa Duggan, 172 Glenvara Park
 Lauren Katie Styles, 22 Knocklyon Close
 Amy Marie Young, 9 Woodstown Road
 Jennifer Jane Flaherty, 141A Woodfield
 Conn O'Neill, 16 Woodfield
 John Joseph McCall, 92 Scholarstown Park



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COMMUNITY GAMES A.G.M.

Our A.G.M. will take place in November and it is hoped that there will be a better turn out than in previous years. If there is not a good response we will not be able to go ahead with the community games next year and there will be a lot of very disappointed children.

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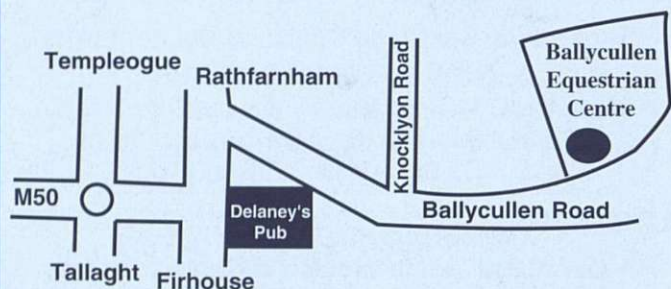


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