

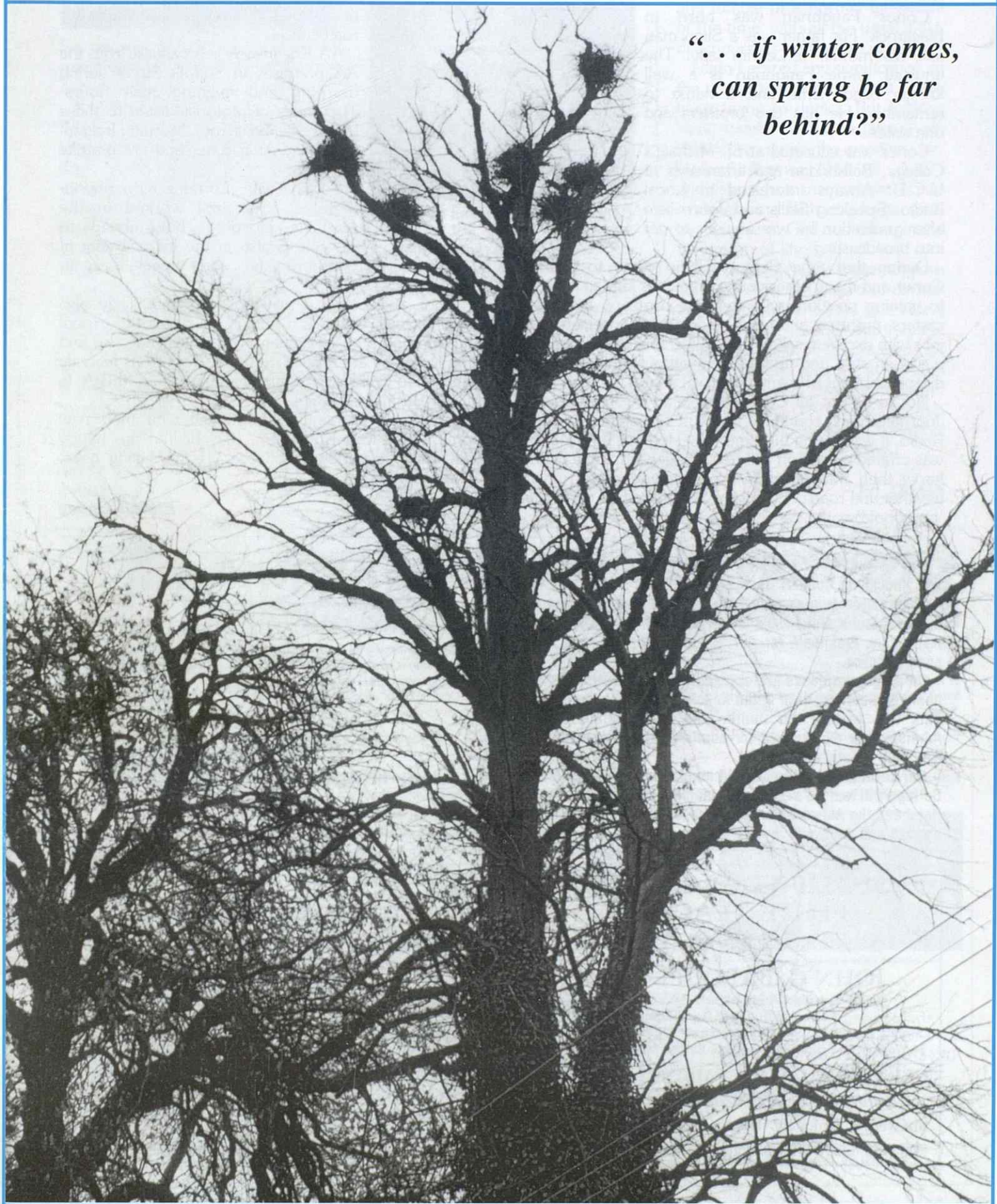
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A Warm Welcome to our New Neighbours

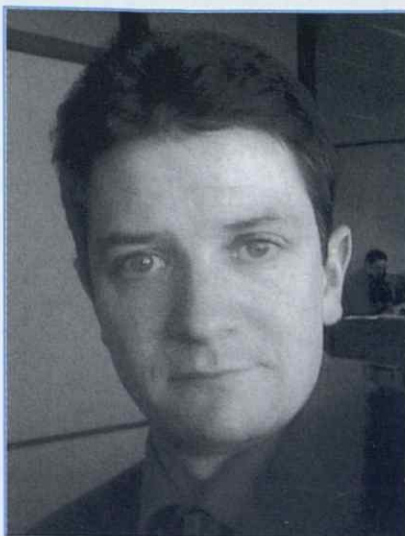
It is always a pleasant experience to welcome new residents to Knocklyon, especially a celebrity. Just recently I met and talked with Conor and Lorraine Faughnan and their children, Shane, 9 years old in March, Daragh, 6 years and Ciara, the youngest, age 4, a delightful little girl with a personality plus.

Conor Faughnan was born in Blackrock. His father was a Sligo man and his mother a Leitrim lady. The unusual name Faughnan is a well known Sligo name and a name to remember. He has two brothers and one sister.

Conor was educated at St. Michael's College, Ballsbridge and afterwards at U.C.D. Always interested in Local Radio, Speaking Skills and Journalism after graduation he was anxious to get into broadcasting.

During that time Century Radio came to Dublin. Conor and many other young graduates looked forward to gaining positions with the new company as broadcasters, reporters and news readers or interviewers – all jobs with excellent salaries. Alas, Century Radio came to a sudden stop and disappeared without a trace, to the disappointment of many young graduates.

Not to be put off Conor completed a FÁS course in Journalism and continued to follow his interest in Local Radio. It was during this time, while looking for a job, he was offered a position with AA Roadwatch. Little did he know then that his daily broadcasts to motorists on weather and road conditions would make him become a 'household' name.



Conor Faughnan moves in!

Conor did not know how long he expected to stay with the company – 6 months maybe, but that was 13 years ago, and he still enjoys his Radio chats, sharing jokes on the weather or keeping motorists happy with good news of road conditions, of no major delays – no tailbacks, even how to avoid restrictions, road closures and be ready for road checks.

AA Roadwatch is broadcast from the AA premises in Suffolk Street during morning and evening rush hours. Thousands of motorists listen to these broadcasts, be it from 'Morning Ireland' or 'Today At 5 p.m.' and are grateful for them.

Conor's wife, Lorraine, is a physiotherapist. She first worked in the Adelaide Hospital, but moved to Cappagh in 1992. She is also in the Irish Society of Chartered Physiotherapists and specialises in orthopaedics.

Conor and Lorraine play golf together. They also enjoy football, Conor is a staunch follower of Liverpool and Lorraine is an ardent fan of Arsenal. They also find time for rugby at Lansdowne Road. Conor has recently returned to College – this time to study for an M.B.A. (a Master Business Degree).

Conor and Lorraine are delighted with their new home. They love Knocklyon, the children are happy with their new friends and are, as the saying goes, "Happy as Larry".

– Eileen Casey

KNOCKLYON CONCERT BAND

The Knocklyon Concert Band is back in full swing after the Christmas break, now with 3 full bands. Our programme for the next few months includes exams in Music Theory and Instrument Practicals for our 105 players. We wish them every success.

On a lighter side we are organising two concerts, the first being on February 15th in the Knocklyon Community Centre. This will feature our Junior and Intermediate bands. Admission is €5 and €3 for adults/children. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Our second concert to be held on March 6 in Sancta Maria College will feature a unique partnership between our Senior Band and the Antwerp Concert Band. Again admission is €5 and €3 and we would love to see you there.

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"If you were accused of being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?!"

So ran the caption on a poster I remember seeing years ago! Let me elaborate the theme. . . .

If 'they' came to your home, looking for some signs of your interest in religion, would they find any? A holy water font? A Crucifix or religious picture? A rosary beads lying around? If they searched the book shelves, magazine rack or bedside locker, would they find a bible or prayer book, a religious periodical or serious spiritual volume? And if they did, would there be dust on it?

'Religion is caught, not taught!' Is anyone likely to catch it from you? If you are a fan of Man. United or a lover of classical music, you won't have to tell your kids. Not ever! After a very few years of life, they will be well aware of *all* your strong convictions, *all* your main prefer-

ences and *all* your pet hates. And they will know, absolutely, where you *really* stand on God or prayer or faith, irrespective of what you may say to them.

I was brought up in a home where religious signs and objects were very apparent. Right inside the hall door was the holy water font (which my father made sure never ran dry!). A statue of the Sacred Heart stood 18 inches high on a small table in the landing. A Crucifix hung on the wall in one of the bedrooms and a picture of the Blessed Virgin in another. Everyone in the family had their rosary beads, which had to be recovered from wherever they had been abandoned the night before, when the summons to the family rosary was sounded. (I can't say this was the most popular of events, but we had our moments of religious fervour and the rest of the time we at least endured it with a modicum of patience!)

Then, of course, there were the books - bible stories, lives of saints, religious periodicals of one kind or another. I can't say they were constantly or avidly read, but in a pre-TV and pre-PC age, we did pick them up and browse through them

from time to time, and something would rub off.

(Reading over what I have just written, I fear I have been describing what might seem, to many people of today, like a sort of religious hot-house. Not so, the reality! I have merely been trying to describe a backdrop to the ordinary rough and tumble of a normal family life of the time, with all the usual childhood pursuits and preoccupations.)

I didn't accord any significance, at the time, to the environment I have been trying to depict. But looking back, nearly fifty years later, I am able to recognise the positive, formative influence of it all. And I understand how instrumental it was in developing faith and in generating a sense of God and the spiritual dimension of life.

I ask myself, "were these religious aids and objects, books and periodicals, responsible for the faith I have today". "No", I think! But they did help! However, what helped far more, I believe, was the living faith of parents who put them there. And I am very, very grateful for that faith, which I now see as the most precious legacy they left me.

- Fr. David



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AODHAGÁN BRIOSCÚ

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As we go to press we are still trying to come to terms with the sudden passing of our dear friend and colleague, Aodhagán Brioscú.

Aodhagán had been an invaluable member of our production team for ten years and his contribution to the Newsletter will be greatly missed. Aodhagán knew that he would be in hospital for our Planning Meeting, but his enthusiasm and dedication was such that he had prepared the design for the front cover and the text and design for the centre pages in advance of his hospital stay. He had also given us some notes and photos on local environmental issues of interest.

The article on the 'Spire' is not only beautifully written but is also – prophetically almost – autobiographical.

The team believe that it is fitting that, as our tribute to Aodhagán, we should print his article in full so as to capture not only his memories but also an insight into many aspects of the history of our capital city.

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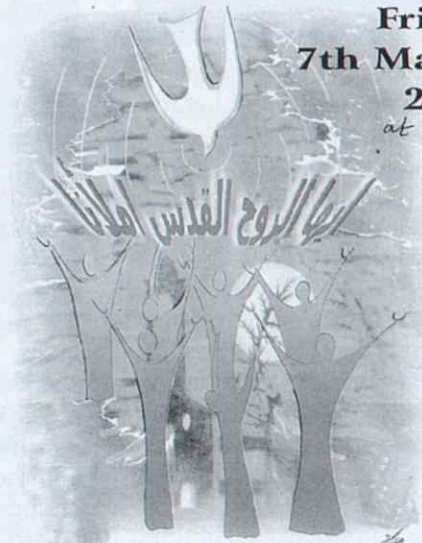
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Monday 28th April
Law and Conscience, the objective and subjective, sin and temptation.

Monday 26th May
The Church has changed, some say 'not enough', some think 'beyond recognition'. What do you think?

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DELIA MURPHY 1902-1971

Aidan and Joyce O'Hara gave a most interesting account with songs of the life and times of Delia Murphy, the well known singer from Co. Mayo. Aidan wrote Delia's biography a few years ago and so is familiar with the many aspects of her busy life in Ireland, England, Rome in the war years, Germany, Australia, Canada and the United States. The title with which we are all still so familiar in song – 'I Live Till I Die' – really sums up her attitude to life and her hectic, lifestyle as the wife of an Ambassador, Tom Kiernan meeting many notable people from John McCormack to Mussolini. With everyone joining in the singing of 'Three Lovely Lassies From Bannion' this was really an evening to lift the January blues. Thank you, Aidan and Joyce.

POSTSCRIPT

Aodhagán Brioscú who died on 14th January was at this lecture about Delia Murphy on the 8th of January. Afterwards he reminded me to submit a report about the evening for the next edition of the 'Knocklyon News'. This was the last time I spoke to Aodhagán; he was, of course, once again showing his great support for the Society. This support he had given in many quiet ways through his advice, photography, entries in the 'Knocklyon News' and in designing the clever little logo. Aodhagán will be much missed by the society and it extends its sympathy to Anna and all his family. Garda na n-aingéal os do chionn Aodhagán. Dia romhat and Dia leat. – A. Ní Th.

COMING LECTURES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12th – 75 years of Irish Radio. Guest Speaker: Harry Bradshaw, R.T.E.

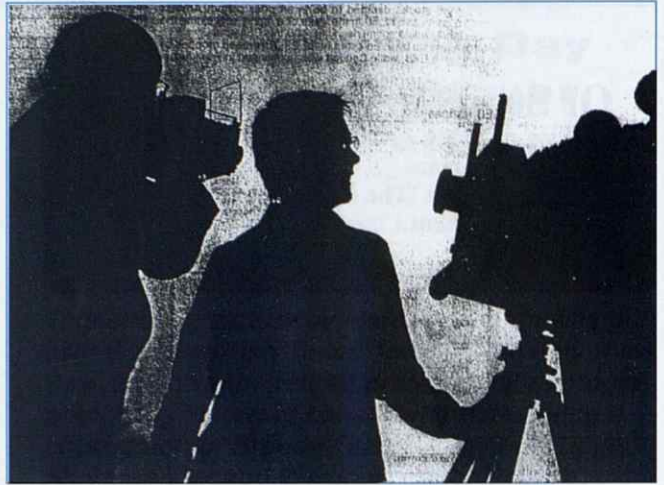
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12th – Special Commemorative Lecture – Robert Emmet 200. Speaker: Dr. Dáire Keogh, St Patrick's College, Drumcondra.

ALL WELCOME

THE ANNE DEVLIN COMMEMORATION ASSOCIATION RATHFARNHAM

In affiliation with EMMET 200, the national bi-centenary commemorative body, an association has been founded locally with a view to commemorating Anne Devlin by erecting a fitting memorial to her in the Rathfarnham area. It was in a house on Butterfield Avenue that Anne, then 23 years of age, suffered the indignity and pain of half hanging because she would not betray Robert Emmet in 1803. The association which includes several members of Knocklyon History Society is busy at present negotiating with various agencies regarding erecting this memorial and is producing a leaflet about Anne which will be distributed throughout the locality.

OF LOCAL INTEREST



This striking picture by Marc O'Sullivan was published in 'The Irish Times' towards the end of last year. It shows the retired professional photographer Andy Farren of Lansdowne Park taking a photograph of Brenda Fitzsimons, 'Irish Times' photographer and President of the Press Photographers Association of Ireland. She is looking into a Thornton Pickard plate camera from the 1870s. The Knocklyon News is very grateful to Andy Farren for providing us with excellent pictures of special Parish events.

– A.B.

Proposed Residential Development – Knocklyon Road



Harper O'Grady put a residential development site up for auction on January 23. The site is located between the Rookery and the corner of Knocklyon Road at Superquinn Shopping Centre and facing the 15 bus stop. There is full planning permission for 20 two-bed apartments, 3 one-bed apartments and two detached houses.

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The new term has begun with everyone well rested after the memorable but hectic lead-up to Christmas. The highlight was the whole school's Prayer and Carol Service steered by Ms. Johnston and Fr. David. The participation of two of our Senior Infants classes (Ms. Meeley and Ms O'Rourke) in the Parish Festival of Carols was very well received by the congregation. Santa's visit organised by the Parents' Association brought great excitement to our 24 classrooms. The Rathfarnham Lions Club Food Appeal received a great boost from the many generous parents who donated items through the school.

Junior Infants 2003

In early January places were offered to prospective pupils who were born before mid-March 1999. If some places are not filled they will be offered to the next oldest qualifying applicants later in the month.

New families residing in Knocklyon who wish to enrol a child from September 2003 in any class at St. Colmcille's National Schools should complete application forms immediately.

First Confessions

A total of 180 pupils in second class have begun preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation which they will receive in late February and early March.

Music, Drama and Sport

Classes will attend the Irish Times Music in The Classroom Concerts in the coming weeks. Extra curricular activities have recommenced with the Indoor Soccer League moving towards the final matches next month.

Second class pupils got free tickets for the Dublin v. Armagh match at Croke Park.

The Civic Theatre's production of Roald Dahl's 'Big Friendly Giant' went down a treat with over 360 pupils.



Retirement

Everyone in the Junior School wishes Mona Moran well on her retirement as school secretary at the Senior School.

St. Colmcille's Parents' Association

We held our first meeting of 2003 recently and would like to wish all staff, parents and pupils of St. Colmcille's a very peaceful and prosperous New Year. We hope most pupils had a chance to meet with Santa in December who just managed to squeeze in time to pay a visit to the school (see photo below). He arrived in rather an unconventional mode of transport, a fire-engine and our thanks go to the Donnybrook fire-fighters for their support – I think he wanted to give the reindeers a rest before the big day!

Perhaps, improving or learning Irish was one of your New Year's resolutions? After a very successful run of Irish Classes for adults last year, Mr Tierney has agreed to run a further course and if you are interested please contact Fiona Giffney on 493 4334 to book a place as numbers are limited. These classes are held one evening a week in the school.

The sale of Holy Communion outfits was held on Saturday 18th January and it was very successful – I'm glad to report that there were plenty of satisfied customers (and sellers!).

The internet is becoming more and more popular within the family unit and offers a wide range of learning and recreational opportunities for all the family. However, as parents we are all concerned about our children's safety whilst surfing the net and the National Centre for Technology in Education has a site worth visiting which advises on this matter – www.ncte.ie/internetsafety. They also have a site for children set up by children which provides information and advice to navigate the internet safely: www.FKBKO.net. Remember 'Be Wise on the Net...'

It is our ongoing aim to be as active as possible in supporting the school and helping out where possible (i.e. the Book Fair, Confirmation/Communion Reception, Communion Outfit sale etc.). We have some great ideas for activities and hope parents will support us and become involved as and when they can, remember all our fundraising is for the benefit of the school. Communicating events is not an easy task, and as always we must remind parents to check school bags for notes and also the Knocklyon News, which provides us with a great source of communication. In the next issue we will have definite details of forthcoming events planned, so please . . . **watch this space!**

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READATHON

A total of €18,000 was raised by our pupils during the course of our recent Readathon. On behalf of the school we would like to thank all the parents, family friends and members of the community who supported the pupils in their reading and helped the school in this fund-raising venture. (See accompanying article by Eoin Leonard and Fintan Merrins.)

MONA AG ÉIRÍAS

Mona, our School Secretary, will be leaving on Friday February 7. Mona has been Secretary since 1988 and has given excellent service to the staff, pupils and parents over that period of time. Her courtesy and quiet efficiency have been very noticeable at all times and she is wished the very best in the future by all her friends in the school community.

We welcome our new Secretary, Ms. Betty Kennedy, and wish her well in her new position.

CONFIRMATION

Bishop Eamon Walsh will confirm our 6th class boys and girls on February 19th and 20th. Over the last months preparations have been going ahead on a number of fronts. The Connect Group, our local Drugs Awareness group, organised talks for our 6th class pupils. These talks were conducted by Mr. Gerry Cooney, of the Rutland Centre. All 6th classes recently spent a day on retreat in Gort Muire and our Ceremony of Light was held on January 30th.

CÚRSAI SPÓIRT

After our successful participation in the Cumann na mBunscol football competitions pre-Christmas which culminated in Croke Park appearances for our Senior Football teams (girls and boys) and two victories (see report by Cian Fitzgerald) our attention now turns to the Camogie and Hurling competitions.

The Senior Hurlers (coached by Mr. J. Murphy and Mr. A. Dundon), our camogie teams (coached by Ms. M. Roche, Ms. T. Ní Reachtabhra and Ms. D. Martin) and our Junior Hurling teams (coached by Mr. P. Ó Néill and Mr. P. Ryan) are currently preparing for the Cumann na mBunscol competitions which will commence after St. Patrick's Day. Go ní-éirí go geal libh a chailíní agus a bhuachaillí.

COIRM

Sixty of our pupils from 3rd class, 4th class and our Grúpa Tradisúnta recently travelled to Mullingar to participate in Coirm – the Irish language drama/music competition organised by Gael Linn.

Our Grúpa Tradisúnta, under the direction of Ms. Woods, raised €415 for needy families, when they staged their annual "Follow the Wren" exhibition in December.

READATHON 2002

From 6th November to 3rd December there was a major reading campaign in the school, known as St. Colmcille's Readathon. Every boy and girl read like mad from start to finish. During the Readathon, a character known as "Book Spy" went on the prowl to try and catch people reading. If he/she caught any pupil reading that person would receive a prize. A "class of the day" was also chosen each day.

There were many events held which all students enjoyed. There were dramas, dressing-up, book reports, shared reading, quizzes and lots more fun activities. One of the main events was the "Book Fair" near the end of the Readathon. There was a huge selection of books and pupils, parents and teachers were given time to purchase the books they liked.

The Readathon also raised funds for the school for our Environmental Awareness Programme, our new stage and other specific items of equipment. Pupils who returned their cards were included in a prize draw. There were many prizes given out to each class.

There was a huge response from all the children in the school. A total of 8,300 books were read during the campaign – an average of 346 per class or 11 per pupil. It was a fun campaign and everyone enjoyed the experience.

– Eoin Leonard and Fintan Merrins

BOYS AND GIRLS SPORT IN PICTURES



Ciarán Maguire, captain of the boy's team raises the Sciath Mhic Craith in Croke Park.



Action shot from the girls victory in the Corn Royal Breffni.



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They went into the break with a huge lead. There wasn't going to be any stopping this team. With several more great scores, Hollypark just weren't going to get back. With the final score at 6-5 0-3, the 20 point margin told the whole story.

With one half of the double done there was a lot of pressure on the boys. When they got on the pitch you could tell they had trained hard for this and they took an early lead. They too went into the break the happier of the two sides. In the second half Marino got more scores and a comeback was on the cards, but it was Knocklyon who came up trumps.

Further scores were added to Knocklyon's tally, and they strolled to victory by a margin of 14 points. The captain, Ciarán Maguire, was more than happy to accept the Sciath Mhic Craith. With the double done and two more pieces of silverware added to Knocklyon's impressive collection, a sea of red and black exploded in the stands.

– *Cian Fitzgerald, 6th class R.4.*

COISTE UAITHNE NEWS

On the 16th January our school was assessed for the Green Flag. The school and its environs looked superb – perfectly clean and tidy. We hope to maintain this standard.

The Green Flag symbolizes a litter-free environmentally-friendly school. A committee was appointed to welcome the green inspectors, Ms. Fitzpatrick and her assistant Carmel. A Coiste Uaithne member from fourth class and a number of representatives from sixth class were selected and each given a small piece to say. When the inspector finally arrived



A composite of shots showing various facets of our campaign for the Green Flag.

Múinteoir Nua



Ms. L. Glennon, one of our new teachers with some of her pupils.

she took many photographs including some of the battery box, the Clár Uaithne, and our fantastic nesting boxes. Afterwards they watched the play 'How the West was Cleaned', listened to P.F.2's 'Keep it Green' song and our school Green Anthem, Mr. McGowan's 'Scoil Glas'. The Coiste Uaithne stayed behind in the hall and Ms. Fitzpatrick and her assistant then asked the representatives some questions about the Coiste Uaithne and how it works. Mrs. O'Gara showed the inspector our Tree Project and our Green Codes. The Welcome Committee took over from there and brought Ms. Fitzpatrick and Carmel on an informative tour of the school, inside and out, showing them every detail including the bird tables, the bulbs we planted, the Green Board, our leaf mould, our cans and our compost bins. They loved Tadhg's garden. When they finished the tour the inspectors seemed very impressed. So hopefully, in the near future, we will receive this wonderful award.

We all have worked so hard on this project, we definitely deserve it.

NEWS FLASH!

We are absolutely delighted to inform you that at break-time on Friday 17th we received a phone call to tell us that the inspectors were very pleased with our work and that St. Colmcille's will be awarded the Green Flag. The awards ceremony will be in early February.

The whole school is extremely proud as it is only the third school in South Dublin to receive this prestigious European award.

– *Amanda Keegan (Coiste Uaithne)*

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Please notice our new nestine boxes and bird tables: Well done to: Neil Cooney, R.1; Michael Dillon, R.6; Sarah Cummins, R.13; Marcus Hearne, R.4; Mark Dolan, R.4.

Trees in our locality: Before Christmas Rooms 1, 3, 4 and 6 and PF.4 collaborated to produce a project on "The Trees in Our Locality" for The Tree Council of Ireland – Mr. Ruddy has surveyed, mapped and labelled all the trees in our grounds. Have a look.

Remember: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle at home and at school.

– *Vivienne Roche, Coiste Uaithne*

As the welcome news of our Brat Glas Award sinks in, the Coiste Uaithne wishes to thank everyone who helped: the Principal, Vice-Principal, teaching and ancillary staff, parents and children throughout the school.

– *Claudia Harding, Coiste Uaithne Secretary*

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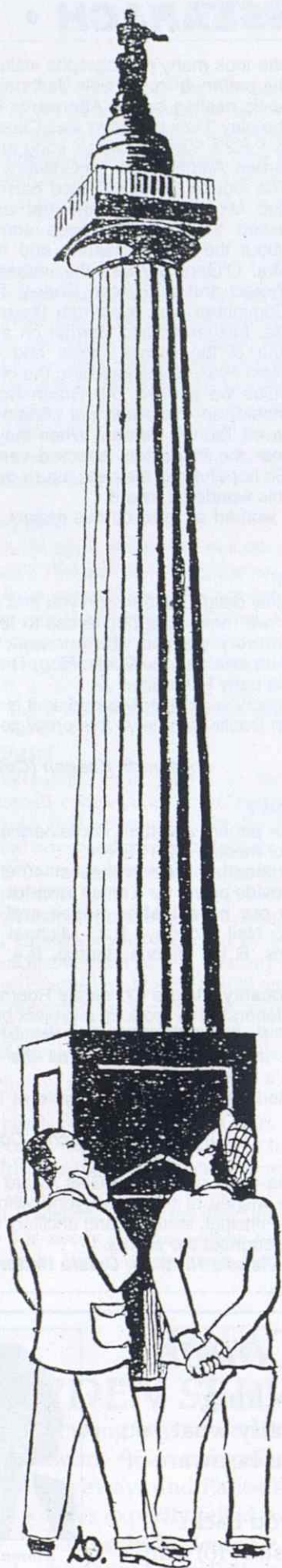


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Left: The cartoon is from the paper 'Aiséirighe' published in 1941 to mark the 25th Anniversary of the Easter Rising. A stranger looking up at the statue on the Nelson Pillar says to his friend "Another of your Irish warriors, I suppose."

Above: The stump of Nelson Pillar after the upper section was bombed in 1966.

Below: The first sections of the replacement monument in position.

At centre fold: Impression of the THE SPIRE OF DUBLIN at nighttime.

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FROM PILLAR TO POST

Sixty-two years ago I drew the cartoon reproduced on the opposite page. About forty years later I read the book 'So this Is Dublin' by M.J. McManus which had been published in 1927. In a section headed 'The American's Guide to Dublin' the first piece reads: "This, sir, is the Nelson Pillar, Dublin's only skyscraper, and Ireland's proud memorial to the man who saved England from the French ogre. Look at it well, sir, for you may not see it again. For some time the Triumvirate which controls our municipal destinies since the Dublin Corporation disappeared – unwepted, unhonoured and unhung – has been wondering whether it is altogether wise to have a memorial to a British seaman forming a tram terminus in the centre of our busiest thoroughfare. They even set aside a substantial sum in the half-yearly estimates to defray the costs of the removal. Whereupon several indignant citizens of Rathmines and Pembroke wrote violent letters to the newspapers, one of which declared that the removal of the Pillar would be as big an act of vandalism as the destruction of the American Statue of Liberty. You, sir, will be able to appreciate this exquisite joke in all its richness." Incidentally, I bought 'So this Is Dublin' at a secondhand book sale. This book is signed by Seán T. Ó Ceallaigh, former President of Ireland, and was from his own personal library.

The reference in McManus's book to the tram terminus at Nelson Pillar struck a chord with me. When I was a primary school pupil in the C.B.S. Synge Street my home was in Ranelagh. The no. 11 tram rumbled along the adjacent Sandford Road. From time to time I travelled with my parents as far as the terminus. This was a busy place in the centre of O'Connell Street as trams from other routes, including the No. 15 from Terenure, converged on it. Hawkers at their stalls shouted "Apples and oranges" to make themselves heard above the din of the trams. My curiosity was aroused by the entrance doorway at the bottom of the monument and the notice which read Admission 6d. To my disappointment neither of my parents ever offered to bring me inside. Needless to say, I did not know anything about Horatio Nelson until I began to ask questions. It was some time before I found out about the significance of the words Trafalgar, St. Vincent, Nile and Copenhagen inscribed on the sides of the plinth. I discovered that there was a spiral staircase inside the column and, at a distance, I could see people behind the railing on the balcony surrounding the statue. When I began to take a serious interest in architecture and had the necessary pocket money I too decided to experience the view from the balcony. I duly paid my 6d. admission and climbed the narrow winding stone stair. A very limited amount of light came through small rectangular openings in the external wall. Before I

reached the 168th and highest step I had a slight feeling of claustrophobia and my legs were beginning to ache but I persevered until I emerged into the full light of day. It was windy and cold up there but most exhilarating. The view of the buildings, bay and mountains was spectacular.

In 'The Book of Dublin' Eric Whelpton stated that "the best part of the panorama from the Pillar is, as always in Dublin, the prospect of the Wicklow Hills which are not more than six or seven miles away as the crow flies. Rising as they do from sea-level they have a deceptive appearance of height, which is enhanced by the moisture of the air. At most times of the day their view varies from deep violet to purple. Their slopes come down to the suburbs of Dublin, and yet their hills are as wild and uninhabited as the remote parts of Western Ireland."

I suspect that the view described by Eric Whelpton (whose book was published in 1948) encompassed both the Wicklow and Dublin mountains. When I looked from the Pillar towards the mountains I focused on the latter. At that time my home was in Westfield Road, Harold's Cross. During the Emergency (1939-45) my two brothers and I cut turf on the Dublin Mountains above Castlekelly. We cycled from home via Kimmage Road, across Templeogue Bridge, along Firhouse Road, through Old Bawn and through Bohernabreena Waterworks. We camped close to Cobb Lodge and climbed up to the bog on the plateau above. When the turf was dry we hired a lorry to bring the turf home where it was stored in the garage at the bottom of our garden. I wrote an article in Irish which was published in the UCG paper 'Ar Aghaidh'. It described the whole turf-cutting operation. A translation of part of the article was later printed in 'The Evening Mail'.

My elder brother and I were both in the local security forces during the Emergency. He was in the FCA and took part in military manoeuvres on the mountains. Towards the end of his service he took part in a march past at the GPO. I photographed him at the front of the procession as it passed the reviewing platform by hanging on to the railings at the front of Nelson Pillar. My involvement with local security was low-key by comparison. As a member of the ARP (Air Raid Precautions) I had to patrol the UCD buildings on Earlsfort Terrace at night and watch out for incendiary bombs. I was on duty with an English language lecturer (later Professor) Roger McHugh. He relieved the monotony of the all-night vigil by reading James Joyce's 'Ulysses'. The officer in charge of the ARP Unit in UCD was Louis Roche, Professor of French.

Although Nelson Pillar was erected in 1805, by the last quarter of that century some public representatives were already calling for its removal. People were complaining about the heavy traffic in Sackville Street. In 1891 Thomas Sexton, MP, introduced a bill in the British House of Commons

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for the removal of the Pillar but it was defeated by the Unionist members. In the following century William Butler Yeats, speaking in the Irish Free State Seanad, referred to "that monstrosity that destroys the view of the finest street in Ireland". In 1945 there were about 300 trams operating on the streets of Dublin and most of these travelled to the terminus at Nelson Pillar.

In 1966 I was married and living in Riverside Drive, Rathfarnham. On the morning that we learned that Nelson Pillar had been blown up I brought my wife, Anna, and the children to O'Connell Street to view the scene. I photographed the stump of the Pillar which still remained. The pictures were subsequently reproduced in books and periodicals. One of them can be seen on the previous page. The Irish Army demolished the lower part of the column and plinth with explosives. Nelson's head is now a museum piece. As regards the panorama visible from Nelson Pillar, I later spent twenty years living beyond Crooksling close to the Wicklow border so I eventually became very familiar with the Wicklow Mountains as well as the Dublin Mountains. Since I came to Knocklyon I have renewed my acquaintance with the latter.

As soon as the remains of the Pillar had been cleared away discussion as to what should replace it began. There was no shortage of suggestions. Finally an international competition was held for the design of a new monument. Further controversy followed the announcement of the winner, Ian Richie, and the publication of his proposal, basically a 120 metre high hollow metal tapering pole with a light on top. Eventually, on receipt of the necessary planning permission it was decided to proceed with the project. Contractors were appointed and the Spire of Dublin is now in position. An Lár is now clearly defined and visible from near and far.

– Aodhagán Brioscú

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WINDOWS ON GOD: Art and Spirituality. Saturday, 1st March (10 a.m.-5 p.m.). A day led by Dr. Gesa Elsbeth Thiessen exploring how biblical subjects and Christian faith have been imaged in visual art. There will be time for reflection, questions and discussion and a chance to discover art as a significant source of and for spirituality. Cost €30 (including a full dinner).

PATRICK KAVANAGH: Poet and Mystic. Sunday 2nd March (10 a.m.-5 p.m.). Sr. Una Agnew SSL will look at Kavanagh's life, his spiritual and poetic awakening. Other topics will include: purification, illumination and the art of Epiphany in his life and work. Kavanagh's inner pilgrimage. Cost €30 (including a full dinner).

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Knocklyon Christmas Basketball Camp



The first ever Basketball Camp was held in the Knocklyon Community Centre during the Christmas school holidays. Due to the excellent turnout the camp was a tremendous success with all participants having loads of fun while learning new skills and making new friends. The ages ranged from 7-13 years, both boys and girls. Matches were played each day as well as the very popular 'Basketball Olympics'. Due to the success of this camp, it is hoped that a similar camp will be run over the Easter holidays.

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ST. COLMCILLE'S COMMUNITY SCHOOL

The Wizard Of Oz

There are great preparations afoot for our third school musical. 'The Wizard Of Oz'. We have a cast of over a hundred and rehearsals are well underway. The "main parts" practice at lunchtime and on most afternoons. Our whole cast come together for their dancing and choral singing on Thursdays. Plans for the scenery are underway with the art and woodwork departments. Our band have started to learn their pieces. Costumes and props are being thought about! There is great excitement around. We plan to stage the musical on the 11th, 12th and 13th of March. Tickets will be on sale in the school nearer the time.

Young Entrepreneurs Competition

A number of our students participated in this competition as the photographs here demonstrates.



Liz Costigan along with Suzanne Sharkey, Clare Bentham and their teacher Ms. Philbin.



Amanda McCarthy-Bish, Niamh Cleary and Andrea Flood.



Sarah Fleming, Donna Murphy and Lauren Martone.

VISIT TO NEWGRANGE



Outside the tomb at Newgrange. Back row: Ciaran Boyle, Stephen Davidson, Daragh McHugh and Stephen O'Connell. Front row: Laragh McFeeley, Katie Moran, Fiona Wilson and Alison Ganley.



Students enjoying the Visitors Centre at Newgrange. Deirdre Glynn, Aine O'Connor, Erica Pouch, Orla O'Leary, Sophie O'Halloran, Sarah Cuddy and Maeve McMahon.

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The Knocklyon Community Council has recently written to the Minister of the Environment concerning the certain ambiguities in various planning permissions granted in the area recently. A very professional report was put together by Bill Meagher and Michael Brennan who spent a great deal of time going through files in the offices of South Dublin Co. Council. This report along with a certain amount of evidence has been passed onto the Minister and all our Oireachtas Members for this constituency. We await their response and will update you hopefully in the next edition of the Knocklyon News.

There have been a spate of robberies in the Woodstown area of the Parish and the Gardai are anxious that all residents are taking adequate care with security of their houses and property. The KCC along with the Gardai are hoping to hold an open meeting next month dealing with crime prevention. Keep an eye on the various notice boards for notification on this meeting.

Councillor John Lahart outlined details of the Survey of Road signs recently taken place by South Dublin Co. Council. A very in depth report no doubt, but the outcome is still that the NRA still refuse to put Knocklyon on the signage on the M50. The KCC are pursuing this matter further and Councillor Lahart is giving us great support. The SDCC will be providing more signs within the area that albeit welcome is not much good if one drives five miles passed the exit on the motorway in the first incidence.

The Residents of Woodfield are very concerned about the amount of anti-social behaviour which has been taking place in the woods beside their estate. The Gardai have done their best but these youths keep returning. There have also been sightings of drug deals taking place there. The residents are anxious that parents are made aware of what is going on in that area and that they should try and prevent their children from socialising there. We would all hate if any serious crime took place.

As spring is hopefully just around the corner we should try and instill the "Keep Knocklyon Tidy" Mantra in our mindset. Local residents should come together at this time of year and organise to keep those corners in every estate tidy and not let them get overgrown. The KCC will be organising the usual competitions in the summer and we will be putting 'Keep Knocklyon Tidy' notices up at key locations throughout the parish just to remind us all.

Finally the KCC would like to wish all the residents of Knocklyon a very happy and healthy 2003 and to thank all those who have given their time and support in the last year.

— David Hickey, Chairperson; Kevin Geoghegan, Secretary

THANKS TO THE CAROL SINGERS

Many thanks to Aisling O'Sullivan, Emma Doherty, Aisling and Michelle Delaney and Vicky Sexton from Knockcullen, who prior to Christmas went Carol Singing and collected €130 for St. Vincent de Paul. Also many thanks to Kim O'Callaghan, Laura Dowd, Paul Byrne, Aoife Cantwell and Jack O'Callaghan from Orlagh Park who collected €70 by Carol Singing.

LOCAL ISSUES

We have received the enclosed information from Councillor John Lahart regarding questions and replies at a recent meeting of South Dublin County Council.

Question: Councillor J. Lahart "To ask the Manager what percentage of recyclables under the Oxigen contract ends up in landfill?"

Reply: Oxigen Environmental Limited report to the Council on a quarterly basis. Reports to date have indicated that less than 5% of materials collected in the Green Bins is landfilled.

Question: Councillor J. Lahart "To ask the Manager to outline the revenue statistics generated by the new environmental tax and to give an analysis of compliance excluding those entitled to a waiver and to make a statement on the matter?"

Reply: Almost €4,200,000 has been raised by way of the Environmental Waste Charge so far this year. It is estimated that approximately 50% of householders who are liable to pay the Environmental Waste Charge have done so, to date.

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The 39th Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition took place recently in the RDS. The event attracted over 1,000 entries from schools around the country. Of the 480 projects chosen, two entries were accepted from Sancta Maria College, Ballyroan. Three pupils from 5th Year presented a project on 'Radon Levels Around Ireland' and we congratulate them on coming second in their category – Senior Mathematics Physical and Chemical Group. The girls describe the project below.

The second project, presented by three Transition Year students was entitled 'Hair Today, What Tomorrow?'. Again the girls give their own account of the experience below.

RADON LEVELS AROUND IRELAND

Lisa McCarroll, Carrie Murphy, Aileen O'Donoghue
2nd in Senior Mathematical, Physical and Chemical
Group (see photo on Page 16)

The students got the idea for this Project after hearing about Radon Gas and its health effects in the media. They began their project in September, the first step was to obtain detectors from the Radiological Protection Institute of Ireland (RPII) in Clonskeagh. The detectors were placed around Dublin, Wicklow and Tyrone for 3 months. During the Christmas holidays the students analysed the detectors and obtained results using the facilities at University College Dublin's Physics Department.

All the results were within the safety limit of 200 Bq/m^3 . However, some areas, particularly Wicklow, were very close to the limit.

The girls wish to thank RPII for the detectors, Dr. Jimmy McLaughlin, UCD, for his help and use of the Physics Lab, their science teacher Mr. Martin Flynn and Sr. Basil Gaffney, Principal, for their help and support throughout the project.

HAIR TODAY, WHAT TOMORROW?

Susan Buggie, Margaret Sadlier, Sarah Norton
(see photo on Page 16)

We are 4th Year students in Sancta Maria College. When we

heard about the Young Scientist Competition we decided to take part. When we were searching for inspiration on the internet we came across rumours that sodium lauryl sulphate, a chemical found in 90% of shampoos, could be very damaging to our health. This sparked our interest and we decided to do a project on shampoos, hair dyes and environmental conditions and their effect on your hair and your health.

We uncovered startling facts about sodium lauryl sulphate, that it corrodes the hair follicle, can lead to thinning hair, and more shockingly can cause improper eye development in children even without direct contact!

We tested hair samples with hydrogen peroxide found in hair dyes, chlorine in swimming pools and shampoos containing sodium lauryl sulphate. The most dramatic results were with a shampoo containing sodium lauryl sulphate and with the hydrogen peroxide. In both cases under a microscope the hair strand was significantly damaged.

All our hard work paid off when we got to the Young Scientist Exhibition. There was a lot of interest in our project. The whole exhibition was a fun and worthwhile experience. We would like to thank all teachers and everyone who encouraged us. If anyone was considering entering, it's definitely worth the hard work! The competition is obviously very popular with nearly a thousand entries this year, but as only 480 got through to the Exhibition, being accepted in itself was a challenge.

Congratulations are also due to the girls' teacher Mr. Martin Flynn who was short-listed for Teacher Award in the Science and Maths category. Well done to all!

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Well done to Conal Keaney (ex St. Colmcille's NS) on winning a Railway Cup hurling medal with Leinster. Conal was also featured on the front cover of the Dublin GAA Yearbook 2003. Congratulations also to Tim Sweeney who has joined the Dublin senior hurling panel. Tim along with Michael Griffin were part of the Dublin minor team last year.

Congratulations to Paudie Ó Neill (Principal St Colmcille's Senior School) on his appointment as manager of the Ballyboden St. Endas Senior A Hurling team. His fellow selectors will be Paddy Corrigan and John Ryan. Go néirí libh. Paul Bealin (Templeroan) was re-appointed manager of the Senior Football team for the fourth successive year. The team had its highest league finish since 1995 when they were pipped by Kilmacud Crokes in the League final.

Supporters are reminded that the weekly club lotto draw has reverted to Monday nights.

- Gerry O'Sullivan



Standing (on left) David Sweeney (Dublin and Ballyboden St Endas hurler) and Eddie Brennan (second from right) were special guests at the 2002 Maycock Cup Day for Under 10 hurlers. The captain of the winning team was Naoise Maguire seen here receiving the trophy from Paddy Maycock, in the presence of his wife Jane and Maurice Curtin, Principal, Scoil Treasa, Firhouse.



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K.A.R.A. NEWS

We were glad to welcome some new members. They are settling in and making new friends. The highlight of last term was the holiday break to Gorey. We toured the interesting and historic places in Wexford. Our Christmas party in the Orwell Lodge was a delight. A sing-song and dancing lasted till midnight. We are grateful to the Community Care group in Ballyroan and the G.A.A. in St. Enda's for their generous invitation to their Christmas dinners and entertainment. We ran a very successful coffee morning for the Hospice and collected funds for the Alzheimer's Appeal. We extend our deep sympathy to the family of Alice Glynn, R.I.P., who was one of the earliest members. We remember Alice for her great sense of humour and her drole anecdotes and how much she enjoyed holiday breaks. We welcome Father Tony for "a cuppa" with us on Tuesday mornings. He has some faithful members who help him with stamp collection for the Missions. Some time ago we received a letter of thanks and encouragement from a daughter of a deceased member. To quote, she said, "There is a lot of talk nowadays about building community but your group are living community". We wish all our members past and present every blessing in the New Year 2003. - S.T.C.



Our Christmas Lunch in Orwell Lodge.



Our trip to Waterford.

KNOCKLYON UNITED



CHRISTMAS DRAW

Our annual Christmas Draw took place in Morton's pub on Friday 20th December and proved to be a great success. There was music on the night and one of our own players Ian Gaughran from the senior team proved that he is not just a good soccer player but can sing as well. We would like to thank Mr. Harry Quinn of Morton's pub for his continued support. All the prizes have now been presented and for a full list of winners please check the notice board in Morton's pub or contact any committee member.

FIRST AID NIGHT

On the 14th January the club organised a first aid course for our managers and we were delighted with the turnout. It is vital that all managers involved with any players, no matter what their ages, have some basic knowledge of first aid. There were many things that we learned on the night and I am sure they will prove useful in years to come. We would like to thank the Irish Red Cross for presenting the course and to Brian Doyle for organising it.

CLUB TRACK SUIT

The club is looking at the issuing of a club tracksuit. A committee under Noel Gaughran has already looked at a number of tracksuits and we should be in a position shortly to show the tracksuit at the next manager's meeting.

MANAGER'S BOOKLET

The football committee from Knocklyon United has issued a booklet on guidelines for managers. This includes basic information on the preparation before matches, during matches and after matches. It also includes what the conduct should be from both managers and parents on the touchline. Any managers who have not received a copy please contact Noel Gaughran or Jimmy Pakenham.

U10A TEAM

While many of us were enjoying the Christmas break one of our teams, the U10A team were successful in winning a soccer tournament, which took place at St. Benildus College on the 5th January. The competition was organised by the well-known referee Tony Murphy in aid of Crumlin Children's Hospital. The teams competed in sub-zero temperatures and our U10A team fought off strong challenges to finally beat Cherryfield in the Final. Well done to everyone concerned.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Over the next few months the club will be busy concentrating on the development at Delaford Park, Ballycullen Park and the launch of our own web site. We will also be busy organising the girl's teams and our annual golf classic. Further details will be in the next issue of the Knocklyon News.

Any queries you can contact me at the details below.

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An Nollaig

Christmas may be over for another year but the memories can still cheer us. Míle buíochas to everyone who came to Club Naomh Éanna on Friday, December 13th to watch Dráma na Nollag. Everyone, from the musicians to the shepherds, performed splendidly and the 'rappers' at the finale brought scéal na Nollag up to date! An especial 'Go raibh maith agat' to Pádraigín agus Gearóidín for their wonderful work on the costumes.

Our second Christmas event was our annual carol singing. This year we gathered i gclós na scoile and sang our hearts out on behalf of the Simon Community. We collected €460 which Múinteoir Áine duly delivered to the shelter on Usher's Quay.

Siamsa Scoile

Bhí seó beag eile ag an scoll le déanaí. Ar oíche Chéadaoine an t-ochtú lá d'Eanáir, bhí an clár 'Siamsa Scoile' ar Raidió na Gaeltachta á chraoladh faoi Ghaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna. The thirty-minute programme featured pupils from all classes and hitherto unsuspected talents were revealed. Múinteoir Daithí accompanied many of the violinists on the piano while some of the younger stars show great promise as comedians! The programme concluded with the choir, faoi stiúir an mhúinteora Georgina.

Cian clúiteach

Tá buachaill amháin inár measc atá feicthe faoi agallamh ar an teilifís (an Late Late Show!) agus atá le feiscint sa phictiúrlann. Cian Mac Cormaic plays the young Leonardo di Caprio in 'Gangs of New York' and has been attracting media attention for some time now. Cian, who is in Rang a Ceathair, is no stranger to stage or screen and has a long list of credits to his name already. Indeed, Leo requested his autograph at the preview party!

Liam Mac Cárthaigh

Bhí cuairteoir cáiliúil againn sa scoil le déanaí le garda onóra. The Liam McCarthy Cup was carried through the school, accompanied by Garda Eddie Brennan who is a member of the All-Ireland-winning Kilkenny hurling team. Eddie was very generous with his time, answering

Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna

questions and posing for photographs in every classroom. Nárbh fhada go mbeidh 'Dub' éigin ag siúl timpeall agus Corn Mhic Cárthaigh ina ghlac aige! Go dtí sin, míle buíochas leat a Eddie.

An Curaclam Athbhreithnithe

Work is progressing on the implementation of the Revised Curriculum in Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna. This month we are concentrating on two subject areas – SPHE and Visual Arts. With the help of an expert in the area, we are putting the finishing touches to our Visual Arts programme. The focus of the new programme is widened to embrace all kinds of artistic activity and not just painting and drawing. The staff will also attend the second of three in-service days devoted to SPHE which is concerned with the social, personal and health education programmes.

Na Sacraimintí

As always, once Christmas is past, two important events loom on the school calendar. Rang a Dó are already busily preparing for Sacraimint na hAithrí agus beidh Rang a Sé ag dul faoi láimh an Easpaig.

On the Move

Táimid inár scoil nua le beagnach bliain anois agus muid socraithe isteach go maith. The move to our permanent site was a momentous one for us and we are very proud of our new classrooms and facilities. We hope to celebrate our progress by having an official opening ceremony this term. Beidh tuilleadh eolais faoi seo sa chéad eagrán eile.

Aodhagán Brioscú

Is le fíorbhrón a chualamar an drochscéal faoi Aodhagáin, go ndéana Dia trócaire air. Ba dhlúthchara é leis an scoil seo agus aireoimid uainn go mór é. Go raibh fáilte mor roimhe i bhFlaitheas Dé.

Ná déan dearmad

Set dancing classes have re-started again so dance those Christmas pounds off tré rince as Gaeilge gach oíche Luain. Information on these and all other matters can be obtained from Príomhoide Treasa or an Rúnaí Gearóidín at 4939262 between 9.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

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GO n-ÉIRÍ AN t-ÁDH LEIS

Andrew Larkin, from Knocklyon Park, has been selected, along with two other Irish pianists, to compete in the AXA Dublin International Piano Competition which will take place in the RDS and the National Concert Hall from 9-23 May, 2003. Andrew will be the soloist with the RIAM Symphony Orchestra in the National Concert Hall on Thursday, February 20, at 8 p.m. We send Andrew our good wishes.

JEWELLERY FOUND

A piece of gold jewellery was found outside The Iona Centre on the evening of 19th December last. Please call to Reception for further information.

THANK YOU!

Julia, Simon and Karl would like to express their thanks to their neighbours and friends for the generous support and care following the fire at their home in Orlagh Court on 23rd December. Pouch has recovered and we look forward to coming home as soon as possible.

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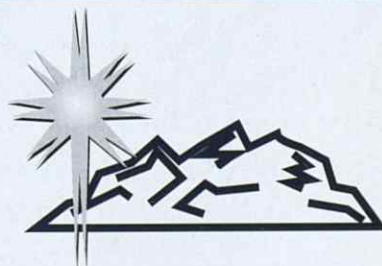
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