

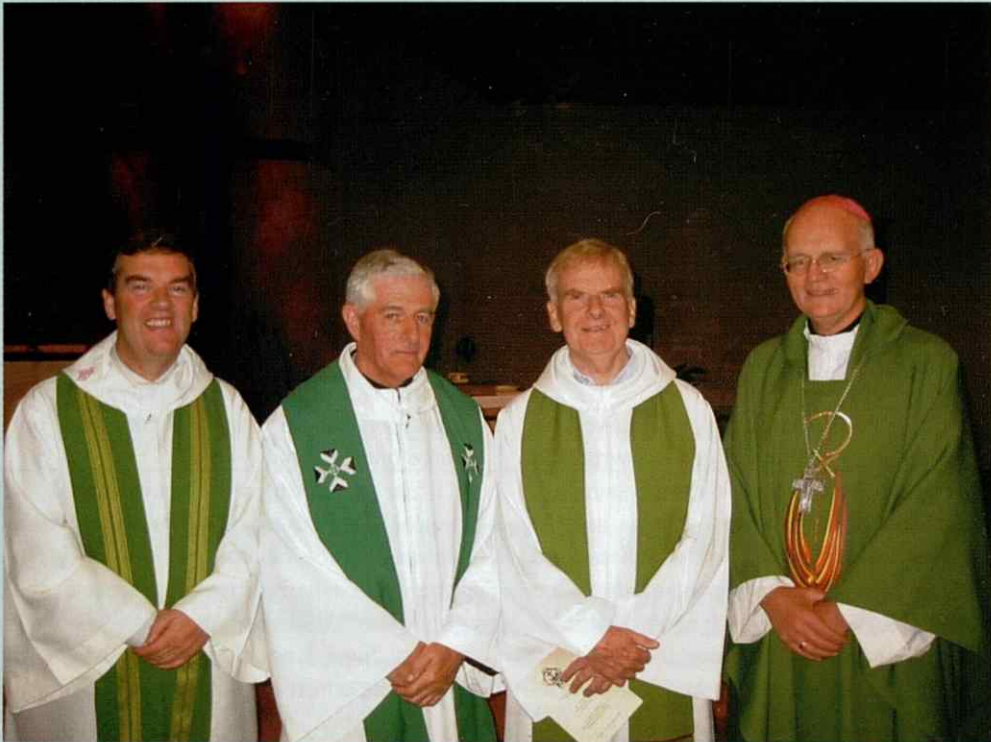
KNOCKLYON NEWS

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A New Chapter Begins in Knocklyon



Left to right: Fr. Fintan Burke, Provincial, Fr. Jimmy Murray, Fr. David Weakliam and Bishop Eamon Walsh on the occasion of the installation of Fr. Murray as P.P.

APPOINTMENTS:

Fr. Jimmy Murray, O.Carm., P.P.

Fr. Paddy Smyth, O.Carm., Prior and C.C.

Fr. Tony McDonald, O.Carm., C.C.

Fr. Philip Brennan, O.Carm.,
Parish Chaplain/Youth Outreach/Director of Carmelite Vocations

Br. Pat Mullins, O.Carm.,
Director of Theology, Milltown Institute

FAREWELL, AND I'LL BE SEEING YOU!

Sunday, September 14th – deadline for the Knocklyon News – and here I am without one word on paper. God knows I've had plenty of notice: since early July when I first learned I'd be leaving the parish! But, then again, what's new? It's been the same story, not only for every edition of the Knocklyon News for the past nine years, but for pretty well everything I do. Last minute, or later! Without the pressure of imminent need, I am unable to get down to work. For adrenalin to flow, I seem to need the proverbial gun in my back.

What do I want to say? Most of all, "thank you"! Thank you to so many people, and for so much! In the context of my departure, thank you for all the good wishes and messages of encouragement I have received, so many, indeed, that I could not attempt to acknowledge individually without inevitable omission. I want to say how deeply I appreciate your great kindness to me, and I hope you will accept this short expression of my gratitude as signifying much more in my heart than the words I write can possibly convey.

This gratitude extends to the whole of my life in Knocklyon. It has been a wonderful privilege for me to have been granted 12 years of ministry here in this parish. They have been years of happiness and fulfilment, in which I have experienced great understanding, support, generosity, friendship and much else that has been positive and upbuilding. I deeply appreciate all your goodness to me.

To those who have differed with me or challenged me in whatever way, I also want to convey my thanks. Negative experiences are opportunities for learning and growth, and hopefully that is how we – both you and I – will, ultimately, have found them.

To those I have hurt, I apologise and ask your forgiveness. In common with all humanity, I know I can be wrong in many things, but am frequently unaware in exactly which! I am all too conscious of several of my shortcomings, notably my impatience and defensiveness, both of which faults I hate with a passion! At least the experience of them has helped me in my pursuit of a non-judgmental attitude towards others. I have long come to believe that the traits other people dislike in us are the very ones we most intensely dislike in ourselves and yet, despite best efforts, can find well nigh impossible to change. It was precisely in such a context that St. Paul cried out in anguish "Who will deliver me...?" His own response, I believe, provides the only efficacious solution: "the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ".

Another thing! I was born with a strangely preoccupied personality. You might be anybody, best friend or unacquainted, and I am quite capable, at times, of meeting you on

the road, looking you in the face and just not seeing you! Throughout my life, this unfortunate "condition" has landed me in all kinds of trouble. People, on occasion, have believed me to have snubbed them, ignored them, been downright rude to them, when the truth is I was just oblivious of their presence. Hand on heart, I have never in my life, consciously or deliberately, snubbed or ignored another person; but I can readily understand how it would appear that I did to those who do not share this complaint, i.e. the great majority of the human race. I have, incidentally, from time to time, met up with fellow sufferers, and when we find one another we relish the comfort of mutual understanding. I even thought I might some day found a movement which might appropriately be called "P.A." or "Preoccupied Anonymous"! Meanwhile, it must remain just one more thing in life to cope with.

The priest in a parish is charged with the pastoral care of people. He is greatly privileged to play an important role in the joyful events of Baptism and Marriage, and in the awesome experiences of relationship breakdown, serious illness and death. One can, for example, be closely involved with a family coping with the death of a loved one, preparing with them and celebrating a funeral liturgy, and then, within days, be swept again into the turmoil of another family, similarly suffering. And then another, and another. Of all my regrets, perhaps the one which has troubled me most has been my inability to maintain appropriate contact with and support of the bereaved. So many omissions through a combination of overwork and human frailty! Thank God for our faith, which assures us of the power of prayer to make good all human limitation and to draw His blessings on all for whom we make intercession.

I fear my parting words have turned into something of an *Apologia*, with a bit of a sermon thrown in. Not at all what I intended at the outset! So let me say again, in conclusion, how much I have enjoyed sharing in the lives of so many good people and being part of the active, growing faith community that is Knocklyon Parish. May I wish you all, and my Carmelite confreres, joy in God's Spirit and in the love and service of one another.

Eighteen years ago, I left Knocklyon after three years there, never dreaming I'd be returning for a further nine. Could there be a repeat sometime in the future? Who knows? Whether or no, just to hedge my bets. I'll say neither "goodbye" nor "au revoir". Just "Farewell, and I'll be seeing you!"

– Fr. David

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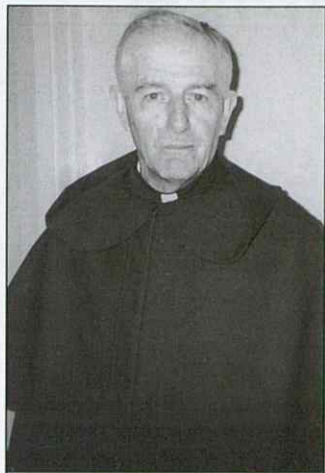
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WELCOME!



Fr. Jimmy Murray



Fr. Paddy Smyth

The summer of 2003 has brought many changes to our Parish in Knocklyon. Changes that brought a mixture of sadness and joy. It was goodbye – once again – to Fr. Weakliam who has become Parish Priest of Whitefriar Street, to Fr. Mícéal O'Neill who was appointed to Terenure College as Prior, and Fr. Martin Baxter who has also returned to Whitefriar Street. Joy! We must extend a very warm welcome to our new clergy. First, to Fr. Jimmy Murray, former Prior of Terenure College, who now has become our Parish Priest. We also welcome Fr. Paddy Smyth, who now joins our community in Knocklyon, Fr. Paddy spent 6 years as Chaplain to St. James' Hospital and a further 2 years in Terenure College as curate.

We also have to welcome back Fr. Philip Brennan who has spent three years in Beaumont Parish, and is still working as Director of Vocations for the Carmelites. We are pleased that Fr. Tony and Br. Pat are staying with us.

"Welcome" is a lovely word which we extend to everyone who has become part of our Parish. First to the Junior Infants in First Year in St. Colmcille's Junior School, and to all the new teachers who have started teaching in our schools, Junior, Senior and of course our Community School.

Many homes in Knocklyon have changed hands during the summer months and we would like to extend a warm welcome to our new residents and wish each one of you much happiness in the coming years. Why not get to know more people in the area as well as your new neighbours. Call into the Coffee Shop in the Iona Centre. Lots of people drop in there for a cup of tea or coffee and end up having a friendly chat. An after-school visit with the children can often be the beginning of many friendships.

The Iona Centre is also a place to find out what's going on in the Centre itself. The staff are helpful and will give you details of any coming events.

The Church too can be very helpful in distributing literature in connection with happenings in the Parish; the tables at the back of the Church offer information on many things to do which are available to all.

Once again, we would like to express our good wishes to all our new residents and a very warm welcome to our new Clergy. We hope you will be with us for some time.

- Eileen Casey



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Woodstown Village Family Day

The third annual Woodstown Village residents' big day out was held on Saturday, the 30th August and the weather was very kind to us. The day kicked off with the races for three age groups, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. The competitors were chasing gold, silver and bronze medals in Sprints, Sack and Three-legged races and they provided the 260 residents in attendance with great entertainment. Congratulations to all the kids who took part and everyone was a winner of a chocolate bar at least. Well done to Simon, Orla and Denise for the running of the races.

During the races children could limber up on one of three Bouncy Castles. There was a special one for the under sixes and a giant slide which was handed over to the adults for half an hour to give the kids a laugh! The third inflatable was fuse-ball and it proved very popular with all ages. Thanks to Ann, Anna, Helen, Clive, Timmy and Orla for policing the inflatables and thanks to Caroline and co for the face-painting again this year.

With the medals handed out for the races it was time for the Football. After 6 preliminary games the semi-finals were between Woodstown Heights and Woodstown Parade and between Woodstown Close and Woodstown Gardens. After two close games the Parade would face the Gardens (fierce rivalry between these two adjacent roads!) in this year's final to play for the Spar Woodstown Plaque. Congratulations to this year's champions, the team from Woodstown Parade: Declan, Wayne and Declan Kilpatrick Snr, Stephen Leonard, Peter MaGee, Philip Smith, Michelle O'Connor and Rachel Hourican. Well-done and hard luck to the runners-up from Woodstown Gardens namely Dillon, Chris and Graham Costelloe, Craig Rothery, Dean Curran and David O'Keefe. Both teams received medals and all the teams join me in thanking Emmet for his fair refereeing of the games.

After all that exercise it was time to relax and enjoy the Bar B Que. A big thanks to our chefs Bill and Michael for the perfectly cooked burgers and sausages. Thanks also to Tara and Denise for the quick distribution of food and beverages. Our DJ for the day Ian continued the party atmosphere with residents young and old dancing until darkness fell.

I wish to thank all the residents who made it such an enjoyable and successful day. The increased subscriptions this year enabled us to provide a bigger, better day. It would not have been possible without the great help given by Steven from SPAR Woodstown and Brennan's Bread.

Finally, I'm sure all residents join me in thanking the Committee; Orla, Ann, Anna, Simon, Clive, Michael, Helen, Denise, May and our helpers Bill, Tara, Caroline, Timmy, Derek and John, for giving of their free time voluntarily to organise the big day and make it such a great family event for their fellow residents. **- Paul Moran**



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NEWS FROM THE PARISH FORUM

The Forum resumed its meetings on 15th September and will meet monthly until next June. A welcome was extended to the new members – Fr. Jimmy Murray P.P. and Fr. Paddy Smyth, and to Fr. Philip Brennan who has returned from Beaumont.

Teresa Hennessy of the Website Group has joined the Parish Team. Some structural requirements for the Church (roof repairs, porch and organ) were mentioned and discussed.

The Youth Initiative was the main focus of the meeting. The questionnaire, filled in by over 600 young people, is being further analysed by the Parish Team. Planning for a Youth Assembly to be held in November/December is being progressed through a Steering Group (representative of parish youth). A lecture will be given by Fr. Peter McVerry, S.J., on "Energising Youth" on November 4th in the Iona Centre.

The Rainbows programme will commence on October 15th. Thirteen facilitators have been trained for the parish.

– Parish Forum

KNOCKLYON HISTORY SOCIETY



Knocklyon History Society started its autumn series of lectures on Wednesday, 10th September, with a talk about St. Paul in Greece. In the coming months we hope to have the following talks:

Wednesday, 8th October

Thomas Russell, his life and times, sometimes called "the man from God knows where".

Speaker: Denis Carroll.

Thomas Russell, a close associate of Robert Emmet was executed at Downpatrick Jail on 21st October, 1803.

Wednesday, 12th November

John Feeney, the singer, not so well known but who did well in the United States.

Speaker: Harry Bradshaw.

The new disc launched recently about John Feeney is a best-seller on the Irish Recordings Chart.

All meetings are held in the Iona Centre at 8 p.m. sharp followed by a cup of tea. Admission: €4.00



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Congratulations are due to the hundreds of children and teenagers from Knocklyon who took part in the recent series of sell-out concerts in the Civic Theatre in Tallaght. The students each took part in songs, plays, dance routines and more! Some of the memorable numbers were 'The Teddy Bears' Picnic' from our juniors, 'You've Got A Friend In Me' and 'One Step Closer' from the intermediate groups, and all of our Seniors performed in a really amazing version of 'The Wiz'.

As always the concerts were characterised by participation being the number one goal, with the talent and enthusiasm on display wonderful to see. Many parents were stunned by the level of skill these young people showed in all areas, and as usual the students themselves had the time of their lives. As Senior student Orlagh O'Leary said, "The show at the end of the year is the highlight, and there's no student that can say they don't enjoy it!"

Congratulations to Helen Keegan, Laura Nugent, Ellen Weber, Saoirse Geoghegan, Jane Devine and Laura Healy who received special awards for their five years of participation in Encore! These girls all showed that the skills and talents they have learned at Encore! are matched only by their confidence and enthusiasm for performing. Well done!

The Encore! Agency is also delighted to congratulate two of our young members, Peter Gasparro and Leona Deane on their starring roles in the current Specsavers ad. Our members have been attending many stage and screen auditions throughout the year, and doing very well. We hope to see more of our



Just some of our Senior Class at ENCORE! School of Performing Arts in Knocklyon.

Encore! faces on Film and TV next year also.

We are now enrolling for our Saturday classes in Knocklyon, as all regular classes are full. Our newest class is Twinkle Toes and Budding Ballerinas (Ballet for Fun ... Poise, Posture and Participation), to join our Tots and Tumblers classes for young students. Also on a Saturday are Voice Lessons, Monologue class, Improvisation and Boys Only Drama! Classes begin on October 4th, see our advertisement for details.

Terenure College R.F.C. MiniRugby

Mini Rugby has started back in Terenure College for the 2003/4 season. We meet every Sunday morning at 11.30, with matches every couple of weeks. This year we aim to cater for the following age groups: U5, U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12 and U13. If you wish to find out more about mini rugby in the club please call in to the club grounds at Lakelands, Greenlea Grove, Terenure, on Sunday mornings at 11.30, or phone 490 4283 or E-mail the club at rugby@terenurecollege RFC.com

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Girvan Dempsey, Irish International full back, coaching U10's team at Terenure Rugby Club.



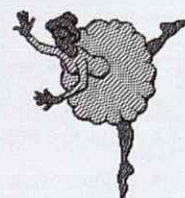
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We also welcome some new teachers – Ms. Sinead Brennan from Leitrim, Ms. Nicola Higgins from Mayo and Ms. Orla Monaghan from Rathfarnham. We hope their careers at St. Colmcille's will be long and rewarding.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The Board of Management's three year term is coming to a close. We wish to thank the eight Board members for their commitment to the school since 2000. The latest phase of the Board's development of the school building – a new reception area – is now nearing completion. Elections for parents' and teachers' representatives will be held next month. Fr. David vacated the position of Chairperson. We are deeply indebted to him for his trojan efforts on behalf of the school for many years and wish him every blessing in his new ministry at Whitefriar Street.

HEALTH PROMOTION

The work of parents and teachers who formulated our new healthy eating policy has made a great impression on pupils already. Everyone in the school community has made a concerted effort to promote a nutritious diet which can only enhance learning in the long term. Many pupils have become more aware of the importance of good dietary habits. Ms. Mary Harty has co-ordinated the new approach and deserves great credit. The uptake of the school milk scheme and the increase in fruit consumption is very heartening. Mr. Sweeney's Physical Education programme provides plenty of opportunities for pupils to exercise and coupled with the focus on Social, Personal and Health Education pupils' energy levels are bound to increase. Parents and teachers be warned!

ALL-IRELAND FINALS

Pupils and teachers wish Armagh stalwart Enda McNulty, who coaches pupils in second class, every success in the all-Ulster/All-Ireland football final at Croke Park. We hope he brings the Sam Maguire to Knocklyon again this Winter. Pupils will get an opportunity to visit GAA headquarters to cheer on the Dublin Ladies team against Mayo in their final on October 5th.

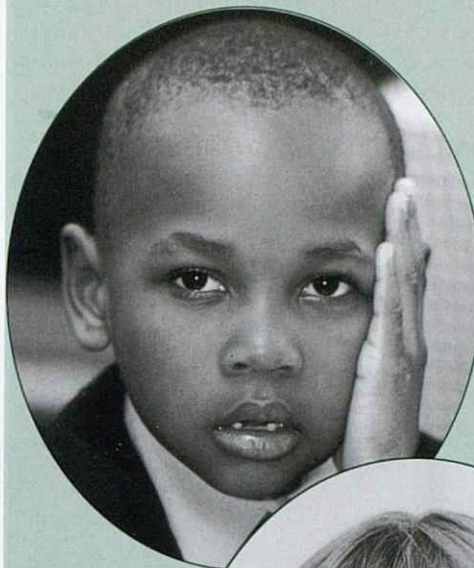
SUBSTITUTE TEACHING PANEL

The Board of Management wishes to draw up a list of fully qualified primary teachers from the locality, who may be available as substitute teachers during the school year. Principal teacher, Mr. Boyle will be delighted to hear from those interested.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Some of our teachers have organised after school classes in Music, Language, Arts and Sports. A large number of pupils will participate in these activities throughout the Winter.

NEW FACES



Higelin Mulema from Ms. Gallagher's Class.



Amy Pierce from Ms. Mulqueen's Class.



Jack Lawlor from Ms. Gallagher's Class.

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SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Pupils and teachers are all well settled back after the Summer break. Many thanks to the parents who looked after the hanging baskets over the course of the summer, especially Mrs. Griffiths-Meehan. A great display of colour brightened up the school over the last couple of months.

TINREAMH IOMLÁN: FULL ATTENDANCE

45 pupils of the Senior School were recently presented with plaques to celebrate the fact that they did not miss school on any day during the school year 2002/3.



Current 4th Class pupils who missed no school day last year.



Current 5th Class pupils who missed no school day last year.



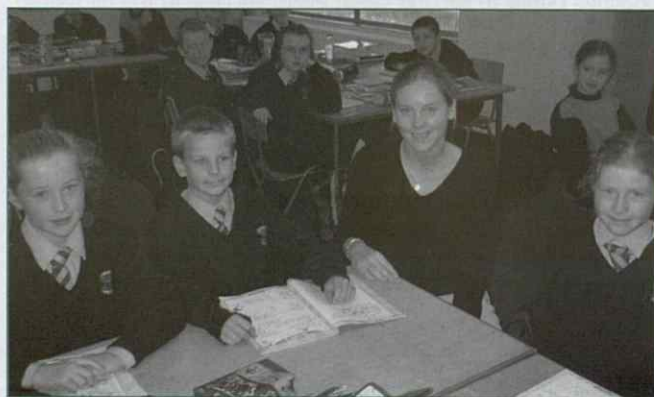
Current 6th Class pupils who missed no school day last year.

MÚINTEOIR NUA: NEW TEACHERS

We would like to extend a warm Céad Míle Fáilte to our new staff members. This month we feature two of our new staff members, Ms. A. Murphy and Ms. E. O'Connor with some pupils from their classes.



Ms. A. Murphy with some of her 4th Class pupils.



Ms. E. O'Connor with some of her 4th Class pupils.

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Cúrsaí Timpeallachta: Environmental Matters

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Suíomh Idirlín

Parents and other members of the school community are asked to note that the school calendar, newsletters and other relevant information can be accessed on the school website at: www.stcolmcilles.org.

Cúrsaí Spóirt

The school football season is upon us once again. Mr. Ruddy and Ms. Timmins are in charge of our Girls' Gaelic team as they attempt to retain their Division 1 trophy. Mr. Byrne and Mr. Brennan are coaching our Senior Boys' team while Mr. Johnston and Mr. Dundon are in charge of the Boys' Junior team. Go n-éirí go geal leo go léir. Internal leagues are running for the girls and boys who are not playing on the school panels.

Ranganna Iar-Scoile: After School Classes

Extra curricular classes have commenced in French, Speech & Drama and German.

Former Pupils with their Trophies



Four of last year's 6th Class pupils who were presented with trophies for full attendance in the last school year. L-R: Karla Morrell, Ronan O'Reilly, Orla Brien and Thomas Sweeney.

FULL ATTENDANCE: 2 in a row!



Two of our 4th Class pupils, Niall Connell (left) and Eoin Small (right) who have not missed a day in 3rd or 4th Class.

ST. COLMCILLE'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Firstly, the PA would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all pupils and a very special welcome to all new pupils, especially those in Junior Infants.

The PA held their first meeting after the summer break recently and our first major event was our AGM, which was held on 24th September.

Not only do we have new faces in the school, but also to the Parish, and the PA would like to welcome Fr. Jimmy Murray, Fr. Paddy Smyth and welcome back Fr. Philip. We would also like to wish Fr. Weakliam best wishes in his new Parish.

Communication is always a difficult task for the PA, especially in a school as large as ours and we would remind parents to check school bags regularly and also to keep an eye on the classroom windows for updates and activities which we will be running throughout the school year. The Knocklyon News is also an excellent form of communicating our events, and where possible, we will always include dates and details in this column.

Our annual Newsletter will be issued shortly, which we hope will give you a good indication of what we have achieved over the last school year and the funds we have raised. The PA is always very grateful to those parents who support our fund-raising events and we look forward to your

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Fearaimid fáilte Uí Cheallaigh romhaibh ar ais ar scoil. Tá slán fágtha ag an sean Rang a 6 atá anois scaipthe ar mheánscoileanna an cheanntair agus tá grúpa nua páistí ag socrú síos agus ag tabhairt faoin saol scoile! Tá sé go deas seanchairde a fheiceáil sa chlós gach maidin agus tá fáilte ar leith roimh ár dtuismitheoirí nua.

Athraithe Fóirne

Mar is eol daoibh, Georgina Nicholls left the Gaelscoil to take up her new position as Príomhoide Ghaelscoil an Chábháin agus guímid gach rath uirthi sa phost nua. Múinteoir Máire is taking a sos gairme this year. Our two new members of staff are Nuala Furlong and Pádraig Ó Duinneacha who will be teaching Rang a 6 and Rang a 5 respectively. Gura fada buan iad beirt!

Ranganna Iodáilise

Tá Dante i mbun oibre cheana féin! We are delighted to have Dante Ferrino back with us again this year to teach Italian to Rang a 5 agus Rang a 6. These conversation classes were very successful last year and this was due in no small part to Dante's skill and enthusiasm.

C.L.C.G.

Beidh Brian O'Regan agus Enda McNulty i mbun oibre arís i mbliana. Cumann Bhaile Bódáin Naomh Éanna will continue to provide their coaching services in both hurling and football. These coaching sessions take place during school hours and Enda and Brian take children from second class upwards.

Chomh maith le sin, beidh traenáil peile ar siúl i ndiaidh am scoile gach Máirt.

Beidh seo á stiúradh ag Múinteoir Deirdre agus Múinteoir Clár. Beidh foireann na scoile ag glacadh páirt sa léig peile atá eagraithe ag Cumann na mBunscoil. Tá fáilte roimh peileadóirí ó Rang a 4 ar aghaidh freastal ar an traenáil seo.

Cúrsaí Cheoil agus Drámaíochta

Beidh níos mó ná Deirdre agus Clár ag fanacht siar tar éis na scoile i mbliana. Múinteoir Daithí will give fiddle

Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna

BLIAIN NUA SCOILE



Naionáin shóisireacha ag spraoi sa chlós i nGaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna.

classes to children from Rang a 2 ar aghaidh and Múinteoir Clár will teach tin whistle. Tá an t-ádh linn go bhfuil ár múinteoirí sásta a gcuid talainn a roinnt linn! Beidh tuilleadh eolais ar na ranganna seo ar fáil sa scoil. Ar ndóigh, Áine Ní Fhathaigh will be returning this year and her drama classes will start shortly.

An Scoil

Bhí obair mhór ar siúl sa scoil i rith an tsamhraidh. The school has been repainted and everything looks nice, fresh and clean for the new school year.

More games have been added to clós na scoile – 'stepping stones', a 100-

square and mazes. No-one can complain of boredom anymore!

South Dublin County Council

We are very grateful indeed to the Council for the work they have done to improve the safety and appearance of Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna. All will have noticed the landscaping done at the entrance to the school. Cabhraíonn sé seo go mór le cuma fáilteach a chur ar an scoil. Níos tábhachtaí fós, the yellow 'keep clear' and zig-zag markings will help to ensure the safety of daltaí na scoile as they enter and leave an clós. Ár mbuíochas ó chroí don Chomhairle Chontae!

Maor Scoile

Anuas ar sin ar fad, tá Maor Scoile againn i mbliana. In this era of the 'school run' our Maor Scoile is a welcome addition to the Gaelscoil. Tá fáilte mór roimh Mary Furlong. Mary will be on duty each schoolday at 8.30a.m., 1.30p.m. and 2.30p.m. Is cabhair iontach í agus tá sé tábhachtach go leanfaí a treoir.

Oscailt Oifigiúil

Táimid ag súil go n-oscloídh an t-Aire Séamus Ó Braonáin an scoil go h-oifigiúil go luath an téarma seo. This momentous occasion will give us a chance to thank all those who have helped us. We are planning an official unveiling, a blessing of the school and a celebration of our achievement by the children. We hope to round off the festivities with a Céilí that evening.

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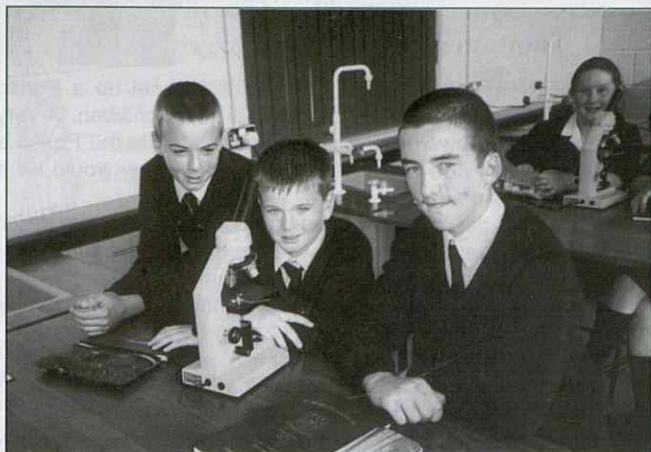
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St. Colmcille's Community School



New First Years Darren Hilliard, Darragh Kilty and Christopher Boyle.

NEW STUDENTS

On the second of September St. Colmcille's C.S. opened its doors to its fourth set of new first years. Our school crest has now been finalised and it was lovely to see all of the new first years in their uniforms, as they are the first year group to have the crest embroidered on their jumpers. Thank you to the parents involved in the organisation of the school crest, Mary Jo Glynn and Nessa McKiernan for all their hard work



New First Years Karen Agnew and Amy O'Reilly.

FIFTH YEAR AND TRANSITION YEAR

This year marks the beginning of the first fifth year group to start the Leaving Certificate syllabus. It also is the first year that the school has a group of students to participate in the Transition Year programme. A full induction week was held for the transition years which included a team building trip to Blessington Adventure Centre, which they attended with their class tutors and T.Y. Co-ordinator Ms. Ahern. The trip was hugely successful, with staff of the centre complimenting the students on their excellent behaviour and participation.

An introduction evening was held in the school on the 4th September for both students and parents together. It was the first meeting to take place in the school that both students and parents attended together. Students were asked to take some responsibility for their own learning by signing a contract. The evening was extremely successful and informative for parents



New First Years Catherine Murphy, Emma Fox, Laura Keely and Paula McGrath.

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMME

This will be the first year of the St. Colmcille's Community School Adult Education Programme. We will be offering a full range of subjects: Acrylic Painting; Computers; Flower Arranging; Yoga; French; Italian; Spanish; Start Your Own Business; Silk Painting.

As we will have had our registration by the time of going to print, please keep an eye out for our brochure

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Joan Nolan, R.I.P. 1947-2003

Joan was diagnosed with a brain tumour in early May and passed away on 15th July. Her family, neighbours and friends are still trying to come to terms with the loss of someone who was so active and so alive.

Because of Joan's friendly and outgoing personality she was extremely popular. She had many friends and treasured every one of them.

Joan's home in Coolamber Park was one where the kettle was always on and an unannounced visit always welcome. She was a good listener – with counselling skills – and came up with a solution to most situations.

Joan's musical and writing skills were inspirational, and great excitement followed when her work was published. She wrote many beautiful articles. Twenty years ago Joan wrote a lovely tribute to Our Lady's Hospice in Harolds Cross following the death of her sister Brigid who had spent her final weeks there. That article was published in 'Reality' magazine at the time. Joan herself passed away in the care of those she had written about with such sincerity and gratitude.

Joan was part of the Eucharistic Ministry team in Knocklyon, and often expressed the importance of this duty in her life. She was involved with the Ministry as recent as the Easter ceremonies.

Joan's death has brought acute sorrow to her husband Bob, her children Conor, Aoife and Ruairi and her adored grandchild Fiona. Her passing has brought great sadness too, to her sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews and a large extended family. Her friends pray with them that Joan has found rest, happiness and peace.

Joan had a great sense of humour, she was generous, she was caring, and she was a great pal. We will always remember her with affection and miss her forever.

"Those we love don't go away; they walk beside us every day."

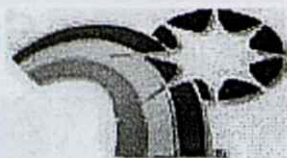
– Joan's friends

Joan's husband Bob and family would like to avail of this opportunity to reiterate their appreciation of all the help and support they received from friends and neighbours in Knocklyon who contributed in so many ways throughout a difficult and sad period.

BUIOCHAS

Anna Brioscu and family wish to thank everybody who attended Aodhagan's funeral or sent messages of sympathy. We have contacted most people but, unfortunately, there are some whom we have not been able to reach personally. Ofraileadh Aifreann ar

Rainbows



The Knocklyon Parish Forum has decided to set up a Parish based **Rainbows** programme for school going children. A very successful **Rainbows** programme was operated in the Parish a number of years ago and it was decided that now would be a good time to start again.

Rainbows is described as "peer support programme to assist children, adolescents and adults who are grieving a death, separation or other painful transitions in their family."

We are pleased to announce the beginning of the next programme for school going children between 5 and 12 years old

1. Whose parents have separated or
2. Who have experienced the death of a family member – parent, grandfather, brother, sister, aunt, uncle.

The bereavement does not have to be a recent event – grieving can be carried on long after the sad event has taken place.

The Programme will be run in the Iona Centre.

The **Rainbows** programme will be:

1. Conducted in small groups of between 3 and 6 children of the same age.
2. Under the control of a trained facilitator.
3. Run for 12 weeks in total and there will be a group on **Wednesday evenings starting on Wednesday 15th October 2003. It will run for 6 weeks before Christmas up to 19th November 2003 and will recommence on Wednesday 14th January 2004 for a further 6 weeks.**
4. **Voluntary** – Children are encouraged to take part but there is no obligation. Consent is needed from parent or guardian.
5. **Confidential** – Children agree at the first meeting to keep their discussions confidential. They are encouraged to speak at home about what they themselves said in the group but not what any other group members said.
6. Following a set curriculum of 12 topics over a period of 12 weeks – one session per week. Each child will have a workbook of his/her own.
7. The **Rainbows** programme is for children of Knocklyon Parish but other children who wish to take part will be facilitated if possible.
8. There will be an Information Evening for parents and guardians of children who wish to attend in the Iona Centre at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday 7th October 2003 before the children's programme starts so they can see the books and journals the children will use during the programme, and see the video "Rainbows in Ireland".

Parish Co-ordinator

This notice has been distributed through the schools of the Parish. If you have not already done so, please return the following information to the Parish Rainbows Co-ordinator, c/o The Presbytery by Friday 3rd October 2003 if you would like your child/children to participate in the **Rainbows** programme. Thank you.

I agree to my child/children.....(Age:)

.....(Age:)

participating in the **Rainbows** programme as outlined above.
Reason: Bereavement/Separation.

Parents/Guardians Signature:

Phone Number:

11 O'Clock Choir

We are always looking for new members. If you feel like singing at the 11 O'Clock Mass on Sundays why not join us? All are welcome, especially men.

Rehearsals on Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

For further information contact: Denis, 493 5681 or Stephanie, 494 3179.

The Little Way of St. Therese

Course 1

...from appreciation to implementation!



This Course is directed towards all who seek to live the Little Way, and are not content to stop at simply admiring the saint's wonderful spirit and doctrine. Therese saw herself as "a very weak and little soul", and sought neither admiration nor even imitation, but rather "desired to communicate the secrets of Love", knowing that Jesus "who taught them to me . . . can reveal them to others".

Throughout the Course we seek to delve more deeply into the spirituality of Therese, by probing some of the less widely known passages of the 'Story of a Soul'. These latter record ways in which she herself came to appreciate the insights given her and the depth of the doctrine revealed to her. This is what "drove" her life, and can give inspiration to ours.

The course is intended as a natural sequel to the earlier course held in Autumn 2001.

Presenter: David Weakliam O.Carm.

Commencing: Wednesday, October 1st, and three following Wednesdays.

Time: 8 p.m.

Fee: €20.00

OCTOBER LECTURE

Caring for our Elderly/Disabled Caring for our Carers

Course 2

This talk which will be given by one of our Public Health Nurses will cover all aspects of care and services available to our elderly/disabled and their carers.

Thursday, 9th October

Time: 8 p.m.

Admission: €5.00

NOVEMBER LECTURE

Energising Youth

Course 3

From thirty years experience of working with young people Fr. McVerry will share some of his reflections and insights into the needs of young people and how these needs can be met.

Speaker: Fr. Peter McVerry, S.J.

Tuesday, 4th November

Time: 8 p.m.

Fee: €5.00

God of Surprises

Course 4

- An exploration of how we can come to know God
- What kind of image each one has of God
- How that image may shape each one's life

This four week course will involve input and sharing of views and experiences.

Presenter: Míceál O'Neill, O.Carm.

Commencing: Wednesday, 5th November and three following Wednesdays

Time: 8 p.m.

Admission: €20.00



APPLICATION FORM

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FAMILY FAME



Anna and Liam Stafford who finished 1st and 4th in their respective events at Santry in Community Games.

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SPIRIT OF THE 112th

The 112th Dublin (Knocklyon) Scout Unit is now the biggest Scout Unit in Ireland. We have approximately 300 young people – made up of 3 beaver colonies, 3 cub packs, 3 scout troops, and 2 venturer groups. These are managed by some 50-odd leaders.

Last year was a very memorable year for our unit. Our Scout Summer Camp to Trieste, Italy was a roaring success and the Cubs Summer Camp in Birr, Co. Offaly was a great event on the cubs calendar. Our Wednesday night troop won the Regional Shield competition with an all-female team (a first for the region) and the Thursday night troop came a very close second. Members of these teams went on to achieve a Unit record by coming 8th in the All-Ireland "Melvin" trophy – they were also the only Dublin unit to achieve a top-ten placing in this prestigious competition. A special mention must also be made for Karl Fitzharris (The Rookery) who was presented with a national bravery award for saving a life off the coast of Donegal last summer. Well done Karl!



Our Melvin Team for 2003.

What is Scouting?

Scouting is a non-formal educational movement for young people that encourages them to develop themselves in every way possible through challenging, adventurous activities, with a large element of fun involved.

Beavers are for 6 to 8 year olds,
Cubs for 8 to 11, Scouts from 11 to 15 and Venturer's from 15 to 19.
Leaders? 18 to 60-plus!



Photo from our 'Link Day' in Larch Hill in June 2003.

Our unit owes its existence to large number of leaders, past and present (below), who have given, and continue to give up their time voluntarily for young people. To all: A big THANK-YOU!

Bernie Horgan
Aoife Kelly-Murtagh
Alison Tobin
Suzanne McCarney
Anne Murray
Bernie Whelan
Sarah Fitzsimons
Siobhan Beattie
Libbie Delap
Robert Lynch
June Ibbotson
Teresa McHugh
Roisin Tierney
Tina Nae

Julie Kilroy
Declan Vaughan
Geraldine Taplin
Ian O'Neill
Christine Ellis
Clare Doheny
Martin McCormack
John Mathews
Louisa Richardson
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Joan Murray
Eamonn Dunne
Michael Phelan

Kevin McNamee
Frank Ibbotson
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Shirley Fitzgerald
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Alan Waters
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Robert Denvir
Michael Tierney
David Kavanagh
Robert Tierney
Mark O'Neill
Iain O'Connor
Breda Diamond
Phil Ryan
Dessie Ryan
Tom Curran
Alice Finucane
Jimmy Fitzsimons
Olga Curran
Brid O'Neill



Our Summer Camp for Scouts and Venturers was held in the Scout Lodge in Opicina, near Trieste in Northern Italy.

Pictured, on left, is Dinner time and, above, the Lodge.

Pictured, right, Karl Fitzharris receiving his bravery award.



Our Regional Mountain Pursuit Challenge, held in Glenmacnass, is an annual wild backpacking weekend.



Eight of the leaders who travelled on Summer Camp 2003. Absent from Photo: Michael Tierney.



The Venturer Group extended their Summer Camp with a visit to Pula in Croatia. Absent from photo: Phil Ryan.



The Cub's Summer Camp to Birr OEC, Co. Offaly. For more info visit www.112thknocklyon.com

Ballyboden St. Endas

The beautiful Summer drew a record attendance of over 1,240 boys and girls to the Rathfarnham and District Credit Union sponsored Summer Camps. The efforts of Enda McNulty, P.J. Donohue, Brian O'Regan and all the coaches were rewarded with great crowds. The schools of excellence for Under 13-16 year olds also saw the visit of D.J. Carey, Oisín McConville and Paul McCormack of Armagh.

Best of luck to Coaching Director Enda McNulty in the All-Ireland Football Final with Armagh.

Year 5 of the club lotto has been launched and funds are being earmarked for coaching development. The Prize Fund is €110,000.

The Senior Ladies Football team won their third Dublin Championship and League double, and a large number of the girls figured in Dublin's successful defence of their Leinster Senior title.

The second Féile Iomána brought participants from Kilkenny, Tipperary, Laois, Wicklow, Dublin, Offaly, Meath and Antrim making a total attendance of over 430 boys under the age of 11 years. Star guest was Kilkenny hurler Eddie Brennan.

The Minor Hurling team (Martin Donohue, Ollie Hickey and Jimmy Galavan) won the prestigious James Stephens (Kilkenny) tournament becoming the first Dublin club to achieve that honour.

— G. O'Sullivan



Eimear Lucey, Anne-Marie Byrne and Anne Griffin were members of the Dublin Under Camogie 16 team.

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LISA KELLY

Lisa, who started her career in singing with the Children's Choir in Knocklyon and then became Leader of the Knocklyon Folk Group has just released a CD entitled 'Lisa' on the K-Tel label under Celtic Collection.

Lisa studied music from an early age and trained in classical singing in the Leinster School of Music, Dublin, under Kathryn Smith. However, Lisa's main interest is in musicals and has played many roles including Laurie in Oklahoma, Florence Vassy in Chess, Hodel in Fiddler on the Roof and Velma Kelly in Chicago.

Lisa has spent the last three years touring the United States and Canada with Riverdance – the Show, as the lead female soloist.

She has now returned to Riverdance after a year's break to tour United States once again.

We wish Lisa every success with her CD and with

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Standing (left to right) Danny Griffin, Quentin Nea (mentor), Garry Lee (Brooks and Lee), Declan Brooks (Brooks and Lee), Dave O'Driscoll (mentor), Bernie Corrigan (Camogie Vice Chair), Mona O'Sullivan (Camogie Secretary) with members of the camogie team.

NUALA RETIRES

We send our best wishes to Nuala Carroll who has retired as housekeeper after 25 years. Nuala's was one of the friendly faces that greeted callers to the Presbytery and we will miss her warm welcome. Enjoy the rest Nuala and do

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NOTICE TO ALL KNOCKLYON RESIDENTS



A number of the various residents associations have not sent a representative to the monthly meetings of the Knocklyon Community Council for some time now. If you are a member of a residents' association that has not been attending the council meetings, or if you are unsure as to whether there is a residents' association in your estate but would like to make sure that you are being represented, please contact either the Chairman, David Hickey at 493 7731 or Secretary, Jimmy Healy at 087-647 9104.

All the various clubs and associations in Knocklyon are also invited to send a representative to each of the monthly meetings. Please make contact at the numbers mentioned above.

Please note that those estates and clubs who do not send a representative will miss a good deal of important information that will concern both their estate/club and the Knocklyon area in general. They will also miss the opportunity to influence the decisions made by the Knocklyon Community Council. To paraphrase the famous quote – decisions are made by those who turn up!

– Contact: David Hickey, Chairman, 493 7731;
Jimmy Healy, Secretary, 087-647 9104.

LOCAL ISSUES

We have received information from Councillor John Lahart in relation to developments over the Summer at South Dublin County Council. A summary of developments is as follows:

LANDSCAPING

Following agreement with Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Council drawings are now at an advanced state for planting etc. in the Autumn/ Winter season of the Orlagh roundabout, the Scholarstown interchange and along St. Colmcille's Way to the roundabout at Knocklyon Gate. A new planting scheme stretching from Taylor's Lane roundabout to the Knocklyon Gate area should also take place this Winter.

TRAFFIC CALMING

The scheme for Beverley/Knockfield Manor should proceed in the Autumn and a scheme for the entrance to Templemoan is being pursued.

KNOCKLYON ROAD RE-ALIGNMENT

The engineers are committed to design the route this year. A public consultation phase will follow.

TRAFFIC AT IDRONE

The Roads Engineers have been asked to examine the traffic lights sequence exiting from Idrone Avenue at school peak times.

CONTACT

The Councillor can be contacted at Tel: 493 9608 or E-mail at jlahart@sdublincoco.ie.

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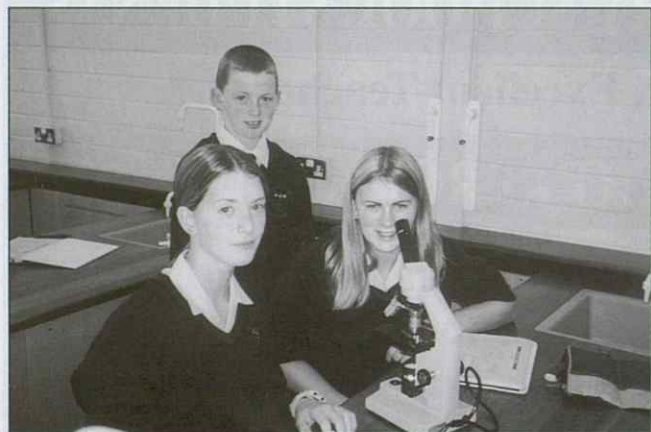
The second ladies team brought silverware on the double to the Knocklyon Badminton Club. The team won both the League and the Cup. On March 12th this year they won the Dublin & District Cup defeating ABC (Artane, Beaumont, Coolock) in the final in Baldoyle. They followed this by a very impressive League victory over Danum (High School) on April 28th, making it the best year the badminton club has had in a long time.

The victorious team is pictured here with Declan McGinn, President of the Leinster Branch, Badminton Union of Ireland.



Ursula Martin (Capt.), Scholarstown Park, Nicola Swaine, Ellensborough, Declan McGinn, Cora Carey, Dargle Wood, Lisa Tolan, Westbourne Lodge.

The Badminton Club play in the Community Centre on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the year and new members are always welcome. Anyone interested contact Rebecca Coen (087-247 9790) or Lynn Shanley (493 8632).



More new First Years at St. Colmcille's Community School – Andrew Barry, Lorna Marshall and Ailbhe Maloney.

Community Games

(see report on page 20)



Conor McHugh U10 Hurdles winner of gold medal at Santry.



Karl Brent-Byrne winner of the U10 200 Metres at Santry and David Connolly who achieved 3rd place.



Adam Ward – 5th in U10 Backstroke.

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There was a great turnout for our President's, (Pat Butler) Prize at Castlewarden Golf Club and the winner was Justin Lynch with a score of 37 points. Runner-up was Austin O'Hanlon with 35 points (back nine) and in third place, Ken Ellis, also with 35 points.

Other results are as follows:

Class 1

1st	Jim Farrell	(12)	33 points
2nd	Pat Igoe	(9)	33 points
3rd	Eamonn Kiely	(11)	32 points

Class 2

1st	Colm O'Brien	(17)	34 points
2nd	Martin Rafferty	(15)	34 points
3rd	Tony Heavey	(15)	32 points

Class 3

1st	Seamus Doherty	(19)	33 points
2nd	Shane Doherty	(21)	31 points
3rd	Des Ryan	(24)	30 points
Front 9	Joe Winters	(14)	18 points
Back 9	Gary Davitt	(19)	17 points
Visitor	Esmonde Butler	(11)	38 points

Ballymacscanlon House Hotel proved to be an excellent choice for the Society's Away Weekend. Members and guests who travelled were full of praise for the facilities, and the glorious sunshine over the two days added to the occasion.

Well done and thanks to Kevin McDonald and Eamonn Kiely who organised the event.

Our captain, Joe Winters, had his prize day at the Grange on the 22nd August and while the weather was not as pleasant as we had become accustomed to, over 40 members and visitors played this fine course.

The following are the results of the outing:

1st	Dave Torrans	(10)	39 points
2nd	Kevin McDonald	(12)	38 points
3rd	Ronan Cox	(19)	37 points

Class 1

1st	Tony McDonald	(18)	33 points
2nd	Gavin Fleet	(5)	33 points

Class 2

1st	Terry Mangan	(18)	33 points
2nd	Michael Flanagan	(20)	30 points

Class 3

1st	David Hickey	(21)	32 points
2nd	John Beatty	(21)	31 points
Front 9	Fred Lane		19 points
Back 9	Justin Lynch		20 points

Visitors

1st	Bill Gorman		34 points
2nd	John Looney		31 points

Results from our outing to Arklow on the 13th September will appear in the next issue of the newsletter and our final outing for this year is to the Grange Castle Golf Club on Saturday, October 18th. Our AGM will be held following the prize-giving at this outing.

Captain of the Society for next year will be Gerry Diggins. Gerry has been a great supporter of the Society for many years both as a member and a sponsor and is this year's Captain of Beech Park Golf Club.

Our Secretary, John Grier, is the incoming captain of South County Golf Club and we wish him well during his year as captain.

— Martin Rafferty, PRO,

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KNOCKLYON COMMUNITY GAMES 2003

Knocklyon's Shines at Santry!!!

The yellow and red singlets of Knocklyon North and South Community Games athletic teams respectively did us proud at the 36th Games held in Morton Stadium, Santry, in early July.

Knocklyon North won 5 overall trophies:

U10 Girls 100m, Anna Stafford

U14 Girls Hurdles, Rebecca Tyson

U14 Boys Hurdles, Matthew Thian

U14 Girls Relay, Shauna Cannon, Rebecca Tyson, Natalia Hyland, Lisa Barnwell, sub Maria Dolan

U14 Boys Relay, Matthew Thian, Tadhg Whelan, Conal Foynes, Adam Kiernan, sub Mark Kenny

Knocklyon South won 3 overall trophies:

U10 Boys Hurdles, Conor McHugh

U10 Boys 200m, Karl Brent Byrne

U14 Girls Long Puck, Sharon Glynn

Knocklyon North finished 3rd overall behind Skerries and Swords West in the overall area award.

All of the above qualified to represent Dublin in the National Community Games at Mosney.

Other placings included:

U8 80m Girls, Andrea Furlong, 4th

U8 80m Boys, Keith Robinson, Bronze medal, Liam Stafford, 4th

U12 100m Girls Sorchia McCormack, Bronze medal

U14 100m Girls, Lisa Barnwell, Bronze medal

U14 100m Boys, Adam Kiernan, 4th

U16 100m Girls, Aoife Dalton, Silver medal

U16 100m Boys, Simon Byrne, Silver medal, Conor Gallagher, Bronze medal

U10 200m Boys, David Connolly, Bronze medal

U14 Girls Long Puck, Natalia Hyland, Bronze medal

At the National Finals in Mosney all our competitors represented Dublin admirably. Rebecca Tyson and Matthew Thian reached the final eight in the Girls and Boys U14 Hurdles respectively. Aoife Dalton, who won silver in Dublin was a finalist in the Girls U16 100m. The U14 Girls relay reached the semi-finals. In the Swimming events at Mosney Aidan Ward finished 5th in the U10 Boys

Backstroke. Lorcan O'Toole competed in the U12 Boys Breaststroke. Laura Kennedy competed in the Girls U16 Butterfly, Amy McSherry reached the semi-final of the U14 Girls Freestyle. Lydia Flynn was placed 4th in the final of the Girls U14 Breaststroke. Congratulations to these and all our athletes who looked very smart in the Blue of Dublin at the Games.

Girls Gaelic Football: The U12 Girls Knocklyon North team reached the Leinster semi-finals in Newbridge. Well done!

Boys U13 Indoor Soccer: The boys reached the Leinster final but were narrowly beaten by Newbridge 2-0.

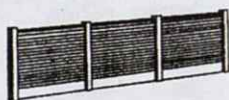
Well done to all who competed in the various events at Community Games this year. You did your areas proud. A special thanks to all the managers, coaches and parents who made this year's Games a great success for Knocklyon. We would also like to ask as many parents as possible to volunteer to help with next year's Games. Watch out for word of our AGM.

— **Mary Hyland, Claire Barnwell, Mary Ward,**
Knocklyon Community Games Committee



Sharon Glynn (centre), Beverly, Knocklyon South, winner of the Girls U14 Long Puck. Natalie Hyland (right), 3rd place and Amy Sheehan (left), Iona, who came second in this event.

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KNOCKLYON COMMUNITY GAMES 2003



A group of happy Knocklyon athletes at Santry.



The U10 Knocklyon Community Games Gaelic team with manager John Keegan.



Double triumph for Knocklyon U14 Boys & Girls Relay team who took 1st place in Dublin finals in Santry.

BROS. PEARSE A.C.

The Dublin Championships took place in June in ALSAA due to Special Olympics in Santry. Many of our athletes took home medals from these highly competitive events. Well done to all who participated.

The Nationals were held in Tullamore in July. Congratulations to Rebecca Tyson who struck gold in the U14 Hurdles and to Richard Whyte who won gold in the U15 High Jump. Niamh Cummins collected silver in the U17 300m and Grainne Moggan gained bronze in the U14 High Jump. Our U17 Girls relay also were awarded bronze in 4x300m event.

Sadly it was events off the track which caused major news for the club when, in the early evening of the 21st June, the container shed at Cherryfield was gutted by fire. We lost a large amount of athletic equipment including hurdles, high jump mats and other training aids. It will take some considerable time and financial input before we can replace many of the items destroyed. Many thanks to Eddie Fanning of Knocklyon United for allowing the club to store some undamaged items in their shed. Also thanks to the Parks Dept. of S.D.C.C. who cleared the burnt equipment from Cherryfield.

We have resumed training on Tuesday and Thursday at Cherryfield 7-8 p.m. and on Sunday 11-12 noon. We will soon move indoors to Sancta Maria on Tuesday and Thursday.

Congratulations to many of our athletes who represented Knocklyon in Community Games at Santry and Mosney.

We will now look forward to the upcoming Cross Country season and would like to encourage younger athletes from age 8 upwards to join the club and participate in athletics.

For further information contact Aine at 493 1764.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Last month we published a letter from 'An Fear Chiúin' and we give below a response received from a mother of two young children.

Tuesday, 08 July 2003

Fiona Downes
164 Glenvara Park
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A Chara,

I feel compelled to respond to the letter written by the 'Fear Chiúin' in the last edition of the Knocklyon News. I was firstly shocked, then appalled, and lastly angered by the publishing of this letter. It disturbed me for many reasons. I quote from the Bible; 'Mark 10:13 And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein'. And as direct response to 'The Fear Chiúin', again from the Bible; 'Matthew 18:1 At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them. And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven'. I am tempted to leave my response there, however I feel bound to continue and explain. I am a separated mother of twin toddlers, at the gorgeous age of two-and-a-half. They are so full of wonder at the world, that it is a joy to watch them. Albeit, frustrating, when a stroll the length of the road in our estate can take up to an hour by the time we have stopped to prod every snail, run from every dog and attempt in vain to climb every wall. Every so often I bring them to the 10 o'clock Mass on Sunday morning in St. Colmcilles Church.

They love it there, and get all excited when I tell them that we are going to Holy God's house. They often run around, or go on to the altar, but I do have to say they don't make too much noise.

I personally have no objection to them doing this, it is after all a children's Mass. Unlike 'The Quiet Man' of last edition's letter, I am not afforded the opportunity of leaving them at home with Daddy while Mammy attends Mass, (while Séan and Máire are ag súgradh sa gairdín, (if you get my drift!!!). Would 'The Quiet Man', or maybe 'The Man without the Courage of his Convictions' (as it was necessary to withhold his name), like to fast forward himself into the world of today. For better or worse, for whatever reasons, single families exist now, and are becoming more and more the rage each day (excuse my sarcasm if you will!!!). Also his suggestion of sitting in the middle of a busy pew hardly applies in this day and age either as any Mass I have been to lately has been attended by very sparse numbers indeed. So leaving aside the seemingly smug and condescending suggestions of 'The Man without the Courage of his Convictions', I return to my own case in hand. It is my view that my children were welcomed into the Catholic Church when they were baptised two years ago. I do not then understand why I should exclude them from their parish Mass until they are more able to 'behave'! Just because they are tiny people, they are no less of a catholic, and thus entitled to share in the Mass, than anybody else in attendance there. To 'The Man without the Courage of his Convictions', maybe the answer might be that you stay at home from Mass until you are more able to 'tolerate'! And finally to address the issue of Modern Parenting, 'The Man without the Courage of his Convictions' would like us to spare him from this, is this to say that he would prefer we retreat to the days when children were seen and not heard? Surely this cannot be the feelings of a Christian who in emulating the thoughts of Jesus would aspire to 'suffer the little children and to 'humble himself as this little child'.

— Mise le meas, Fiona Downes

P.S. I sincerely hope that this response is published, with my name attached, as I strongly believe that a balancing viewpoint on this matter should be aired.

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Knocklyon Concert Band on their recent trip to Somerset where they participated in the Midsummer Norton Festival.

K.A.R.A. NEWS

On Tuesday 9th September our group were happy to get back together after the summer break. While we were delighted to welcome some new members, we heard with sadness of the death during the summer of Alice Kiely R.I.P. a much loved former member. We offer our sympathy to Alice's family and friends.

We had a busy and interesting meeting as we organised various activities and outings. On Wednesday 10th September a number of us went to the Sportsfest in U.C.D. Belfield, organised by Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. After a warm-up we were able to try out a range of activities including Badminton, Bowls, Table Tennis, Tai Chi and Dance. There were also talks on the prevention of Heart Disease through healthy eating and exercise. On Saturday 13th September we enjoyed the 'Magic of Vienna' at the National Concert Hall and on Wednesday 17th we joined Ballyroan on a most enjoyable trip to Belvedere House and Gardens.

The club meets in the Community Centre on Tuesday mornings from 10.30 a.m.-12 noon and on Thursday afternoons from 1-3 p.m. for indoor bowls, table tennis and badminton. We hope to arrange for an instructor in Curling during the coming weeks so that we can add this sport to our list of activities.

We are always pleased to welcome new members. Just come along and join us or if you would like more information you can contact one of our committee: President, Terrie Erdpohl, Tel: 494 5500; Vice-President, Lyla Kennedy, Tel: 494 2830; Treasurer, John Davis, Tel: 451 2222; Secretary, Noel Mordaunt, Tel: 269 5188.

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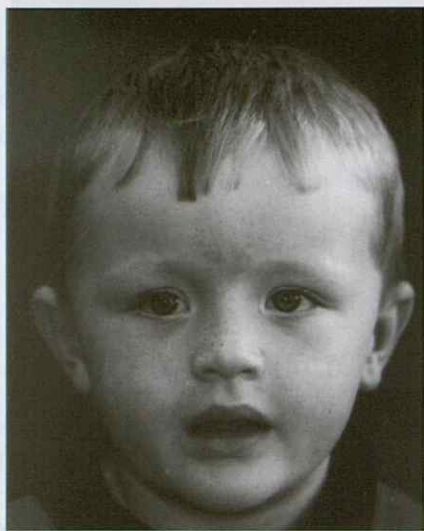
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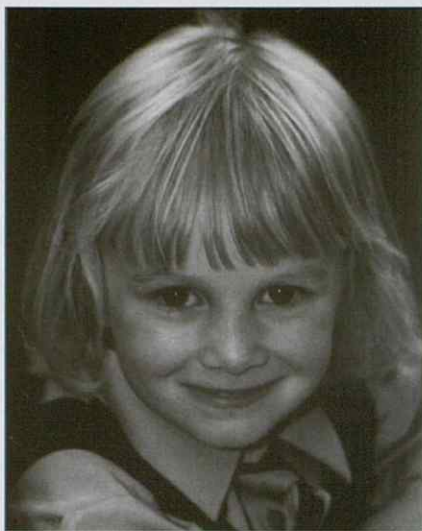
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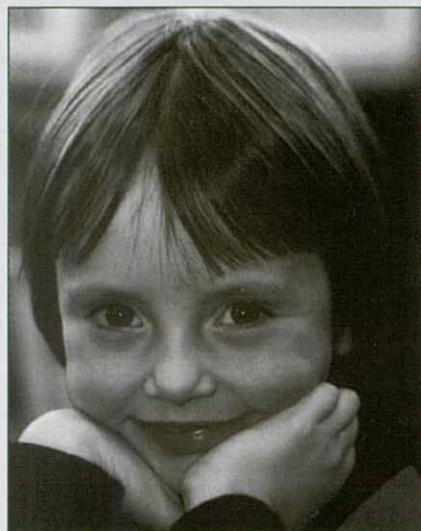
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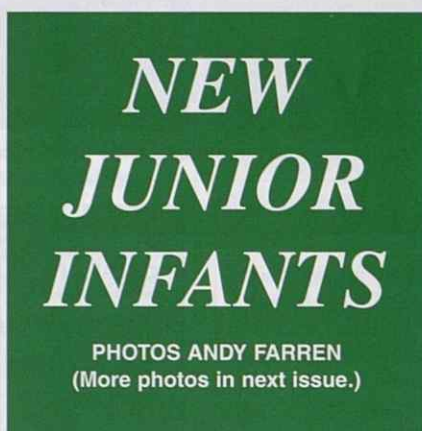
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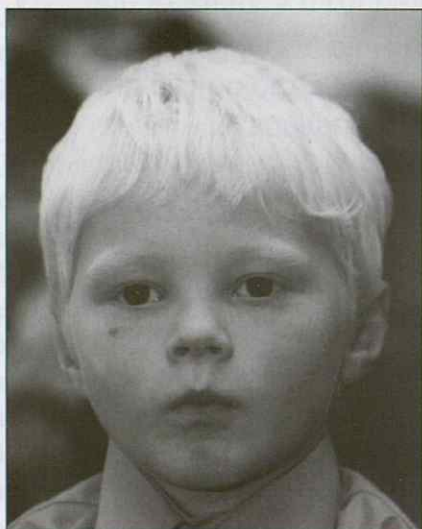
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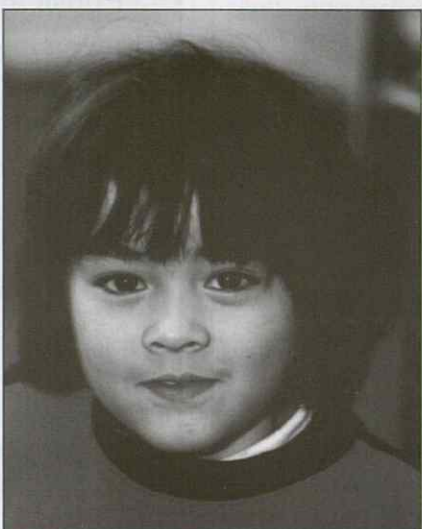
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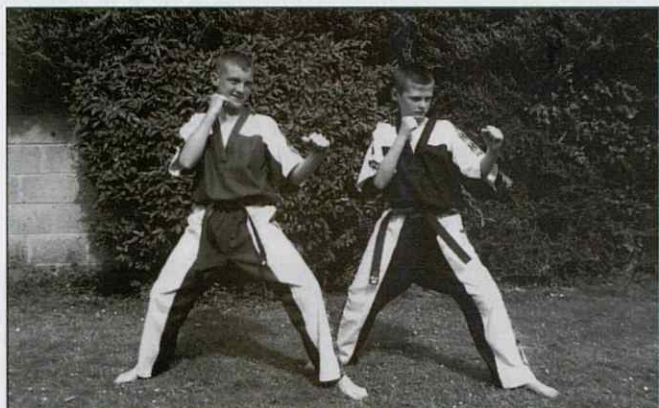
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Knocklyon Kickboxing Brothers Shane

Shane and Carl Malone have successfully qualified to represent Ireland in the 2003 World Kickboxing Championships held in Ireland this year.

Shane and Carl are both current Irish Champions in their respective divisions and each boy has qualified and will be competing in two different categories. With an impressive collection of awards between them already, the boys are presently training all out for the big event under the expert guidance of their instructors.

This is the second time for the boys to represent their country as they participated in this event last year in Italy, giving a great account of themselves and only



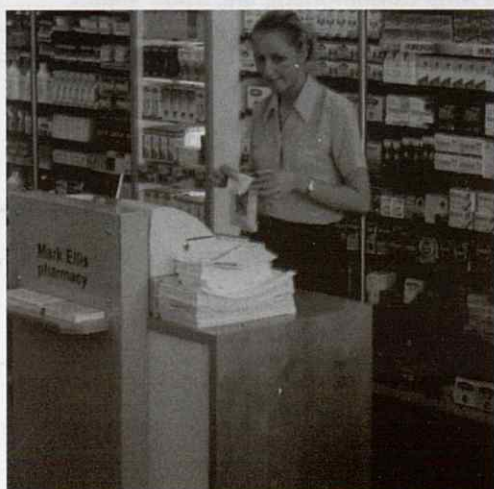
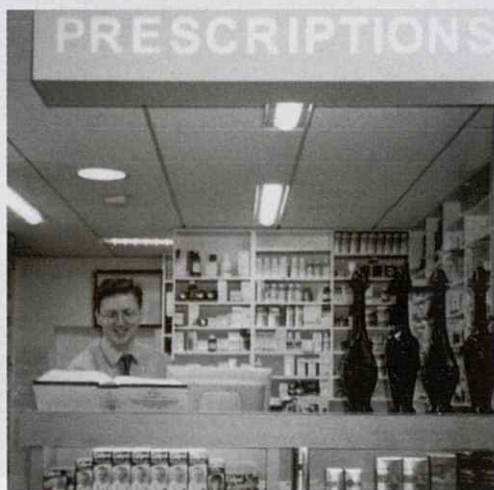
losing out to the eventual Gold Medal winners.

Shane and Carl have a great love and enthusiasm for kickboxing and are both great ambassadors for the sport, and will without doubt represent Ireland well and wear our colours with great pride.

However it is no wonder that the boys are so involved in kickboxing as their parents are both Black Belt Instructors who have represented Ireland themselves, competing on the international circuit for many years. They have in the past run successful clubs in both Ireland and England producing top rank competitors and instructors alike.

The Malone Martial Arts family have just recently opened a new Kickboxing Club in the Knocklyon area at St. Colmcilles Community School, and are presently enrolling for beginner classes. Classes are held every Wednesday evening from 7.30-9.30 p.m. and are suitable for both children and adults. For further details phone 086-378 4997 or E-mail malonemartialarts@eircom.net.

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KNOCKLYON UNITED



The new boys season has just kicked off and the committee and all involved with Knocklyon United would like to welcome back existing players and, in particular, welcome all new players to the club.

The club continues to grow at a very fast rate and it is becoming increasingly difficult to cater for all the children who want to play for Knocklyon United. This season the club has 34 boys' teams, 1 senior team and 3 girls' teams. In addition the soccer nursery for players aged 6 and 7 will commence at the beginning of October. Even at this level the number of teams is not quite sufficient. However, given our fairly limited facilities this is the maximum number we can cater for. The club only has the use of two 11-a-side pitches – one at Ballycullen Park and one at Cherryfield Park and two 7-a-side pitches at Delaford Park. We are sure you can appreciate the difficulties this can cause and the level of co-ordination and organisation involved. For this reason we can no longer participate in two boys' leagues as before – DDSL and EBS South Dublin. We have therefore taken a decision to enter all our teams this season into the DDSL leagues.

Girls Football

As the boy's season commences, the girls' league has just finished. This season was historic for Knocklyon United as our U16 team won their league which is the first trophy won by a girls' team since entering girls' football two years ago. The team won 9 out of their 10 matches in the league and were narrowly beaten 3-2 in a terrific cup semi-final against Dunboyne. This was a great achievement in itself as Dunboyne are a well-established ladies' football club and play in the premier Division. Well done to all the hard work from managers Noel Gaughran, Jimmy Pacenham, and Vincent Hyland. The other teams did themselves proud U10 managed by Eddie Fanning and U12 managed by Ruairi McSharry.

The girls' football season begins next May and for the next season the preparation will begin earlier in March. Ruairi McSharry will look after the girls' football and he will be looking for managers at an early stage.

Golf Outing

The club held its second golf classic at Edmonstown Golf Club and once again the demand for teams was great. The club was well supported by local business, banks and many representatives from the construction sector. We are once again grateful to Deane Builders who were the main sponsors for the day.

Liam Deane and Andrew Doyle were the main organisers of the event and they received plenty of support from the ladies in the club who provided the burgers and refreshments on the ninth hole.

The winning team was the building firm Gerry Gallagher.

We would like to thank Minister Tom Kitt, local Councillors John Lahart and John Hannon for their support on the day.

Other events

There are a number of events planned for the coming season:

- The club's pavilion at Delaford Park will be opened shortly. Details of the opening will be in the next issue.
- Our annual soccer presentations will take place in October. Details to follow.
- Our annual race night.
- The development of our pavilion at Ballycullen. This will be the main priority for the new committee this season.
- The expansion of our monthly draw. We will be contacting managers and parents to participate. This draw will be fundamental to the success of the club going forward.
- The launch of our web site.

Please remember to support the teams for the coming season and try to give as much encouragement to the players.

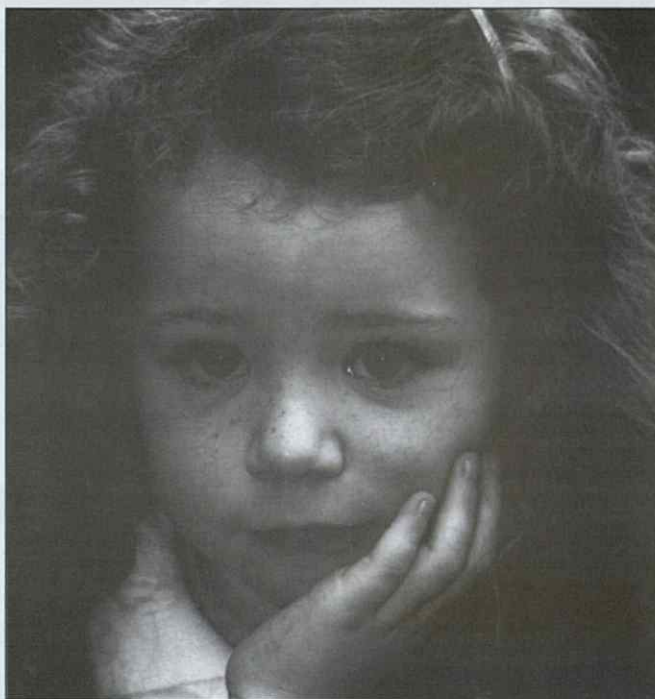
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A very important meeting on First Aid by members of the Order of Malta is being held on Tuesday, 7th October, at 8.45 p.m. (in the Community Centre). This is an open meeting and everyone is welcome. Admission €4.00.

— Colette Brennan, P.R.O., Knocklyon Guild ICA

SPORTING SUCCESS

Congratulations to Neil Casey, Idrone, who once again had a great season in rowing. Following wins in various competitions Neil participated in the final of the World Rowing Championships in Milan in August, where he finished in 5th place.

Another young sportsman achieved success during the summer months. Eoin Cummins, Lansdowne, is back running after being injured and won a bronze medal in the National Athletics final.

Well done to both.

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Jennifer Kate Maria Hanrahan, Templeroan Drive
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David James Gannon, Templeroan View
Joseph Patrick Cash, Templeroan Meadows
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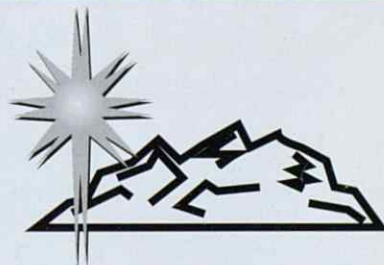
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