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# Bernie Rossney – the welcoming face of the Iona Centre

Hopefully most people who visit the Iona Centre will have had the good fortune to have encountered the director, Bernie Rossney, with her gentle smile and welcoming nature. Although, this is not necessarily guaranteed as whilst Bernie would be anxious to greet and welcome all, she is not a 'profile seeker' and because of her quiet and unassuming nature, would never choose to be in the limelight.

Bernie, with husband Justin arrived in Knocklyon in 1975 with their then two boys Alan and Colin. Time has flown for the Rossneys and the children have all grown into adults – Alan (33) Colin (30) and Gillian (23). All of us who know Bernie will be aware of her gorgeous grandson, Conor, who is now six and a half and is the light of Bernie and Justin's life!

Bernie's first involvement was on the 'Ladies' Committee' in the late 70's. This Committee helped out in many areas, and were responsible for the setting up of the Community Play Group, with which Bernie worked for about four years. Bernie helped to set up the first Baptism Team and stayed with that project for several years.

In the late 80's, along with Carmel Wynne, Bernie inaugurated Parenting in the Parish.

Bernie has always been involved in faith-sharing groups and she has been a Eucharistic Minister for many years and is currently attached to the 1 o'clock Mass.

The Iona Centre opened in 2000 and Bernie felt very privileged to be invited to be one of the three core staff and to be in at the beginning of what has become a very successful venture for the Parish. At that point Bernie's responsibilities included reception work, organising rooms, taking bookings, etc. and she absolutely loved meeting and greeting people through the Centre.

In 2002 Brid (O'Connell) stepped down as Director and Bernie took over the reins. In her own words she was scared stiff and felt Brid would be a very hard act to follow; she was very grateful for the terrific support from Brid all through the changeover.

Bernie feels we owe a huge debt of gratitude to FAS and to all the participants from FAS who were involved in the Centre during that time and over the past three-and-a-half years helped to get the Centre on its feet. Unfortunately, because of the cut-backs in FAS, the FAS project ceased last year and Bernie feels much credit must be given to the core staff – Ann and Noeleen – who with Bernie took on the running of the Centre with great spirit. Bernie is thankful for the arrival of Tina Nea, and Sandra Kellett, who joined the staff some months ago. They, together with the volunteers from the Parish who have generously offered to help in various areas, have lightened the load. Bernie



reminded me that the Coffee Shop is open daily from 9.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. (Monday to Friday) and all are welcome to drop in for a cuppa in pleasant surroundings.

Over the two-year period, there has been considerable growth in the use of the Centre and the interest of people in the courses being run there. People tend to come back again and again, to do different courses. The feedback is that they like the atmosphere of the place. Bernie feels that the addition of the 'cuppa' provided to all Parish Committees after their meetings has added a wonderful dimension

to their gatherings, as people tend to stay on longer for the social chat, rather than just leaving immediately after the meeting. Bernie is delighted with this progress, because of her strong commitment to the idea of the Centre being a place of welcome and warmth and she is quick to point out that this innovation was yet another of Fr David's very good ideas!

There is huge variety in the courses ran in the Centre - from Parenting and Faith Development Courses to Yoga which is very popular. There are many, many groups who meet in the Centre, e.g. the Mother and Toddler Group (where mothers with their children come to meet and have a chat together) to the Porcelain Painting Group, who have been together for many years. All parish-based Committee meetings are held in the Centre – too numerous to mention. In this way, it is hoped to meet the different needs of the people – not just their religious needs, but to reach out to cover their many requirements in a warm and comfortable environment.

Rooms are available for rent to various organisations for use for courses and conferences. Healing groups, Counsellors, Holistic groups use the Centre as they find the warm, welcoming atmosphere conducive to their work. The Quiet Room lends itself to their work and is very popular with these groups. Retreats are also held at the Centre.

Bernie's hope is that the Centre will continue to grow and be seen as a place of healing, and a haven where people could come to get away from the stresses in their lives. She hopes that the needs of the people will always be the first priority of the Centre which will continue to be welcoming and open to the people.

Anyone who knows Bernie will realise that as long as Bernie is at the helm, this hope and wish will be realised, as in her quite unobtrusive way, she exudes this welcoming warmth. We wish Bernie many happy years as Director of the Iona Centre and we know that we are all in safe, gentle hands under her direction.

– Sylvia Doyle

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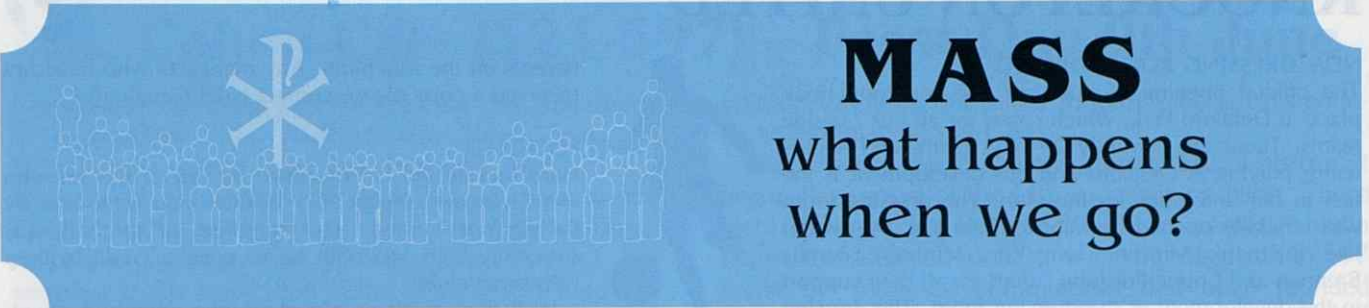
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# MASS

## what happens when we go?

It was at the Last Supper, a festive meal that Jesus instituted the Eucharist. It is no wonder that it was at a meal that Jesus did institute it. For when we read the Scriptures we find more than four dozen accounts of Jesus' eating or talking about food. In the religious culture of his time, Jesus by 'breaking bread' extended the hand of friendship and peace in a rite that united all in friendship. At meals, Jesus taught, healed, forgave sins and spoke of God's love and mercy. His presence and sharing at these meals showed his complete willingness to do whatever was necessary to reconcile people to God the Father.

If this is what Jesus' meal ministry was about, then, so much more was the Last Supper. If Jesus accomplished these things at meals at which ordinary bread was broken, what are the achievements of a meal in which the 'bread' broken and share is eternal - when the bread was his body and the wine his blood? They surpass all limitations.

The Old Testament uses images of bread and wine as signs of the joy and plenty of the promised land. This led Tradition to refer to the Eucharist as the foretaste of the Messianic Banquet of the Kingdom. These are but ways of speaking of heaven and of our eternal union with the Trinity and with each other. This Messianic Banquet is the overflowing banquet which is the ultimate reality beneath the veil of our eucharistic signs.

### Memorial

In following Jesus' instruction at the Last Supper to "do this in memory of me" we are not simply recalling a historic event. The whole biblical concept of 'memorial' is far deeper than this. In the Eucharist we are acknowledging that through his grace and power, God is able even today to insert us into a past moment which is still living and actual. This mysterious action of God makes Jesus' great salvific act of self-giving present to us and enables us to join with his act and so not only do we receive but also we offer ourselves - "May he make us an everlasting gift to you". Through the Eucharist, we unite ourselves to God the Son, through the Holy Spirit to God the Father.

### Real Presence

When we bring the bread and wine to the

altar, they are simply that - bread and wine. By the power of the Holy Spirit, these imperfect gifts are taken over by Jesus and 'from being signs or offering, they become signs of Christ and his self-giving. Modern Sacramental Theology teaches us that a sign is not something representing an absent reality but that it reveals and conceals a reality that is present. Jesus' total self-giving in the world of sacramental signs means that the bread and wine are changed into Christ's very self.

Saying that Jesus is present in the bread and wine goes beyond saying that he is present in an object or a person. It is a far richer concept. It is saying that in the Eucharist there is 'a personal encounter with the Risen Christ'. All other modes of his presence - the Word, the assembly, the celebrant - come together in the celebration of the Mass. The presence of Jesus requires our presence and our response. When we present ourselves and respond to his presence, he nourishes our life of faith and so allows us to grow deeper into union with God and with others.

### Sacrifice

The mystery of the Eucharist is also about the Sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross - the one and only sacrifice of Christ that brings salvation. Over the years we may have emphasised the Passion and Death of Jesus to the point where we divorced it from his life. Can we truly separate Jesus' life from those moments on the Cross. Is sacrifice just a particular, isolated event - a sort of negative force that somehow has positive effects or is it a life-long positive commitment to living for values other than selfish ones. Jesus' sacrifice is not this negative notion of 'giving up' but a positive option for God who desires union with us. This sacrifice is not a 'giving up' but a 'giving for'. Eucharist was not something he shared only on the night before he died. It represented and reflected his entire life of self-giving.

The Eucharist is not just the commemoration of the sacrificial event of a single day but the celebration of the sacrificial gift of Jesus' entire life. The implications of this for us as his followers are crucial in that they require us to live out fully our life-long option for God.





## NEW DRESSING ROOM OPENED

The official opening of our new dressing room took place at Delaford Park, which caters for all our 7-a-side teams. There are currently 20 boys teams and 4 girls teams playing at Delaford and this development is the first in our ambitions for the club. The dressing room was officially opened by Minister Tom Kitt. We would like to thank Minister Tom Kitt, Minister Seamus Brennan and Councillor John Lahart for all their support in the development of the dressing room. The dressing room was constructed with the aid of Lotto funding and without this funding, the development would not have been possible. It is by working together with politicians and local councillors that the club can achieve its ambitions.

The day itself was a great day as we were blessed with good weather. We would like to thank Fr. Jim Murray for blessing the dressing room. We would also like to thank all those who attended and are grateful to the local community groups, sports clubs, local schools and the football associations for their support. A lot of work went in to making the day a success and a particular thanks to Jimmy Pakenham, John Doyle, Andrew Doyle and Henry O'Reilly. The day ended with refreshments, kindly supplied by Michael Delaney. It was also great to see all the old faces and developments like this will continue to keep them involved in the club.

## CLUB TRACK SUITS

The club still has a number of tracksuits available both for the boys and girls teams. As the ladies football season is about to begin, please contact your manager if you wish to order a tracksuit.

## MANAGERS' BOOKLET

The football committee 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.

## FOOTBALL

Hard luck to the U8 managed by Peter Fullerton who were narrowly beaten 1-0 in their cup semi-final by Ballyfermot United. The standard of football was extremely high and both teams were a credit to their respective clubs.

Well done to Kevin Geoghan who organised a football trip to Limerick University for the U14 team at Easter. All the players went through a tough training session where professionals tested them for physical strength, agility, and fitness levels. They were also given a talk on injuries and how to cope with them. Finally, they were instructed on the type of drinks and food to have before and after football training and matches and what type of foods to avoid. They enjoyed the weekend and also learned a great deal. The facilities at the University were excellent and if any managers are interested, please let me know.

Any queries you can contact me at the details below.

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*Minister Tom Kitt with Seán Moran, Chairperson, Knocklyon United.*



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# St. Colum Cille (521-597) – Feast Day 9th June

Crimthann O'Donnell was born in 521. He was directly descended from Niall of the Nine Hostages. (Crimthann means 'fox' or perhaps 'red-haired'.) Because of his Gospel life and regular visits to the Church, his monastic nickname (or was it his baptismal name?) was Colum Cille ('Dove of the Church'). His alertness to the inspiration of the Spirit of love may also have helped to earn him the title.

## Characteristics of monastic/Celtic spirituality

The word *monk* originally meant a hermit but was generally applied to anyone who 'left the world' to live in community. It was founded on the natural religious spirit of the Celtic people. They made no formal distinction between the sacred and the secular, the material and the spiritual. There was a profound sense of the presence of God in all created reality. Religion permeated the whole of life. It was marked by a pre-occupation with mystery which leavened everyday experiences. There was a great consciousness of the Communion of Saints, that intimacy with all members of the Mystical Body of Christ, those living and those dead. In the rule attributed to him he requests the monk to 'perform the prayers for the dead with fervour, as if every one of the faithful who died were a special friend of yours'. The monastic rule of 'pray daily, fast daily, study daily and work daily' deeply influenced the life of the Irish.

## Iona

In 563 he became a 'pilgrim for Christ's sake' and set out for Scotland. The theological reason for this was to

imitate Abraham, our father in faith, who left his country at the invitation of God.

That journey would influence the course of history. It began the spread of the Irish monastic tradition. There were 150 monks in Iona. Each of his monasteries had a network of affiliated monasteries. After his death in 597 some 60 monastic communities had been founded around the coast of Scotland. Thus began the spread of the Irish monastic tradition.

## The legacy of Colum Cille

He stands among the great Irish saints who were also scholars, lovers of books, learning and teaching.

Poet, monk, lover of beauty, man of prayer and action, diplomat, trouble-shooter and wonder worker. The spirit of enthusiasm permeated his life. As a scholar he developed the skill of manuscript illumination. He defended the bards on the assumption that poetry was an important part of Irish life.

Books and beautifully designed books are associated with him and his monasteries. He belonged to a period that produced this island's major art treasures; the Book of Durrow, which contains an early medieval manuscript copy of the Four Gospels, and the Book of Kells are associated with monasteries that he founded. Tradition associates him with monasteries at Derry, Raphoe, Swords, Lambay Island, Inchmore in Lough Gowna, Kells, Durrow, Glasnevin and, of course, Knocklyon.

He died in Iona on June 9th, 597. Columbanus and himself are said to have had the greatest influence in the development of western European civilisation. – Fr. Jimmy



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# CONFIRMATION DAY – 23rd MARCH

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Bishop Eamonn Walsh, Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin (third from left) with Rev. Jimmy Murray, O.Carm. P.P. (second from left), Rev. Philip Brennan, O.Carm. (left) and Rev. Tony McDonald, O.Carm.



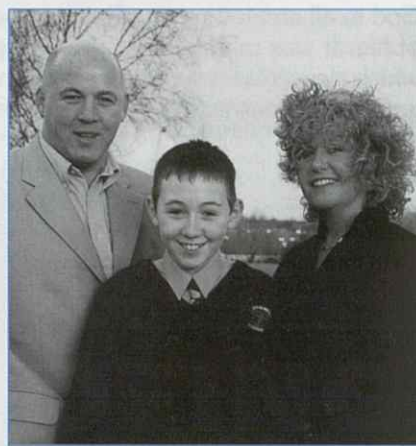
From left, Daire Lalor of Templeroan, Shóna Brophy of Woodstown, Hannah Byrne of Knocklyon Woods, Roisín McHugh of Beverly, Maria Incrocci of Delaford, Rachel Carpenter of Orlagh and Jenny O'Neill of Orlagh.



Jack Beatty of Orlagh, with his parents, John and Siobhán.



Kirsty Wisely of Glenvara with her parents, Celine and Eugene.



Carl Bolger, of Templeroan, with his parents, Seán and Gráinne.

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## PARISH FORUM NEWS

The Forum has continued to meet monthly in February and March, planning and reviewing parish activities and requirements with the Parish Team. Participation Sunday achieved all its aims – of creating awareness of the wide range of activities in the parish and recognising the huge voluntary input into these activities and also of extending participation by the community in these activities. All new participants are welcomed.

The Forum wishes to congratulate all the speakers on the topic at the Masses on that day.

The Celebration Day for the Rainbows Programme was a great success. In order to extend the range of programmes more facilitators would be required and the Rainbows Team would like to hear from anyone interested in receiving training as a facilitator.

The Foróige Club for young people is developing well but the other youth initiative has not progressed due to a lack of interest by the young people involved. Some suggestions for the development of spiritual action for young people were discussed and Fr. Philip will pursue this further. The question of whether a new format is needed for the Novena of Grace was raised by Fr. Jimmy and will be further discussed.

The proposal to renovate the Church porch is being pursued by tender and parish finances will be spent on a major electrical programme in the junior and senior primary schools in the coming months.

Some discussion took place on whether there are groups in the parish that are not being catered for and how the parish is meeting the needs of the traveller community and, also, on what the needs of non-nationals might be in our community. Parish Team members will follow up these issues further.

– Eleanor O'Brien

## PARISH 2004 WEEK 22nd to 25th June

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**Thursday, 24th June – 7.00 p.m.**

**Pet Show – start grooming your pet**

**Green in front of the Church**

**Application Forms from Parish Office**

**Friday, 25th June – 8.00 p.m.**

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## Knocklyon Community Council

In March the Knocklyon Community Council invited submissions from residents' groups on the draft of the realignment of the Knocklyon Road. These would be taken into account when we were preparing our own submission.

Unfortunately having prepared our submission it was brought to our attention that we had omitted to include the details in connection with Templeroan. We would like to apologise for this mistake.

Since it was brought to our attention we have written to South Dublin County Council on the matter, as well as all the county councillors in the area.

We will also raise this matter during our deputation meeting with South Dublin County Council. We hope to have a report on this meeting for the next issue of the Knocklyon News.

## K.A.R.A. NEWS

We have just resumed our meetings after the Easter Break. The weeks leading up to Easter were eventful with a three-day break in the Galway Bay Hotel. We enjoyed browsing around Galway itself and also a trip to the Burren and the Cliffs of Moher. While the weather was cold it was also bright and sunny – perfect for viewing the scenery. There was plenty to do in the evenings with dancing, sing-songs, bingo and table quizzes. The overall service in the hotel was excellent and was much appreciated by all.

At one of our Tuesday meetings we had an enthralling talk from Anna Brioscu on researching the family tree. Anna illustrated how to go about this as she traced her research into her own family tree. We renew our thanks to Anna for a most enlightening morning.

On Tuesday 30th March we had a guided tour of the National Gallery where our excellent guide, Frances Coughlan, introduced us to paintings of Irish interest and also, of course, to the Carravagio.

There was an afternoon visit to the Gaiety for the R&R production of 'My Fair Lady' which everyone seemed to enjoy.

In the coming months we are arranging an outing to The National Museum in Collins Barracks and we also hope to join the Ballyroan group on a boat trip on the Shannon followed by dinner in the Shamrock Lodge Hotel in Athlone.

Meanwhile our Tuesday meetings and Thursday bowls and badminton continue.

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Noel Mordaunt, secretary .....Tel: 269 5188.  
John Davis, treasurer.....Tel: 451 2222.

## 112th Knocklyon Monday Night Cubs

Congratulations to our Monday Night Cub quiz team: Kate Fitzharris, Lauren Mulhall, Mairead Fanning, Patrick Trainor, Reamonn Kennedy and Stephen Cuddy who won the Dublin Montpelier\* County Quiz beating off fierce competition from twelve other teams, including 112th Knocklyon Tuesday and Wednesday Night Cubs, to reach the national finals.

The team ably and proudly represented the new county in the National Final, held in Dundalk on Saturday, February 21st achieving an overall 7th place despite PA system difficulties.

As this was the first National Quiz organised by Scouting Ireland, two teams represented the new county and we were accompanied in our quest by 65th Greenhills.

Both teams did our new 'county' proud!

(\*Formerly known as St. Colmcille's Region we are now organised into county or 'sub-county' groups under the newly formed 'Scouting Ireland' following the amalgamation of CSI and SAI. Montpelier Hill overlooking South County Dublin is 'home' to the Hellfire Club.)

**- Geraldine, Clare, Christine, John and Ian (proud leaders of Monday Night Cubs)**



**Back row, left to right: Christine Ellis, Geraldine Taplin and Clare Doheny (Monday Night cub leaders). Middle row: Stephen Cuddy, Patrick Trainor and Reamonn Kennedy. Front row: Lauren Mulhall, Mairead Fanning and Kate Fitzharris.**

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In 2003 the Knocklyon Parish Forum decided to reactivate the Parish-based Rainbows site. A number of members of the Forum expressed an interest in getting involved in Rainbows and they attended a Rainbows Facilitators training course. A public 'Rainbows Information Meeting' was then held in May 2003 and this meeting threw up more volunteers who were willing to get involved. The Knocklyon Parish Rainbows site now has 13 trained facilitators. This does not automatically mean that we can facilitate 13 groups as for one reason or another not everyone is available at the same time. It was then decided to run a parish based Rainbows programme for school-going children aged between 5 and 12 years old. This programme ran from October 2003 to February 2004 and was rounded off with a very successful 'Celebrate Me Day' in March 2004. We had seven groups and over 30 children participated in this programme.

The task of facilitating a Rainbows group seemed very daunting beforehand. The usual human doubts creep into one's mind – will I be able for this? Will I be able to talk with and listen to a group of children that I don't know (initially)? How will I react if the discussion gets very emotional or angry? Will I really be able to help them in any way? Will they come back for the second session? As it turned out the experience was very rewarding. You get to know the children pretty quickly and you develop a style or system to conduct your session. The structure of the Rainbows programme makes it relatively easy for the facilitator and the participants can be as involved as they want to be – some may just want to sit and listen. It can be difficult for some initially but I think that the experience of our programme was that they all engaged in it eventually.

Rainbows is a Registered Charity and was founded in America by Suzy Yehl Marta to help children who have been bereaved through parental death, parental separation or parental divorce, to work through the grieving process which follows any significant loss. Well over a million children and young people have taken part in Rainbows. It is described as a 'peer support programme to assist children, adolescents and adults who are grieving a death, separation or other painful transitions in their family.' It helps by providing a safe setting in which children can talk through their feelings with other children who are experiencing similar situations. They are helped to articulate their feelings by an adult facilitator or listener. A Rainbows programme is conducted in small groups of between 3 and 5 children of the same age and usually runs for 12 weeks. Rainbows provides materials, journals, storybooks, games and activities which forms a structured programme to lead the children gently through the grieving process.

In view of the success of the 2003/2004 programme it is planned to start a further programme for children of a similar age group in September 2004.

Anyone who is interested in learning more about the Knocklyon Rainbows site can contact the Rainbows Co-ordinator, c/o The Presbytery, Idrone Avenue. Phone: 494 1204.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In the last issue of the Knocklyon News I was pleased to read that 'Operation Clean-up Knocklyon' was planned for the weekend of 24th/25th April. Near to that date I received a reminder with detailed instructions and was delighted with the enthusiasm of those involved in this project – the Senior School, Knocklyon Community Council and South Dublin County Council.

On the Saturday I was impressed as I observed the community spirit manifest itself in various ways with people of all ages getting involved in cleaning gardens, green spaces and footpaths. The waste was brought to a designated area for collection by S.D.C.C.

However, by Sunday evening the site had become a dumping ground when items like beds, dishwashers, washing machines and cookers were added to the waste. It became evident that some residents had taken the opportunity to abuse the facility by disposing of their personal waste.

I am appalled at the response of some people to what was meant to be a clean-up of litter, overgrowth and weeds only.

I have read in your newsletter of the success of the local school in achieving the Green Flag award for awareness of the environment. I can imagine the disappointment of the children with the sight on Monday morning. What message are they receiving?

To the many people who got involved with the true spirit of the clean-up, well done, and to those who sneaked in after dark to dump their unwanted rubbish – shame on you.

– Name and address with editor.

## A PERSONAL VIEW

When I first came to Knocklyon I realised how fortunate I was to be part of a very active and vibrant parish community. I attended one of the parish open days in the pre-fabs and was amazed at the enthusiasm of all who attended. We shared ideas, views and had dreams – some of which are now a reality!

I was invited to attend a Liturgy and Spirituality meeting to discuss one of the many ideas and still find myself many years on going to the monthly meetings which I really enjoy. Being part of the group has enriched my life, also deepened my understanding of the Liturgy.

At the monthly meeting we discuss how we can encourage active participation of all in the Liturgy. We work with the other groups and endeavour to make the celebrations a real source of life in our parish. Over the years I have made great friends, learned a lot and appreciate the necessity of participation in order to understand the true Christian spirit.

– Joan Goodwin

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## • ST. COLMCILLE'S JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS •

### PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

Friday April 30th was an historic day for our school. President Mary McAleese came to view our pupils' art work as part of the People in Need Telethon. All 730 pupils were addressed by an Uachtaráin, after she heard some lovely songs.

The President was very impressed with the Art exhibition which celebrated our childrens' world. In class the children discussed and debated the role that each of them can play as part of a family, as part of our local community here in Knocklyon and as part of the wider world. They considered how each of them can try to make each part a better place to live in. They tried to show their vision of our community and of our world, through art. President McAleese was very impressed with their efforts.

### NUTGROVE EASTER EGG COMPETITION

Ms. Gallagher's Junior Infant class was commended for their entry to this year's competition at Nutgrove Shopping Centre. Twelve of our classes sent very creative entries this year.



Ms Gallagher's Junior Infant Class with their winning egg in the Nutgrove Easter Egg Competition.

### HOOKED ON HURLING

Second class pupils have been coached in Hurling and Camogie by Brian O'Regan from Ballyboden St.

Enda's and by three of our teachers, Ms. Evelyn Neary, Ms. Sinead Brennan and Mr. Tony Sweeney. Mr. Sweeney received a special award from O'Neills and Cumann na mBunscol for all his promotional work down the years. The pupils who play Hurling and Camogie on the green after school attended the National League final at Croke Park as guests of the GAA.

### ELECTRICAL UPGRADE

The Department of Education and Science has provided the Board of Management with a substantial grant to upgrade electrical installations at the main building. This work will be carried out during the Summer holidays.

### SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The application to replace our prefabricated classrooms, with permanent accommodation was first lodged four years ago. There is no sign of progress yet despite the fact that our small prefab classrooms are now over twenty years old. We hope that the project will go to the Architectural Planning stage before the Summer holidays.

### ENROLMENT

All places in next year's Junior Infant classes have been filled. It seems unlikely that there will be vacancies in Senior Infants', First or Second class in September. Parents who hope to send children to the Junior School in future years are reminded to complete application forms at the school office. Teachers of next year's Junior Infants will meet parents on June 1st and June 2nd. Uniforms will be on sale for half an hour before each of these meetings.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Our 180 second class pupils and their six teachers have been busy preparing for First Holy Communions which take place on Sundays May 16th, 23rd, and 30th. Fr. Philip, Fr. Tony and Fr. Paddy have visited classes to help them to get ready for their big day. This summer two of our former pupils, who are now students of Froebel College of Education, Erica Mulholland and Aoife Gorby, are volunteering to teach

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in the slums of Nairobi, Kenya. They will also work with children in orphanages, and in HIV-AIDS community projects in some of the world's worst slums. The children are profoundly disadvantaged and the communities suffer from extreme poverty. As part of the Froebel-Kenya educational development fund they will be helping to train Kenyan Kindergarten teachers and also helping to create a teacher resource centre. Our First Holy Communicants have nominated this project as one of the charities they will support this year.

### VISIT FROM AN UACHTARÁIN

Friday 30th April was a special day for the pupils of St. Colmcille's when President Mary McAleese came to view their art work on the theme of 'People in Need'.

The event commenced with a visit by the President to both the Junior and Senior School where she met pupils, teachers and parents from the various groups associated with the schools. She spoke to representatives from each class who explained to her the significance of their art work and projects. It was obvious she was impressed, not only with their art, but also with the depth of the genuine caring for people who are less well off than themselves.

Later, in the Church, following a dramatic/musical presentation by pupils the President spoke from the altar. She expressed her appreciation of the warm welcome she received and of the work that went into the preparation for her visit. One couldn't help noticing the beautiful floral display depicting the theme 'Building Bridges' which decorated the altar. The President acknowledged the fact that St. Colmcille's is the biggest school in Ireland and pointed out they were also the BEST! She commented on how encouraging it is for her and the great hope she has, as President of the country, to witness the talents of some of our future generation.

Before leaving the President posed with a number of children for photos which we hope to include in the next issue of the Knocklyon News.

The teachers and children have to be complimented for the way in which they prepared the school and themselves for this historic occasion. Well done to everyone involved, and we have no doubt that the children of Knocklyon will treasure their memories of the day the President dropped in to say Hello.

**- Editorial Team**

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### BROS PEARSE A.C.

The National Indoor Championships were held in Nenagh in April. Our individual medal winners were: E. Crotty, Gold, U13 Sprint; G. Moggan, Gold, U15 High Jump; R. Whyte, Bronze, U16 Sprint, Bronze, U16 High Jump; N. Cummins, Silver, U19 400m.



Congratulations to these and all our competitors in Nenagh. We had further success when our Senior Relay team won Silver at the championships. As the days brighten we prepare for the Outdoor season and look forward to seeing plenty of our athletes take part in the Dublin Championships in Santry in June. We also wish well to all our athletes taking part in the school events over the next few weeks.

Training is now taking place outdoors, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7-8 p.m., Sundays 11-12 at Cherryfield.

For further information contact Aine at 493 1764.

### Mass Times First Holy Communion Sundays

16th, 23rd & 30th May

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#### First Holy Communion

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## Nuacht ón Scoil Shinsearach – Senior School News

### THE KNOCKLYON SPRING CLEAN-UP

The Knocklyon Clean-Up took place from the 23-25 April. The pupils of St. Colmcille's S.N.S. planned the spring clean as part of their Green Schools Project. Knocklyon Community Council and South Dublin County Council helped.

Each child was responsible for tidying his/her garden. Some children teamed up to remove the rubbish from the surrounding trees, bushes and greens with the help and guidance of the adults. South Dublin County Council supplied the black bags and collected the rubbish.

Thank you to all who helped to clean up Knocklyon.

– *Chloe Murphy, Coiste Uaithne.*



*Pupils, parents and teachers from St. Colmcille's S.N.S. working on the school grounds as part of the Knocklyon Spring Clean-Up.*

Recently the well known environmentalist, Éanna Ní Lamhna visited St. Colmcille's S.N.S. and spoke to 5th class pupils. Her visit was organised in connection with the 'Ringo Project' where pupils are encouraged to collect the plastic ringos which are potentially damaging to birds and animals. The following piece has been written by some of our 5th class pupils.

### RINGO PROJECT

For the past few months fifth class pupils have been collecting ringos. These are the plastic ring can carriers for drink multipacks. You often see them thrown around our community!!! We send them off to Mallow

in Cork where they are recycled. We have collected a large number of ringos, our class alone have collected 4,204. I think you'll agree with us, that's a lot of ringos!!

The project manager, Éanna Ní Lamhna, visited our school recently to give us more information on helping our environment. Some of the points she made during her visit were:

1. We are running out of places for dumps and nobody wants a dump near them.
2. We must all learn to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.
3. How many of us have COMPOST BINS in our gardens? Do you?
4. Up to 1/3 of your waste from your grey bin could be put in your Compost Bin.

Éanna Ní Lamhna took time to visit our school and tell us about our environment. So come on everybody. Isn't it about time we all took SOME ACTION!

– *Katie Dooley, Amy O'Neill, Aoife Ryan and Eoin Small. R.11*



*The environmentalist Ms. Éanna Ní Lamhna, with some 5th class pupils on the occasion of her recent visit to St. Colmcille's S.N.S.*

Five pupils from St. Colmcille's S.N.S. were winners in the recent 'Write a Book' Project organised by Blackrock Education Centre. The pupils wrote their own books, which were then read and assessed by a panel of adjudicators.

### REVISED MATHS CURRICULUM

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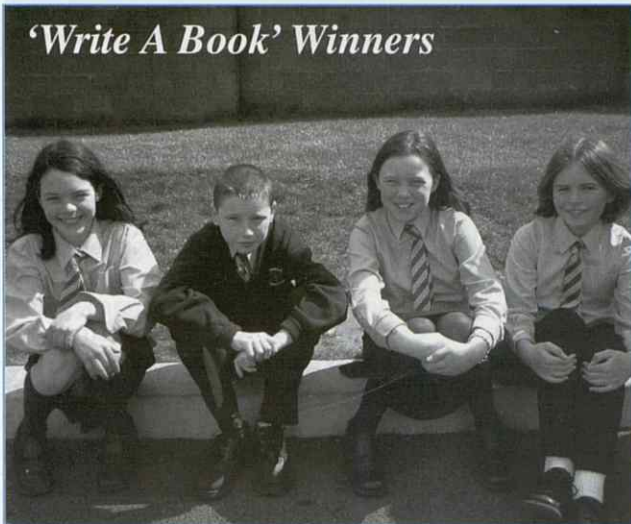
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### 'Write A Book' Winners



Left to right: Anna Stafford, Derek Meegan, Zara Fagan and Emma Doyle. Missing from photo is another prizewinner, Ciarán Byrne.

one of the initiatives we are currently undertaking. The revised Maths Curriculum places an emphasis on bringing Maths out of the classroom and into the real environment. In the photograph (right), two 4th class pupils, Becky O'Neill and Darren Leonard are photographed with their metre sticks, clipboard and measuring tapes as they measure various items around the school.

### CUAIRT AN UACHTARÁIN: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

As the Knocklyon News goes to print, pupils and staff are busy preparing for the imminent visit of President Mary McAleese to St. Colmcille's Senior and Junior Schools. The theme of the President's visit is 'People in Need' and the President will be viewing pupils' art work on this topic. The School Choir and Grúpa Tradisiúnta will also be performing for the President and a dramatic/musical presentation will be performed on the theme of 'People in Need'. We hope to include photos from the Presidential Visit in the next issue of the 'Knocklyon News'.

### CÚRSAÍ SPÓIRT: SPORTS NEWS

The Dublin Primary Schools (Cumann na mBunscol) Hurling and Camogie season is now in full swing. We have five school teams competing in the various

Hurling and Camogie competitions. All teams are acquitting themselves very well and we are hopeful that we may have a representative team in the Croke Park finals in late May/early June.

### CONFIRMATION CHARITY FUNDRAISING.

Each year our 6th class pupils are provided with the opportunity to make a voluntary donation to a number of selected charities in the aftermath of their Confirmation. The selected charities this year were the Bóthar Project which sends goats, cows etc. to Kenya and the second project was to help our twin school in Mozambique.

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Beckie O'Neill and Darren Leonard measuring items in the school grounds as part of their Maths Programme.

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## EXTRA CURRICULAR UPDATE:

### Basketball

The Cadet Girls' Basketball Team was narrowly defeated in the Dublin Schools Final in the National Basketball Arena on Thursday 11th March. Congratulations to Mary Pat Prendergast and Aileen Ryan for their great success with this team. All the junior students of the school were brought to support the team and they created a wonderful atmosphere at the game as well as representing our school extremely well in the wider community.

### Badminton

The Under 14 Boys' Badminton team had two tremendous successes recently. Firstly they won the Dublin Schools Championship and subsequently went on to win the Leinster Finals also. Congratulations to them and to Ms. Stapleton on their great achievement.

### Hurling

Over ninety boys from first and second year participated in the indoor hurling league, which took place over the last 5 weeks at lunchtime. We were honoured to have had two Dublin hurlers to present the prizes to the winning teams. Mark Meehan captained Kilkenny to success and John Cashin captained Dublin. Conal Keaney and David Curtin were present on Friday afternoon to sign autographs and present the U14 hurling panel with new sliothars and hurling grips compliments of Ballyboden GAA Club. Many thanks to Conal and David for giving up their free time to visit our school.

Our Under 14 Hurlers also played in the semi-finals

against Coolmine Community School on Wednesday 28th of April.

### Table Tennis

The under 13 boys won their league and the senior boys recorded an historic win by not only winning their league for the second time but also remaining unbeaten in all forty eight matches.

### Volleyball

Well done to our 2 Junior Girls' Volleyball teams who came 1st and 2nd in the South Dublin Schools Volleyball blitz against St. Mary's of Haddington Road and St. Paul's, Greenhills.

### Camogie

All our camogie teams are busy training for our upcoming matches.

Senior Team are in the quarter finals of the Dublin County 'B' championship against Maynooth Community School in upcoming weeks

Junior Team are preparing for the semi final of the Dublin County 'B' Championship.

Minor Team are in the final of the South Dublin League and also are in the semi final of the Dublin County 'A' championship.

## FRENCH EXCHANGE

Students and teachers from the College Saint Joseph in France were involved in an exchange programme with our students and teachers at St. Colmcille's Community



Group of Second Year students from St. Colmcille's Community with their French Exchange students hill-walking at Larch Hill.



Conor Tyrell, Cassie Delaney, Lynn Tierney, Fiona Byrne and Shauna Heron enjoying themselves at the Céili in the school.

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School, Knocklyon. We welcomed them here in the school on Tuesday 16th March, with a reception organised by the parents, teachers and students. Events organised for the week included a Céili, guided walking tour of Dublin, a trip to the Aquatic Centre and shopping in Blanchardstown. Many students made colourful and welcoming displays to make them feel welcome. It was an experience enjoyed by all involved and a special link has now been formed between the two schools for many years to come.

## SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE

A wide variety of events was organised by the Irish Teachers to celebrate our culture and native language during Seachtain na Gaeilge. These included Trath na Gceist, Ceili, Caint Aonair, Ceolchoirm and Drama. Congratulations to all involved for both an enjoyable and well organised week of activities

## GREEN SCHOOL FLAG

Congratulations to the whole school community on the wonderful achievement of having the prestigious green school flag awarded to the school recently by South Dublin County Council. The Green School Flag Committee began its work in May 2001 when a small team of students and staff joined forces to heighten environmental awareness at St. Colmcille's Community School. Over the past two years the committee has expanded considerably and a huge effort has been made to encourage all those in our school community to "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle" as part of the national "Race Against Waste" campaign. The committee has had considerable success in implementing its anti-litter policy and with the support of the students and a



Taking a rest while hill-walking at Larch Hill.



Welcoming party for the students from College Saint Joseph.

dedicated staff we have seen a dramatic improvement in our school environment. Both "An Taisce" and "South Dublin County Council" continue to be a great source of support and encouragement to the committee. Particular congratulations to Ms. Hayden as co-ordinator of the committee of teachers and pupils who continue to promote the 'reduce reuse and recycle' mentality amongst us. The flag will be formally presented to the school in the near future.

## COLOURS DAY

On the 10th of March we had a colours day in aid of The Multiple Sclerosis Society and The Chernobyl Child Aid Project. The fundraiser was an enormous success, raising €650 for each charity. Thank you to everyone who supported the causes.

## ST. COLMCILLE'S WEATHER STATION

The weather station is now up and running with the first and second year students recording daily rainfall levels and sending them directly to Met Eireann in Glasnevin.



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# Gaelcoil Chnoc Liamhna



Bhuel, tá an Cháisc curtha dinn agus ní fada uainn an Samhradh! The end of the academic year is almost in sight but a lot will happen between now and the end of June. The pupils and staff have many events to look forward to and those indefatigable members of an Coiste Airgid are planning the next social occasion.

## COÍNEARTÚ

Bhí lá álainn againn ag deireadh Mhárta nuair a chuaigh Rang a 6 faoi lámh an Easpaig. March truly 'went out like a lamb' and we were blessed with very pleasant weather. Bhí cuma ana-fhásta suas ar na páistí a bhí réitithe go h-iontach ag a múinteoir, Nuala Furlong. Cór na scoile sang at the ceremony and were in themselves a tribute to the skills and hard work of Múinteoir Daithí agus Maria Stanley. Ar mbuíochas freisin do na tuismitheoirí agus na múinteoirí a chuir ana-chuid oibre isteach sa cheol ar an lá.



Na páistí ó Rang a 6 sa Ghaelscoil a chuaigh faoi lámh an Easpaig le déanaí.

## CÉAD CHOMAOINEACH

Ní túisce an Chóineartú a bheith thart nuair a chaithfidh aghaidh a thabhairt ar an gCéad Chomaoineach. Rang a 2 will receive their First Holy Communion during Mass at 11.00 a.m. on Saturday the 15th of May. Tá Múinteoir Daithí ag réiteach a chuid daltaí le tamall anuas don ócáid mhór seo. Arís, tá gach duine sa scoil, idir dhaltaí agus múinteoirí, ag déanamh a ndéic le cinntiú go mbeidh lá ana-speisialta ar fad ag buachaillí agus cailíní Rang a 2. Nor can we forget the parents of Rang a 1 who are preparing the Communion party which will take place at the school after the ceremony. Not many things happen in Gaelcoil Chnoc Liamhna without a 'cupán tae' to finish it off!

## RANGANNA BREISE

We are delighted to welcome our external teachers this term. Dante Farrina will continue Italian with Ranganna a 5 agus a 6. Elaine Byrne returns to us on Tuesdays for ranganna rince agus beidh Áine Ní Fhathaigh i mbun drámaíochta gach tráthnóna Luain. Ó thaobh an cheoil de, beidh Daithí Mac Domhnaill agus Clár Ní Fhlatharta ag glacadh le daltaí don veidhlín agus don fheadóg stáin. Dr. Sue Browne will complete her story-telling activities with Naíonáin Shóisearacha agus Rang a 3.

## CÚRSAÍ SPÓIRT

We fully subscribe to the belief that 'mens sana in corpore sano' is the aim of any educational establishment worth its salt and, with this in mind, we plan to keep our pupils busy this term! Clíona Nic Dhomhnaill will be taking some classes for basketball each week. Bímíd an-bhuíoch do Chliona é seo a dhéanamh ar son na scoile. Múinteoir Pádraig is anxious to hone hurling skills in the school in general, and, to this end, has organised a lunchtime hurling league for Ranganna 3-6. Ar ndóigh, we are already looking forward to our annual Lá Spóirt which, weather permitting, will be held in early June.

## OÍCHE RÁSAÍOCHTA

Bhí oíche an-mhaith againn i Mí Márta i dtigh tábhairne Mortons. Bhí slua maith i láthair. Certain punters seemed to have an infallible system while others, such as mé féin, ended tearing up even the raffle tickets! It was all 'ar son na cúise' however and the company was an adequate recompense. Coiste an Airgid professed themselves delighted with the turnout and the Gaelcoil can only thank them for the wonderful support they give the school.

## GOLF CLASSIC

We are returning to Killeen Golf Club for our annual Golf Classic ar an Luan, 31/5/'04. The tee is booked from 9.00 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the organisers are hoping that the day will be even more successful than last year. The entry fee of €275 covers golf and dinner for a team of four. A great day out for all those who need an excuse to get on a golf course!

## SIÚLÓID SCOILE

Mar chríoch ar an mbliain, beidh siúlóid scoile ar an 15/6/'04. Is lá teaghlaigh a bheidh i gceist anseo agus is seans é do gach einne dul ag spaisteoireacht le chéile as Gaeilge. Beidh tuilleadh eolais faoi seo ar ball.

## EOLAS

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# Connect News

## IT'S GOOD TO TALK ... AND LISTEN

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'Between the ages of 10 and 13 most children will have tasted alcohol, usually at home and with their parents' permission', however some children experiment without their parents' knowledge, maybe by helping themselves from the family drinks cabinet. By the age of 14 they will at least know someone who smokes hash and will be curious to try ecstasy.'

So far we have looked at the illegal drugs Cannabis, LSD and Ecstasy. This month we have a look at the illegal drug Amphetamine Sulphate.

**What it's called:** Speed, Whizz, Uppers.

**What you'll get:** Speed is very common among young people and is becoming more available. It is sold in 'Raps' (about half a gram) of white or pink crystalline powder in a paper envelope like pouch.

**What'll you do with it:** Speed is commonly snorted up the nose, but can also be swallowed or drunk with liquids. It can sometimes be injected and the risks from injecting are the same as other drugs, such as heroin. A type known as 'ice' or 'crystal' can be smoked.

**What'll that do to you?** After about twenty minutes, the user will start to feel the effects of the drug. Heightened awareness and a sense of elation is experienced. The user will babble at lengths and will be friendly towards anyone they meet. Energy levels are increased. The user will find it difficult to sleep and appetite will be suppressed often for a long period after the drug is taken.

**Will it effect me in the long-term?** In more ways than you think. As with other stimulant drugs, users experience a 'crash' after the 'high' caused by the drug. High doses of amphetamines can cause panic, paranoia and hallucinations. With long-term use, a condition known as 'amphetamine psychosis' can develop, with symptoms similar to schizophrenia. The paranoia can cause people to become violent if they believe they are being threatened or persecuted.

## New President from Knocklyon

The Academy of Medical Laboratory Science, the professional body for medical scientists in Ireland has a new President, Christine Long. Christine resides with her husband Greg and son Eoin in Dargle Wood.



She began her career by studying at the DIT, Kevin Street, when it was the College of Technology. She then went to Coventry, Bristol and finally to Coleraine where she gained her MSc, with distinction. More recently she achieved her Diploma in Training and Education from NUIG, a course of study she enjoyed immensely.

Throughout her working life, Christine has experience of both large and small hospital laboratories in Ireland and Australia. Besides her love of medical science, she also has an interest in management and education and training, in particular how they relate to medical scientists. In recent years she has lectured on management and education programmes as a member of the associate faculty of the National College of Ireland and as guest lecturer of the AMLS/NUIG programme on training and education.

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### Ice-Cream Sunday in aid of the Down Syndrome Association of Ireland - 16th May - Scout Den

Stretch-n-Grow is hosting a fund-raising event on Sunday, 16th May, in aid of the Down Syndrome Association. Stretch-n-Grow will give a free half-hour class to all 3-5 year olds in the parish and after the class some free ice-cream will be given to the children courtesy of HB Ireland. The Scout Den, Knocklyon, have kindly donated the use of their hall for the occasion. Classes will run the half-hour from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. in the Scout Den (adjacent to Gael Scoil). Classes at 2 p.m., 2.30 p.m., 3 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. Children may join in on a first-come first-served basis. Children are invited to give a donation, and all donations are forwarded to the Down Syndrome Association. For further details contact Rose Anne at 493 6999.

### 'BALLINEEN TO BELFAST'

George Ferguson has been living in Coolamber Park for over twenty years. When he retired from active work as a Methodist Minister, neither gardening nor golf held any attractions! Instead, he was asked to teach Creative Writing to a class of adults. George has published three books of his own. The latest is a biography of Rev. Dr. W.L. Northridge who was an eminent Irish Methodist Minister and Pastoral Psychologist. Everyone loves a success story. 'Ballineen to Belfast' is the life of a local boy who achieved much for the good of others. The book is available from George Ferguson at 110 Coolamber Park (Tel: 494 1201) or in the Parish Shop. The price is €15.

## Knocklyon Concert Band

29th March-1st April were the dates for the Associated Board practical exams. We hope all band members will be rewarded for all the practice, time and effort they put in this year in preparations for these exams.

Our Senior Band took part in the National Band Championships on Saturday, 17th April, in Notre Dame Secondary School. The band, conducted by Caitriona Ni Threasaigh, was placed a close 2nd to Fermoy Concert Band.

Our end of year concert is scheduled for the 22nd May in the Community Centre at 8.00 p.m. The concert will feature our 3 bands, announcements of Band Members of the Year and the debut performance of our Jazz Band. The Jazz Band consists of 12 of our very talented Senior Band members, who only after a few weeks of practice are proving themselves, as not bad musicians!

Tickets for the concert are available from any of the following committee members: Siobhan Kenrick, 087-265 5862; Valerie Geraghty, 495 2624; Clare Doheny, 493 6395.

As last year's trip to Midsomer Norton was such a success, we are in the process of trying to put another package together for our Senior Band from 9th-11th July and hopefully day trips for our Junior and Intermediate bands. Dates and further details will be advised later in the month.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate one of our Band Members, Anna Doyle, who played 'Danny' in a recent production of 'Grease'. Now we know you can sing, act and play the trumpet! Well done.



KCB Senior Band's performance in Merrion Square on 14th March as part of the St. Patrick's Day Festival, under the baton of John Meehan, conductor.

### ST. COLMCILLE'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Parents' Association thank all those who supported their recent 'Ready Steady Cook' night. The proceeds will go towards

additional computer and multi-media equipment for our schools. The Association is grateful to 'Neff' for their ongoing support by sponsoring the equipment for the evening.

A BIG thanks to all who supported the

colour day last month, it was a good success.

The Committee are currently investigating the possibility of partaking in the Arts Competition for the Community Games. Please watch for notes in schoolbags for further details of this event.

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## KNOCKLYON GOLF SOCIETY

Our first outing for 2004 was held in **South County Dublin G.C.** on Sunday 4th April. Normally, this golf course would provide you with a very tough challenge; however, as the weather conditions were abysmal (arctic conditions) on the day, it was an achievement just to complete the 18 holes. So, well done to everyone!

Despite the weather conditions, we had a huge turnout and it was heartening to see so many new members playing on the day.

### RESULTS:

Winner:	Des Ryan (25)	39 points
2nd:	Hugo Peden (12)	34 points
Class 1:	John Grier (6)	31 points
Class 2:	Gary Davitt (14)	31 points
Class 3:	Bill Gorman (20)	33 points
Front 9:	Kevin McDonald (10)	18 points
Back 9:	Fred Lane (17)	18 points
Visitor:	Pascal Sullivan (22)	29 points

Congratulations to all our prize winners! Also, we would like to thank our sponsors **Intelligent Data Limited** for their generous support.

Our next outing is Friday 14th May in **Rathfarnham G.C.** (1 p.m.-3 p.m.). Hopefully our rain gear will be dried out by then. Kevin McDonald will contact each member re timesheet for the day. As there are a limited number of vacancies left to join the society, please do not hesitate to contact Fred Lane P.R.O. at 493 2661 or 086-836 3138 if interested.

### GOLFING DEFINITIONS:

**Lost Ball:** An opponent's missing ball after 90 seconds of searching, or one of your own after 20 minutes.

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— Fred Lane, P.R.O.

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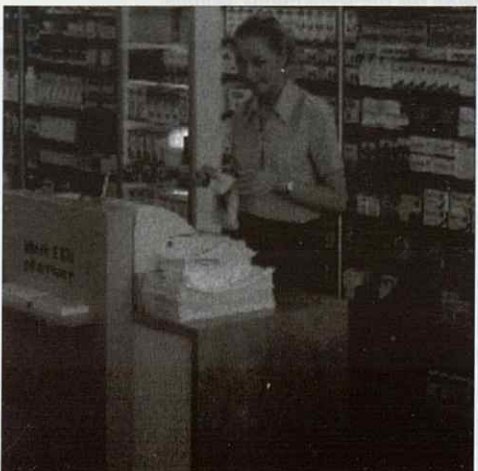
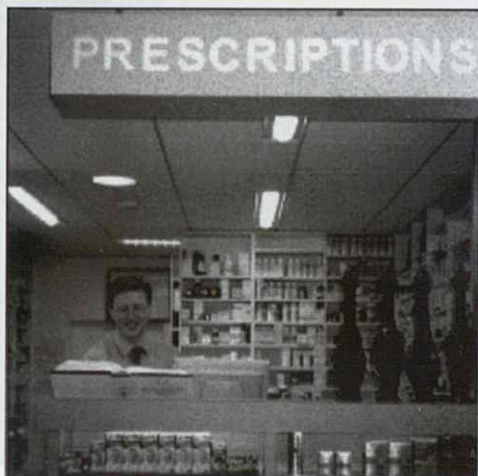
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## Foróige



*Some members of the hip hop dancing group.*

A new Youth Club has recently been formed in Knocklyon for secondary school teenagers. It has been a great success!

The Youth Club is part of a group of youth clubs around Ireland which come under the direction of an organisation called Foróige. Foróige are responsible for the initial training of the adults and our newly formed Junior Committee. The committee was voted in by Youth Club members and we now have a chairperson, secretary, treasurer, public relations officer and 2 regular committee people.

We meet every Friday from 8-9.30 p.m. in Knocklyon Community Centre, and already have taken part in a fun run/walk for charity in March with other Foróige members based around South Dublin.

On a Friday evening there are numerous activities available ranging from football, basketball, volleyball, board games, art and hip-hop dancing. We are looking forward to May 7th, because we will be having our first Youth Club outing to Leisureplex.

We are currently filled to capacity with 50 teenagers, with a waiting list of teenagers wishing to join.

The Youth Club is a wonderful facility for the teens of Knocklyon and we are extremely grateful to the adults and parents who are responsible for forming this great Youth Club. They have put in an incredible amount of time and effort for us so far. This Youth Club is exactly what us teenagers of Knocklyon needed. So on behalf of all of us – a huge big Thank You!

*– Foróige Committee*



*Under 12 medalists in the Community Games.*

## Community Games

On Sunday, 25th April, a very successful evening was held in Templeogue swimming pool. We now look forward to a large representation of Knocklyon children in the Dublin Finals in June. We thank everyone for their assistance.

On the same day the Girls' U13 Indoor Soccer, managed by Brian Meehan, won the Dublin Finals and now go forward to the Leinsters.

At present, there are many children in the Basketball Arena involved in basketball play-offs.

*– Mary Ward, Community Games Committee*



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*Keen participants for the Community Games.*

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# CLG Baile Buadáin Naomh Éanna Ballyboden St. Endas



The game of camogie celebrates its 100th Birthday this year and already a major season of events is in full swing to celebrate the anniversary. The achievement is not only significant in gaelic games terms but in terms of women's team sports Cumann Camógaíocht na nGael was among the first organisations in the world to take the lead.

As part of the year's celebrations, clubs all over Ireland are organising a programme of events to mark the occasion. Under the chair of Senior Club and Dublin player Irene Kirwan, Ballyboden St. Endas is busy playing its part and on Friday-Saturday 14/15 May, the club will hold a Mini-All-Ireland Blitz for girls under the age of 13. The games will commence on Friday night and conclude on Saturday. On Friday night – the players and families will take part in an open-air Céilí with the Irish Rovers Ceili Band and Bar-B-Q (indoors if weather prevents).

Another activity is an Art Competition for girls' primary schools which has been kindly sponsored by Book World, Knocklyon Shopping Centre. All exhibits will be displayed in the Clubhouse. Additional events are planned for the rest of the year and further information can be accessed on the club's website [bodengaa.ie](http://bodengaa.ie).

Irish Rugby triple crown star Girvan Dempsey was among the guests at the Presentation Ceremony to successful teams from 2003. Girvan was joined by Dublin footballer Colin Moran, Dublin and Ballinteer St. Johns ladies footballer Angie McNally and Dublin hurler Darragh Spain.

Féile na nGael season has come around again and the club will be represented in the All-Ireland Finals in Ladies Football by the Under 14A team managed by Robbie Murphy, Joe Brennan, Karl Young with assistance from Yvonne Murphy. The team finished runners-up in the Dublin Final.

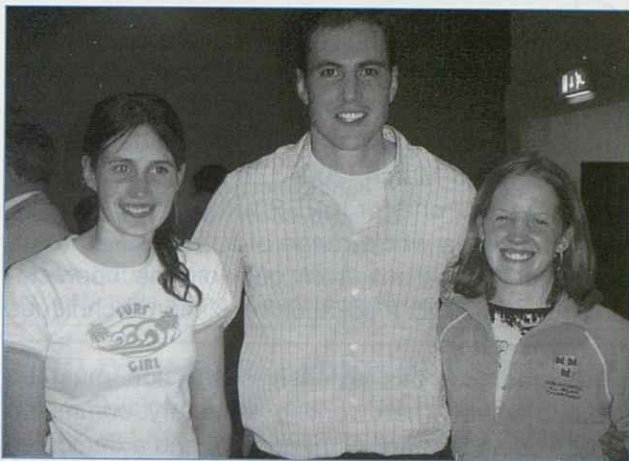
The Under 14A football team managed by Vivian Ruddy, Kevin Maguire, Declan O'Reilly, John Mulligan and Jim Keane has been generously sponsored by Carroll and Kinsella, Churchtown – main Toyota dealers.

The club will be announcing details of the Rathfarnham and District Credit Union sponsored Summer Camps shortly. Please contact Director of Coaching, Enda McNulty at [enda@bodengaa.ie](mailto:enda@bodengaa.ie) or 01-494 7950.

– G. O'Sullivan – [gerry@bodengaa.ie](mailto:gerry@bodengaa.ie)



Carroll and Kinsella, Churchtown – Toyota Dealer – are the new sponsors of the Ballyboden St. Endas U14 football team. At the launch were from left: Dublin and Boden star Colin Moran, Kevin Maguire (mentor), Loughlin Murphy, MD, Carroll and Kinsella, Hugh Ruddy and Vivian Ruddy (manager).



Girvan Dempsey, Irish Rugby International, was among the star guests at the Ballyboden St. Endas Presentation Night. Girvan is joined by Camogie medal winners Aoife Scallan (Knockcullen) and Fiona Ní Shúilleabháin (Orlagh Court).

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## KAIES Celebrates Creativity



Presentation of art work to the Youth & Community Centre.

KAIES (Knocklyon Adults in Educational Studies) celebrated its twelfth year of educational provision at Knocklyon Youth & Community Centre with a wonderful display of their work by its visual arts students on Tuesday, 23 March, 2004. The year has been a very successful one for KAIES with around 200 students enjoying a whole range of activities – from art to dancing/movement, from golf to wine appreciation, from guitar to meditation/relaxation techniques and many others.

The credit for this extensive provision must be given to a very hardworking voluntary committee under Angela Slattery, Chairperson, and a dedicated team of tutors whose skills and dedication to their students cannot be applauded enough.

Talented students displayed paintings varying from still life to familiar and far-away scenes as well as abstract art. The joy and enthusiasm of these students as well as of their tutors, Jess Walsh and Eddie Doran could be clearly seen and felt at the exhibition. Beautiful floral displays from the floral arts group were a joy to look at, and Mary Calnan, tutor, spoke of their motto – 'friendships through flowers'. Tutor Gráinne Tyndall's 'Angels at Play' exhibit gave us a background to her healing and spiritual awareness programme. The generosity of tutor Lucia Creed with her group was praised and while the work of other tutors and students could not be displayed it is equally worthy of high praise and commendation.

As a mark of their appreciation for the facilities of the Community Centre, Ms Pauline Sheedy, present Chairperson of KAIES, presented an art work created by all of the art students to Mr. Paddy Collins, Chairperson of the Centre's Board of Management. Ms Sheedy conveyed the gratitude of KAIES for the co-operation, support and accommodation provided by the Committee of the Community Centre over the last twelve years. Accepting the Art Work Mr. Collins thanked KAIES and also praised the input of KAIES to the Community Centre each year.

We congratulate all involved in KAIES – committee, staff and students – for all their achievements in 2004 and over the many years since they started their studies in Knocklyon.

– Eleanor O'Brien



Mr. Paddy Collins, Chairperson of Knocklyon Youth & Community Centre, Ms. Pauline Sheedy, Chairperson and members of KAIES Committee.

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Our sincere thanks again for your continued support and help.

— Mary Coleman, Máire O'Donnell

## THANK YOU FROM CHERNOBYL CHILDREN'S PROJECT

*We have been asked by Michael Kenny, Coolamber, to express his gratitude to the people of Knocklyon for the generous response to the collection after Masses on the weekend of 20th/21st March.*

The collection exceeded €10,000. Michael also received donations of clothes, toys and other items which were brought to Belarus in the convoy which set out on Easter Sunday.

(We congratulate Michael and his colleagues in the Outreach Group on their commitment to this worthy cause, and wish them continued success with their efforts on behalf of the Chernobyl Children's Project.)

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