

# The Knocklyon News



ST. COLMCILLE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER — DECEMBER 1984



## CHURCH PROGRAMME FOR CHRISTMAS SEASON

Friday December 21st

Monday December 24th  
(Christmas Eve)

CHRISTMAS DAY



Wednesday December 26th

Thursday/Friday Dec, 27th/28th

Saturday December 29th

Sunday December 30th

Penitential Celebration 8 p.m.

Confessions 10.30 — 12.30, 3.00 — 5.00  
7.00 — 9.00

Carol Singing 11.15 p.m.

Midnight Mass 12.00

Masses 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

Masses 10,11

Masses 10, 11 and 6.10 p.m.

Masses 10, 11 and 7.00 p.m.

Masses as usual



## PREPARATION . . . . . CELEBRATION

"THOSE WHO SOW IN TEARS WILL SING WHEN THEY REAP" . . . (*Book of Psalms*)

"There is more joy in heaven over one repentant sinner . . ."

Forgiveness is a beautiful and positive thing. It brings about ease and relief, serenity and freedom, peace and joy. Where the wounds of sin or hurt have been deep, the joy of forgiveness is all the more complete. Both the forgiver and the forgiven are enriched by the experience. That is why forgiveness should be *celebrated*. And so, in the story told by Jesus, the father throws a party for his prodigal son returned home.

The celebration, the party atmosphere, of forgiveness has all too often been missing in the actual experience of the sacrament of reconciliation. The gentle compassion of Christ has at times been clouded, if not altogether hidden, by dark or uncomfortable surroundings, by an uninspiring ritual of formal prayers, by an all-too-human priest/minister of the sacrament. The concentration on detail of confession has perhaps led more often to annoyance or scruple than to a healthy awareness of our sinfulness.

To meet Christ in joyful forgiveness is the purpose of our **Penitential Celebration on Friday December 21st at 8 p.m.**

Christmas is almost upon us. Perhaps we have done little or nothing so far by way of prayerful preparation. This is our great opportunity. As the word of God puts it "Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation".

**NOW IS DECEMBER 21st at 8 p.m.!**



*Niamh, Ashling and Fiona Brennan of Coolamber Park delighted with their Santy bags at the Christmas Fair.*



## THE CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS 1984

Imperceptably, like an incoming tide, Christmas is closing in on us. There may be tinges, or more, of anxiety over cash flows, or more likely about cash itself, there are the ominous closures at our local shopping centre, but, thank the Lord, the show goes on.

For some time now the shops have donned their Christmas apparel in defiance of the present grim economic climate but then as a wise man said, does anyone remember when times weren't hard and money not scarce!

The advertisements as usual are promising bigger and better and the more exotic for, what they would have us believe, ridiculously low prices, "better value all the time". The Christmas carol in the background brings out the Christmas flavour. The association of the carol with the material need not worry us unduly as they were originally secular songs. The Franciscans are credited with having them used in the religious context.

The present price of toys for us of older generation are mildly shocking - I seem to remember a train set of many Christmases ago for 2/11, less than 15p! On the exotic side there are the perfumes, one in particular comes to mind, Magie Noire, (we French scholars know this translates Black Magic, I think). An intense accompanying voice urges us to release the misty background with a very pained expression of her features, intended I believe, to make all and sundry swoon. At this point the old sceptic comes out in me and I entertain the thought that it might be better for all our intelligences, if the poor girl had stayed in the bottle. Still it may be just perfume to you, I wouldn't know - at least I like its title, Magie Noire!



The Christmas tree or fir tree was originally associated with Saturn, the Roman God of Agriculture. His reign was identified with the Golden Age of equality and plenty. At his festival, the Saturnalia, in December, gifts were exchanged and slaves were treated as their masters' equals. The holly, ivy and mistletoe, are symbols of fertility with their winter berries.

Of course we are not forgetting the ubiquitous, ever ancient, ever new Santa Claus. There have been several sightings of that worthy gentleman already this year, at the recent Christmas Fair for instance. Further I can tell you now for certain, for my sins, that he will be appearing on the 17th, at Toddlers' Morning in the Parish Centre, if illness or some worse fate does not befall us in the meantime!

There we have the human face of Christmas with its tangled web of the profane and the sacred. Yet somehow, almost in spite of ourselves, it always seems to raise us above the pain of everyday living, to inspire us to charity, to higher things. Perhaps it is just the euphoria of the occasion but never forget, Christ is working through all human situations, and surely, I like to dream, nowhere is he closer to us than in the struggles, hopes, fears and joys, inevitably linked, with this special time of peace and love.

*Patrick Fitz.*

## CARE FOR CHILDREN

We recently spoke with Aindrias O'Caomh a parishioner of Firhouse Road, and chairman for the last 18 months of CARE (Campaign for the care of deprived children) about the work of this important but perhaps little known organisation.

CARE has been in existence for over 10 years, and was formed by a group of people interested in promoting the welfare of deprived children in Ireland and, who were particularly concerned about children's legislation and services available for children in the state.

Unlike many of the child welfare groups which followed CARA, CARE does not involve itself in direct face to face work with children. Its work however is no less real or important as it strives to raise the consciousness of the public in general, and legislators and administrators in particular, with regard to the current state of child welfare. It also lobbies for specific changes at political and administrative level.

Underlying the work of CARE is the belief that there should be a minimum state involvement in the lives of children, since this care is generally second best - i.e. childcare services should be based on the principle of maintaining children in their own family where at all possible.

A task force was set up in 1973 at the request of the then Minister for Health Brendan Corish on which CARE was represented, to report on child care services. The final report of the task force was published in April 1981.

Although there have been some limited changes in the administration of child care services to date, the implementation of the task force report, remains a Priority concern of CARE. It is particularly concerned with juvenile justice which Aindrias describes as being in a "sorry state".

CARE is a purely voluntary organisation open to all who share its aims. Its annual membership fee is £2. Its policy is determined by a Council of about 30 persons elected by members at the A.G.M.

The founders of CARE were, and the present members of the council of CARE are drawn mainly from the children's services and relevant academic disciplines - thus ensuring its voice is one of authority - but the public can help CARE by either joining its membership and/or raising the issues which concern us with our public representatives, voicing our dissatisfaction and not leaving the effort to someone else.

CARE can be contacted c/o 244, Harols Cross Road, Dublin 6.



*Beth Cummins*

*Aindrias O'Caomh*

## GIRL GUIDES

Our summer camp, started at a very busy Busarus in July. Eventually all of us got on a large bus with our gear on two other buses. Six hours later we all arrived in Churchill, Co. Donegal. We set up camp overlooking Lough Gartan in which we bathed, canoed and chilled our toes. Nearly all of us got treated to a capsiz in the canoe.

We had lovely weather and enjoyed a few hot hours on Rosapenna beach, during a tour of the north coast. Another day was spent avoiding horse flies, in our nearest national park at Glenveagh.

We explored our own estate, frequented the local village, visited an art gallery and learned how to do the necessary to feed ourselves.

A request, which received minus ten points for the thought, but never the less was granted — was for rain while under canvas. From six p.m. on our last evening to packing the bus the next day, the guides experienced the need for wellington boots and water-proofs.

At the beginning of November, 15 guides enjoyed the pleasures of Beckettsfield, Co. Dublin. Map reading, orienteering and gastro-nomic delights helped us through some long hours of wakefulness. Who said children need sleep? We helped put up an ariel runway from a large ash tree down to a sturdy hawthorn. This was great until you had to pull someone else up to the start. It was noted that some guides did alot more pulling than others.

These events do help us all to be aware of others and share tasks. If we learn through pleasure it is easier to remember.

**P.S. No new guides can be accepted unless some adults — even young adults — come forward to offer help!**

*The Knocklyon Art Club visited the ROSC '84 exhibition. Here we see John Greene and Brendan Smyth enjoying the exhibit "The Vendor". Colm Rafferty (age 8) wrote and told us that ROSC '84 was a wonderful place — "It is full of wonderful modern paintings and exhibits. The one I like best was an elephant made of steel and ears made of maps".*



### ROSC '84 — What did it mean to you?

Being almost totally illiterate when it comes to art, my personal opinion of the recent Rosc exhibition which I visited on it's final day will not contribute one iota to useful debate; therefore I shall remain silent. I must confess, though, my curiosity about other peoples' impressions is upsetting my otherwise still life.

One person who will remember Rosc '84 for a long time is 12 year old Jeanne McDonagh of Knockcullen Drive, who won 1st prize in the National Essay Competition organised by Rosc and Guinness, in conjunction with the Exhibition.

The Competition, open to all young people under 18 years, was for the best essay entitled "What Rosc means to me". Jeanne picked up the entry form for the Competition when she visited the Exhibition with her parents and wrote the essay next day. At the suggestion of her Mum, she brought the essay to her English teacher at Loreto High School, Beaufort — Miss Mary O'Farrell — who pointed out any errors in grammar or spelling and wished Jeanne luck with her entry.

It would seem that Jeanne didn't need too much luck as she took away the top award of £100. Miss O'Farrell (according to Jeanne) almost fell over in surprise when she heard the news and Jeanne's classmates quickly spread the news so that she received a big round of applause on entering the classroom.

Jeanne's real interest is in painting, not writing and she hopes to pursue this interest in later life and possibly go into architecture. She likes abstract art and has entered some art competitions, including one organised by Dublin Junior Chamber, two years ago, when she was presented with a Certificate of Merit for a black and white drawing of a man fishing.

Jeanne asked us to convey a special word of thanks to her friends and classmates for their good wishes on her success and also to Miss O'Farrell for her help.

And from us Jeanne, on behalf of the Parish — "Very well done and continued good luck".

*Beth Cummins*



## KNOCKLYON PAST

Back in the old days, people came from miles around to swim in the Dodder, from Templeogue Bridge to Old Bawn. On a warm summer's evening, there would be families from Walkinstown, from Crumlin, from all around, come to swim in the then-clear waters of the Dodder. A favoured site was the Pussy's Lep, where people would throw coins in, then dive after them and pick them off the river's bottom. More adventurous swimmers went to Joe Alley's Hole, which was thirteen feet deep. It was here that less-gentle fathers taught their children to swim – by throwing them in!

Pussy's Lep is opposite to Knocklyon Road and there's a house there called the Leap. Joe Alley's Hole is further upstream. Dave Allen, (Tynan O'Mahony former) was among the crowds that were to be found by the river on a warm day – Dave's home is Cherryfield, on Firhouse Rd. Christy Brown could be seen looking on. One day a young chap, who dived into Joe Alley's Hole got his head stuck in an old jerry that was on the bottom and had to be brought to hospital by his mother, to have it removed.

The older people would be found working with the hay. "And if you needed a hand, there was never a shortage. Just send out word and they'd be all around. As long as you had the buttermilk and the porter"!

Ever wonder why the cross in the field opposite Mich Delaney's was erected? Well, it is one in a series of five which start at the Ballycullen Well and run across to Clondalkin. There was an outbreak of "black-leg" at the turn of the century so the land was blessed and the crosses erected to prevent the spread of this dreadful disease in the cattle herds.

*by Colm Keena*



*Carlo Pelosi*

## WANTED

The first Knocklyon baby of 1985? to include in feature on the New Year, in our January issue.

Contact the Editor at 941204/944986. A.S.A.P. after January!!!

Dear Reader,

In the spirit of the season – I bring you glad tidings – our Christmas Fair was a great success, it realised £6,229.00.

We would like to thank everyone personally who made it such a success: those who walked the feet off themselves round the parish collecting for the Fair; those of you who were so courteous to them when they called at your doors and gave, so generously, gifts for the Fair; those who worked so hard at the fair; the school children who responded magnificently in bringing bottles for the Bottle Stall.

As we said, we would like to thank you all personally, but we are afraid that this is physically impossible. And so we would like you all to accept this letter as an expression of our very sincere thanks for making the Fair so successful. We hope that God will reward you and that you will have a very happy Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

Arthur Fitzpatrick, O.Carm., C.C.  
on behalf of the Christmas Fair Committee.

## KNOCKLYON UNITED

Our recently formed Knocklyon Utd. Soccer teams have been reaching marvellous heights in the Sunday South Dublin Boys' Football Association.

Our under 13 A team have won all their matches in the league to date (8 in all) and are in the last eight teams in the Shield.

The under 10 team are unbeaten, having played 9 games, won 8 and drawn one and have reached the quarter finals of the Shield. The complete panel of players in the under 10 team, with the exception of one, is from the local St. Colmcille's School. There were great team efforts by both teams, but a special mention must be recorded for Carlo Pelosi in the under 10 team, who has scored 26 goals in the league so far and Bradley Mirren, in the under 13 team, who has a goal tally of over 30 goals to his credit.

The first monthly draw in aid of the Club has been a marvellous success with a 1st prize of £100. Proceeds of this draw will go primarily, this year, for a proposed trip to Blackpool at Easter plus expenses and future developments in the Club. Continued support for this draw will be appreciated. Plans for extra teams in the Club for next year are envisaged and when these are come to fruition we will be looking for extra Dads to get involved in the running of same.

We will keep you informed.

Contact John Mallon – 942975

### Results of Knocklyon Utd. monthly draw.

- 1st Prize: £100 Clodagh Mullins, 75, Cremorne.
- 2nd Prize: £50 Ann Costello, 66, Cremorne.
- 3rd Prize: £25 Patrick Sheehan, 9, Coolamber Pk.
- 4th-8th Prizes: £5 each James Donnelly, Ian Morgan, Karen Lowe, Mary O'Connor, Mr. Keys.

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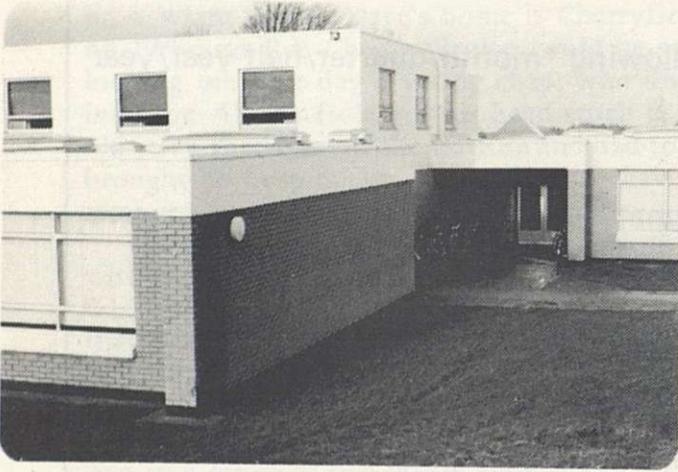
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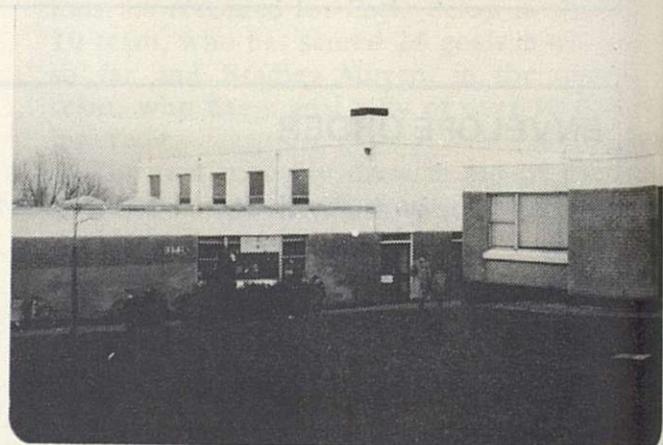
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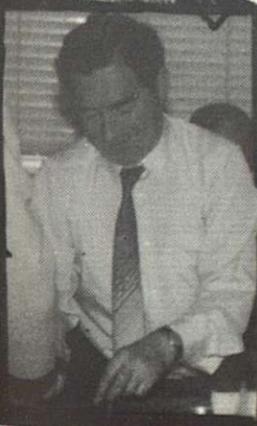
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# CHRISTMAS

# FAIR & FEES!!



## REFLECTION



In the Christmas Message delivered by Pope John Paul in 1982, the Pope said, "Every day should be Christmas". Christmas Day is a very special day; There is no word to describe the significance of what we celebrate — the coming of the Son of God — God the Creator.

Some of you may remember the great elation when Neil Armstrong became the first man to step on the moon and how the world united in prayer for the safe return of the astronauts of Apollo 13 when its booster rocket failed. Since then the space probes have reached out to the known limits of our Galaxy. Venturer 11 has bounced from planet to planet and from the furthest planet reached, its radio signals have taken four and a half hours to reach us. Staggering!! And there are other Galaxies 'out there'.

At Christmas we celebrate the coming of the Son of God into our life as "... man like us in all things, but sin..." The season of Christmas comes in the darkness of winter to lighten our lives by its brilliance and IT IS a season of goodwill and peace. Have you noticed how friendly, kind and generous people are at Christmas? People go out of their way to help others. I remember a Christmas broadcast of some years ago by the editor of "Punch", titled "For Three Days I Love You". The speaker was prepared to love everyone for the three days of Christmas and listed off the people he'd love — the milkman who woke him too early in the morning — his neighbour and their noisy dog — the irate motorist — and a host of others — but three days were enough. The 'Twelve Days of Christmas' were too much. Are we like that? Surely not.

*Joe Clinch*



## "THEN THERE WAS PEACE"

*And she held Him in her arms  
and they kept each other warm;  
The Love that lived within her  
on Christmas Day was born.*

*His tiny fingers reached out  
to touch His Mother's face;  
The Hand of God was reaching  
to touch the Human Race.*

*The Silver Star had rested,  
and Shepherds came to pray;  
Joseph lay the tiny tot  
upon the humble hay.*

*And in His heart was beating  
the love of every man;  
While people gazed upon His face  
and Holy Angels sang.*



*Patricia Farinella*



## NEW PARISHIONERS

November

Orla Devine	36 Dargle Wood
Stephen Gerard Muldowney	20 Idrone Drive
Cathal Eoin Pidgeon	112 Glenvara Park
Louise Bernadette Burke	83 Scholarstown Rd.
Kathryn Leona Keating	16 Idrone Drive
Stephen Michael Gibbons	160 Glenvara Park

## CALLING ALL MOTORISTS

Have you had trouble with your car this year? Well, why not treat yourself this Christmas, maybe not to a new car, but how about the 8 week course on Car maintenance for £15, starting in the Parish Centre on the last Thursday night in January, 1985.

It is designed for the complete novice and numbers will be strictly limited. During the course you may bring your 'Dream Machine' to the school car park and go on a guided tour round its mechanicals!

If interested, contact the Presbytery.

Fr. O'Loan receiving £1000 which St. Colmcille's Junior School collected, Mr. Paul Dalton, Principal and Samatha Keane presenting the cheque.

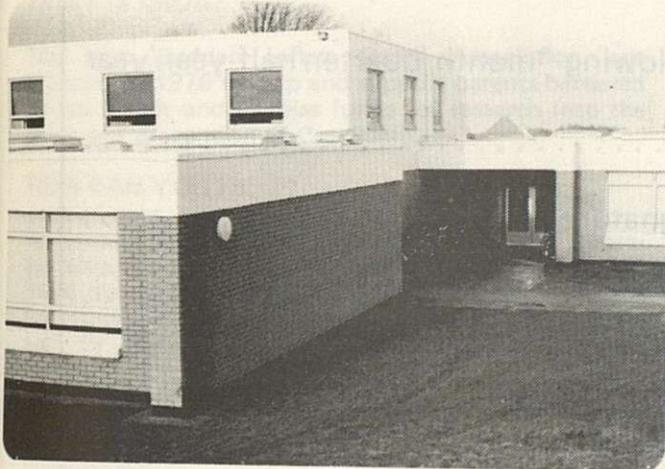


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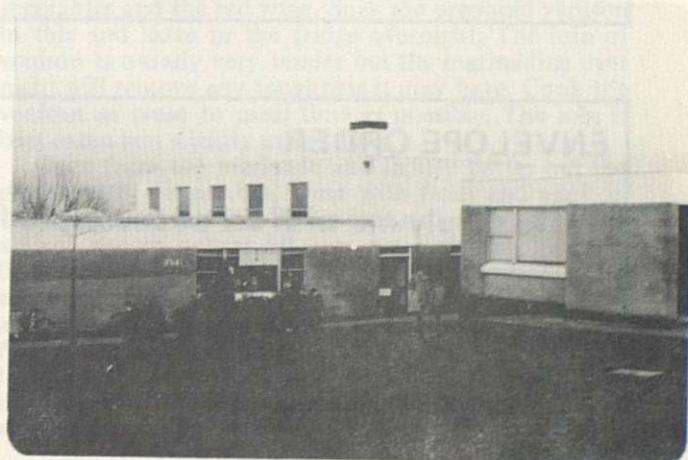
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Sudden Infant Death, or "cot death" as it commonly called, is best explained by describing a typical case. A normal healthy baby, usually aged between 3 weeks and 1 year, is put to bed without the slightest suspicion that things are out of the ordinary. Some time later the child is found dead. There has been no sound, no struggle. A post mortem may reveal slight inflammation of the air passages, insufficient to cause death.

- Sudden Infant Death occurs all over the world and is the major cause of death in babies after the first month of life. It affects 2-3 babies per 1000 born. In this country more than 200 babies die each year in this way.
- Sudden Infant Death cannot be predicted or prevented by parents or doctors, the babies appear healthy prior to death.
- Sudden Infant Death is not contagious, it does not threaten other family members or neighbours.
- Sudden Infant Death does not run in families; the risk of it occurring in a subsequent child is very unlikely.
- Sudden Infant Death is not new. It has been known since ancient times, the reason why it has come into prominence now is because advances in medical knowledge have eliminated so many of the other causes of infant mortality.

WHAT IS ISIDA?

The Irish Sudden Infant Death Association was founded in 1976 to help and support parents bereaved by cot death and to raise funds for research into the cause and prevention of Cot Death.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

At present Cot Death is unpredictable and unpreventable. You can join the fight against it by learning more about Cot Death, by supporting our demands for continuing research into its causes and prevention and by contributing to the Association's research funds.

The Irish Sudden Infant Death Association may be contacted by writing to the above address, or by telephoning:

- Eimear Berry Dublin (01) 983112
- Valerie Keogh Dublin (01) 988039
- Jack and Germaine Morrissey Dublin (01) 987364



Aileen Millane, Helen Goodall, Muireann Murtagh, Caitlín Ni Murchu at the Tea Stall, Christmas Fair.

Even with the season of full and plenty approaching I find it difficult at this time to give lavish luxurious recipes. Without taking away from the pleasure and glamour of the festivities I think it would be possible to be a little more prudent in our use of food. Many of us experience what they describe in the catering business as menu fatigue, after eating turkey continually for two or three days we eventually dump the leftovers. The problem being that the left overs were originally 2 or 3 lbs of excellent quality meat. Economical cooking is the basis of all great culinary traditions, with the exception perhaps of the French "La Grand Cuisine". What I had in mind was to reduce the amount of meat cooked for the Christmas table. Keep it in the freezer and make two good family meals out of it 2 or 3 weeks after Christmas.

As soon as you get delivery of your turkey, place it on the table with the breast down; Straighten out both legs and pull back as far as possible. Using a sharp knife cut the turkey legs off at the joint nearest the body. Make sure they are in very good condition, with no unpleasant smell, bruising or discolouration. Wrap well in a plastic bag or tin foil and place in the coldest part of your deep freeze. You may then prepare your turkey in the normal way, just allow for the fact that it will not take as long to cook, as the heat will penetrate the sides of the body much quicker.

By the time the January issue of the Knocklyon News is published you will be looking for ways of using up the turkey legs. In that issue I will give methods and recipes for making a first class "Wiener Schnitzel" from a turkey leg and a curried turkey. If there is sufficient interest I will try and set up a demonstration of the above, in the Parish Centre in the week before Christmas. All proceeds would be for the parish funds and information for same will be on the church notice board.

As promised, a recipe for Venison.

- Per person:
- 2 x 3 oz. cuts from the boned out loin of venison
- ¼ pint cream
- 1 glass red wine
- 1 glass gin
- A little melted butter and flour to thicken the sauce.
- 3 Juniper berries to give the sauce a gin like flavour.
- 1 oz butter mixed with a little cooking oil
- 1 oz flour
- 1 oz finely chopped onion carrot and herbs

Make what we call a marinade out of the chopped vegetables and the red wine. Soak the prepared venison in this and leave in the fridge overnight. The loin of venison is usually very tender but the marinading over night will remove any toughness it may have. Cook the venison as close to meal time as possible. The loin is best eaten just slightly under done.

Take from the marinade and lightly batter out the pieces with a meat bat. Dust with flour and cook in the hot butter and oil. When well sealed, or when it is a light brown colour all over pour on the cream, a little strained red wine and the juniper berries. After about 4 minutes slow simmering, take the meat out and leave to one side. Allow the sauce to simmer for a few minutes, add gin and thicken slightly with the flour and butter. When your sauce is perfect, add the meat back in and keep warm until ready for use. Serve with Parisienne potatoes, fresh carrots and courgettes.



Paddy the Chef

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*PROMOTER'S PRIZE – £10*

**WINNER – Tom Kelly, 96 Scholarstown Road**

*SPECIAL PROMOTER'S DRAW*

**PRIZE £25 – Iris O'Hagan, 12 Idrone Drive**

**£15 – C. Collins, Coolamber Park**

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**112th KNOCKLYON SCOUTS UNIT**

**November Winners**

£100 – Kenny, 47, Knockcullen Drive

£50 – Keogh, 57, Knockaire

£25 – Sheedy, 29, Delaford Avenue

**I.C.A. – NOVEMBER**

Three cheers must surely go to Peter Hughes, Superquinn Manager, who, along with his very able staff, gave their time to the I.C.A. for a most enjoyable evening. Their demonstrations and wine, cheese and cold meats testing was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The A.G.M. of the I.C.A. will take place on Tuesday, January 8th, in the Parish Centre. All nominations for office must be received by the Secretary before December 18th. Annual subscriptions to be paid on the A.G.M. night.

**Knocklyon Community Art Project**

In Knocklyon National School on 20th Jan. 1985. The project will be non-commercial. However, to cover costs adults entering work for the project will be charged £1 – teenagers and children free. Select your own topic and medium – paints, black and white drawings, macrame, etchings, pottery etc. Start now and plan out your work. Entries to be in by Jan. 15th. For further information contact **Joan Murphy, L. O'Riain, Tel. 942121**



**CALLING ALL Golfers**

Knocklyon has a thriving golf society. It's been going strong now for five years and getting bigger every year.

**In 1985 the Society will have outings to the Curragh, Slade Valley, Grange, Heath and Castle.**

*If you want to join the Society – and you can, whether you're a rabbit or a low handicap player – get in contact with the Secretary, Sean Cantwell 61, Lansdowne Park. Tel: 942624*



**Annual Membership £12.50**

**Knocklyon Bridge Club**

Lessons for beginners commence January 14th 1985 in Knocklyon Senior School. Enquiries to Fergus 961295 or Catherine 941459.