

The Knocklyon News



ST. COLMCILLE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER — JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER 1987

Commitment to Community



*Parish Problem
Sunday Morning
chaos!*

*Our Children
Looking to the
Future*



*Parish Progress
Growth in the
Community*

WELCOME BACK!



This month brought the welcome return of Paul Dalton as Headmaster of St. Colmcille's Junior School. He has just finished an extended career break which took him to a world far removed from the classroom. During his time away, he worked for Research Institute in a Financial Firm, delving into the mysteries of Stocks and Shares and writing courses for those involved in the Stock markets.

"How does it feel to be back?" I asked him. "Just as if I'd never been away", he replied.

The tanned handsome man sitting on the other side of the desk looked remarkably relaxed and fit, as if he had been on some lengthy holiday in far off climes, rather than battling with the high pressures of the financial scene. "Weren't you ever tempted to join them?" I wanted to know. "Definitely not", he said. "Until I was approached by the company, I had never really thought of having a career break, but I felt it might be a good idea. I'm glad I did it. I think it did me good, making me look at things in a different light. I was privileged to have the opportunity to try something different and would recommend it to everyone.

Paul Dalton was born in Cork, but came to Dublin at the age of 12. He was a student at Ignatius Rice College and afterwards trained in St. Mary's, Marino. In 1978 he came to Knocklyon, having already taught in Wexford and Limerick and then in Dublin, in Synge Street and Clontarf. At that time, the staff numbered 8 or 9. Today, the Junior School alone has 814 pupils, which includes the latest intake of 180 four year olds. Paul lives in Leopardstown with his wife and two small sons, where, he modestly admits, he enjoys gardening and D.I.Y.

Not so modest was his enthusiasm for sport in which he is madly interested . . . Squash, Tennis, Basketball and Swimming — mention any sport and the light comes into his eyes. Not surprising then that the younger generation in Knocklyon are so sport orientated.

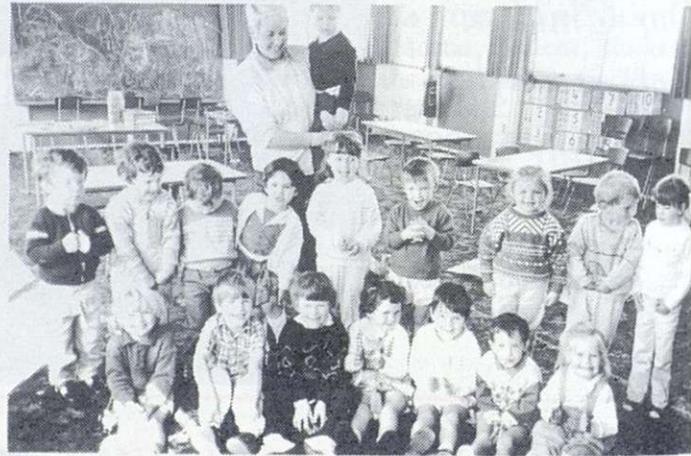
A firm believer that travel is a great source of education, he started the school tours with Pat Kelly (for whom he has the greatest admiration). "Pat has done so much for St. Colmcille's", he says, "It's an easy job to follow in his footsteps."

With all these interests, perhaps the greatest talent in Paul's life is his love of music. Did you know that he can play many instruments? The bagpipes, the accordeon and the flageolet are just a few. Did you know also that he was the Choirmaster of the musical "Oliver" for 18 months? "Joseph and his Amazing Technicoloured Dreamcoat" came next with a round of theatres from Cork to Dublin, where it played in the Gaiety, the Olympia and finally ended with an unforgettable performance in Goffs.

What plans are ahead for the future? "I would like to encourage our young people to enjoy a musical experience. It brings out the best in each one of us: it's friendly and great fun and is something we can appreciate all our lives."

I get the feeling that a splendid musical entertainment will emerge in the not too distant future. So, till then . . . glad you're back with us Paul!

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**THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE
ARE YOU KNOW WHAT . . .**

The transition period from late Summer to Autumn is surely a time of remembrance and nostalgia – sadness too, but with more than a touch of warmth, that endows it with a tender beauty . . . eternal.

And what memories of an era, now sadly changed beyond recognition. That era of steam engine threshings – kept alive in modern times in steam engine rallies. The countrymen coming to town in their horse and carts, with shafts, protruding at the back. The carts could be conveniently tilted on these, when not in use. The more adventurous of us stole rides on them – I was sorta timid! It was a rough ride, with the wooden wheels and their iron bands, jolting on the roadway. The harassed farmer trying to be about his business, generally did not approve, but we were too young, then, to understand the pressures of life. This, I presume, was how we got our kicks, at the time. Today the kicks would be more sophisticated – the innocent ones from the likes of B.M.X. bikes, and sadly we know about the more sinister ones, too.

These same carts would be used to bring home supplies for the neighbours, and other threshing day helpers – extra bread in coarse calico bags, and the kegs of porter. Old timers will tell you the porter has lost some of its final extra ecstasy, since the wooden barrel has been replaced by steel ones, or whatever. The whiskey connoisseur, also, will tell you that it is not quite the same from a bottle, as it was when earthenware jars were in use. I wouldn't know about that, but can readily appreciate how it might well be so!

As young fellows at the time, we would not qualify for anything like porter, but harvest time was also apple time, and there were generally apples available, legitimately or otherwise!

I saw apples on sale the other day – a humble enough species, not anything as posh as a Cox's Pippin or the like – and they were on special offer of 12 for 99p. This prompted me to a little monetary conversion exercise: 99p is as near as makes no difference to 240 old pence. I reckon we would have got the above 12 apples then for one old penny – but then again, at the time we did not have many pennies, old or new, so you can't win, can you?

But there was, and is, richness in abundance for us, free of charge, in Autumn and none more so than in its colour, an exquisite blend of cloud, sunshine and golden foliage. If God has a favourite season, Autumn might just be it, with its softness and care of a Loving Father – restfulness, melting to eternity.

Pat Fitz.

FR. ALAN AND FRIEND



KNOCKLYON WOODS SIGN

The original Knocklyon Woods sign, which was erected by McInerney in 1977, but has been lying derelict for some years at the Knocklyon Ave/Firhouse Rd. junction, was recently restored and re-erected by local residents. A flower bed and rockery was planted and this, together with constant grass cutting, has greatly enhanced the appearance of this, the original entrance to the estate.

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This article does not propose to cover the mechanical, electrical and technical aspects of buying a car. Equally important, however, is your *attitude* when going out to purchase your car. The correct attitude is your best weapon whether you are buying privately or from a dealer. Consider the following point: After each sizeable purchase you make, you will soon be telling someone about it. Having the right attitude will determine whether you say "Look what someone sold me" or whether you say "Look what I bought". There is a big difference between the two.

Your attitude is determined by three things:—

- 1) Your "Head"
- 2) Your "Heart"
- 3) Your "Gut feelings"

Your Head

Plus points: In here you can have the mechanical and technical knowledge which will help you. You should use it to compile a checklist. Your list should cover: suspension, bodywork damage/ repairs, door alignment, bodywork rust, tyres and wheels, windows and trim, carpets and seats, water entry, general engine condition, engine oil, radiator, underbody rust, transmission exhaust pipe, brake pipes, oil leaks, steering, handbrake and pedals, brake, road test.

Minus points: In your head you will have an 'ego'. Beware the initial attraction of "extras" or "flash" looking additions. Nothing "extra" on a car will ever save you money. Repairs, maintenance and renewal of "extras" can cost you money. Don't allow your 'ego' to tempt you into buying a car just because you would like to be seen driving it. Remember also, every "extra" can turn out to be an "extra" reason for someone else to steal it from you!

Your Heart

Plus points: If you really like the car, and it

passes your 'head tests', then you will probably look after it well. This means you will have less trouble and fewer visits to the garage. It also means that your car will retain a good resale value.

Minus points: Your heart can go soft on you — especially if your eyes like the look of something e.g. 'the puppy dog syndrome'. Hardly anyone actually buys a car "just to get from A to B", so make sure that the car you are looking at fits in precisely with your reasons for wanting a car. You shouldn't be looking for a car unless your reason for wanting it would be accepted without argument by your worst enemy.

Your Gut Feelings

These are generally the most trustworthy feelings. They come from a mixture of head, heart and personality, and are rarely unduly influenced by any one side. Often, and unknown to us, they play a very large part in our most important decisions, from changing jobs to moving house or getting married. Always bring these feelings into a purchase. They will not be unduly swayed by your own head and heart, so it follows they are unlikely to be overly affected by the efforts of a particularly good car salesman or dealer.

Your attitude when buying a car should be exactly the same as your attitude when overtaking in a car — if there is the slightest doubt — don't!

Andrew Griffin

OUR READERS WRITE . . .

Dear Editor,

What a fine bunch of hoodlums and vandals are being bred around this area. Nothing is sacred to them, not even the church. They tear branches from trees, spray-paint the playhouse, rip up the little wooden shed, call people names and destroy private property. The people used to complain about this element coming from another part, but I think we could export a fair amount of them and still have more than enough left here. Is it boredom or just no discipline at home? Or maybe both?

Yours etc.

(name & address with editor)

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“Whenever you want something done, ask the busiest person you can find; they will always have time. Never ask someone who is doing nothing because they never have any time, to spare”. This certainly seems to be the case in the Christian community. A small group of people always have time to help whenever asked. If YOU are not involved in any organisation in the Parish, why not consider taking part this year?

There is a wide variety of organisations to choose from. We will soon be forming a new Parish Council. Could you offer your services for one year? Our Parish Council should be able to organise and run the Parish.

We hope to form a Bible Study group which would help us to understand the Sacred Scripture better. Would you like to join? Some people have suggested that a group of families in the Parish should meet together from time to time to discuss and help each other with family problems. Why not organise family groups? Would your family like to take part?

The various church choirs urgently need new members. The Folk Group are appealing for younger volunteers especially budding instrumentalists.

Could you help with the Children’s Drama Group for the 10 o’clock Mass on Sundays?

There is one group that does an invaluable work in the Parish, every week, in collecting the weekly envelopes. We urgently need new volunteers, especially in certain areas.

You will find a list of activities on the back of this sheet. Select the area in which you would like to offer your services and return the sheet to the Presbytery as soon as possible.

Fr. Chris Conroy

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR 1987-1988

I wish to take part in the following:

1. The Parish Council
2. Bible Study Group
3. Vincent de Paul Society
4. The Youth Club
5. The Folk Choir
6. The Children's Drama Team
7. The Ladies' Committee
8. Collector in the Church
9. Newsletter Team
10. The Legion of Mary
11. The 11 o'clock Choir
12. Church Cleaner
13. An Area Envelope Collector
14. The Family Group

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GREENFINGERS

by Don Ryan

No doubt you are all familiar with the age-old adage about nowhere nearer to God than in a garden?

The implication being, of course, that the immense serenity and beauty of a garden is as close to Heaven as we are likely to experience during our short sojourn on this planet. However, I suspect that it originated with some Victorian gardener, who, having shifted several tons of compost, and on the verge of a massive cardiac arrest, vented his sarcasm by emblazoning the message across the front of his barrow. His totally unfeeling employer missed the point completely, relayed the sentiments expressed to "Country Life", and thereby earned not only five shillings for the star letter, but also perpetuated a great mistruth which survives to this day.

However, there is more to gardens than humping large quantities of putrid manure around, and in the forthcoming issues I hope to touch on some of the more pleasurable and less arduous aspects.

Why I was press-ganged (pardon my pun) into hosting this feature is beyond my simple wit, as I know little about gardening and even less about writing.

I draw comfort alone from the fact that both Gerry Daly and Gerry Daly were passed over in this search for journalistic excellence, and will try to discharge myself in a manner befitting such a perceptive and discerning readership.

So, starting next issue, we will review the various tasks applicable to that particular month, and maintain this calendar relationship throughout the year. We will also feature an A to Z on trees and shrubs particularly suited to our area, and more importantly, available from local garden centres.

We should therefore be able to negotiate sizeable discounts for our readers, and perhaps arrange special offers to coincide with the plants profiled.

Any queries you may have in relation to specific problems i.e. shade, drainage etc. should be addressed to this column and dropped in to the Presbytery, and I will attempt to answer these on an ongoing basis.

So, look out for the first instalment next month, and avail of the price reductions offered to improve, not only the aesthetic and commercial value of your own home, but also that of our area.

A TALK WITH SLIDES

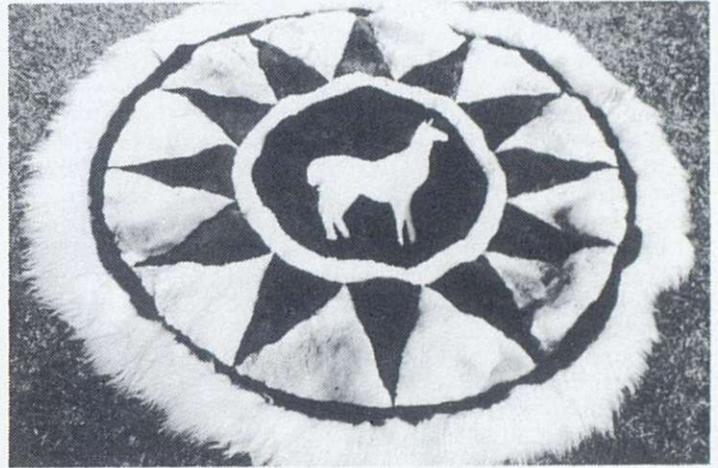
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COMMUNITY GAMES – RUGBY

Most areas in the Parish will by now have got a raucous reminder that Knocklyon are Dublin, Leinster and All-Ireland Champions. Be grateful there's no World Cup at their age!

These magnificent young men began their campaign in June against Skerries. Led by mighty captain Jerome Joyce, they won 5-0, two tries by Jerome, two by the other powerhouse Declan Walsh, but first to score was Luke Prendergast, a reluctant hero, who, with brother Daragh, played a vital part in our success.

Fancied Foxrock were next – we won 4-0 – our intrepid scrum-half Niall Brophy joining Declan and Jerome in the scoring. Derek Saville's speed and determination brought him two tries in our 7-0 win over Swords – a game in which Paul Gallagher was outstanding.

Foxrock were our Dublin Final opponents and what a match it was! No score at full time – extra time – under enormous pressure on our own line. Suddenly, Simon Walsh breaks free with the ball, runs the entire pitch and scores the try of the championship.

August brought Ashbourne in the Leinster Final a real test – Jerome in Canada. Frank Moran, Captain and leading by example – a terrific team player. Niall's jinking run and score mesmerized the Ashbourne defence.

National finals mean Mosney and rain! Thurles, our semi-final opponents were determined to win – whatever the cost. They scored first but terrific work by Paul Gallagher and Eoin Fitzgerald especially, enabled us to win 2-1. Scorers: Jerome and Declan.

The Final – against Rosses Point was a marvellous game – they were a fine team. However, an astonishing display of tackling by Derek disrupted their game and Niall, the opportunist, got an early score. Daragh Prendergast and, of course, Declan and Jerome were outstanding and Daragh Ó Murchú and Michael Hannon had an opportunity to show their skills. The final try of the Championship, fittingly scored by Jerome was a gem, following great work by Niall and Simon.

Congratulations, boys – you were marvellous! Kieron Ellis and Superquinn – sincere thanks for remarkable generosity. Profound gratitude to John Brophy for all his work. To Pat Kelly and Paudie O'Neill – our thanks – we'll be back for more! Finally, to Gerry Hoey and John Masterson – thanks from the team for providing this unique opportunity to participate in the Community Games.

John O Carroll

ATHLETICS

Knocklyon also brought home medals in Athletics. Golds for Caitriona O'Brien and Ruth Walsh. Silvers for John McWeeney, Donal Garvey and Paul Coyle. Bronzes for Leah Brown and Niall Brennan. Fourteen athletes, plus the Boys Under 14 relay, reached their finals.

Caitriona O'Brien and Ruth Walsh came fifth in the All-Ireland Finals in Mosney. Congratulations to the winners and to all who took part in the Athletics! We look forward to even greater success next year!



The winning team with John O'Carroll and Kieron Ellis, Manager Superquinn

KNOCKLYON YOUTH CLUB

As you will no doubt notice, building of the Youth and Community Centre has recommenced. The project is being carried out in conjunction with AnCO. It is expected that the building will be finished and ready for use in the Summer of 1988.

All progress is determined by the availability of money.

The Youth Club Committee is very grateful for the generous support of those who gave to the recent fund raising drive. Yet the overall response was not as good as hoped for. There are now close to 2000 houses in the Parish of Knocklyon and if only half of those gave £100 our fund would be boosted by £100,000. As it is, our expected final figure will be £45,000.

It may be that those who have not made any contribution as yet may have been put off by factors which have now changed or indeed may not have been approached. If this is so, please contact any of the people named hereunder and they will be pleased to meet you.

The Youth Club Committee has no great desire to hang a millstone around the neck of any future committee or Board of Management, therefore every effort is being made to ensure that the Centre – our Centre – is fully paid for when it is open. To do this each person in the Parish should participate in putting together the costs.

Two young parishioners, each nine years old, held a Book and Toy sale and handed the proceeds to our Building Fund – £21.05p. Our sincere thanks to Maeve Millane and Caoimhe Ni Mhurchu.

The Youth Club urgently needs new leaders. If you feel that you could lend a hand please contact PADDY RYAN (Friday) or MICHAEL COLEMAN (Saturday), during Youth Club hours – 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m., at The Junior School.

If you wish to contribute to the Building Fund contact any of the following:

Cormac Nagle	101 Dargle Wood	945876
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Con O'Grady	10, Knocklyon Avenue	513643
Pat Walsh	9 Delaford Avenue	942498
Michael Coleman	17 Delaford Avenue	941628
Paddy Ryan	56, Glenvara Park	942120
Neil Carty	59, Knockaire	942813

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School News

Welcome to the four new teachers in the Senior School: Misses McGann, McGorry, Meaney and Duffy. They are all camera shy, so we cannot produce photographs!

We hear that Miss Creamer has something special to sing about these days – she is showing a sparkler. Congratulations on your recent engagement!

Summer Watch

Thank you to all the people who took part in the Summer Watch for the schools during the holidays. It was a worthwhile exercise and prevented possible break-ins or damage to the schools.

Welcome Back

A big welcome to Fr. O'Loan who spent some time in the Parish a few years ago. All his friends will have a chance to meet him over the next few weeks.

Another welcome visitor was Fr. Joe Mothersill when he returned to celebrate Mass on Friday 18th September. The large number of people present in the Church, and in the Parish Centre indicated his popularity during his short stay in Knocklyon.

Calling all aspiring Actors

A Drama Group which rehearses in the area urgently needs male members for forthcoming productions. For further details ring 946197.

Outstanding Success

Shane Hughes from Lansdowne is the first person to receive the Conway medal for outstanding achievement in Mathematical Physics at The Dublin Institution of Higher Education.

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TALLAGHT CHORAL SOCIETY

New members are needed urgently for rehearsals to sing "The Messiah" at Christmas. Ring Paula Gorby for details 946748.

Boys and girls, remember our June Issue? We promised a prize for the best description of your favourite day of the Summer Holidays. Was it a visit to the Zoo? A day at the seaside or a visit to somewhere special? Write and tell us in not more than 300 words. There will be two prizes: (1) under 8 yrs. and (2) 9 – 13 yrs. Send your entries to:

HOLIDAY COMPETITION

The Presbytery, Idrone Avenue,
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All entries to be in by 15th October. Don't forget to put your name, address and age on your entry.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Laura Ann Nolan	5, Green Acre Ct.
Clive Stephen Lewis	128, Coolamber Park.
Laura Meredith	112, Coolamber Park.
Daire Austin Kenny	27, Knocklyon Heights.
Kevin Michael Sheedy	29, Delaford Avenue.
Gillian Sarah Kenny	1A, Beverly Avenue.
Honor Grace O'Byrne	95, Glenvara Park.
Ciara Margaret Mullen	24A, Green Acre Ct.
Kevin Joseph Gaffney	171, Glenvara Park.
Benjamin Mayne Murray	12, Beverly Downs.
Aoife Bridget Duffy	19, Beverly Heights.
Orla Ann Moloney	102, Dargle Wood.
Cheryl Catherine Alice Murphy	100, Glenvara Park.
Howard Gerard Hardy	17, Beverly Heights.
Alan James Gallagher	13, Beverly Lawns.
Shane Patrick Durkin	31, Knocklyon Avenue.
Roisin Marian Keane	117, Coolamber Park.
Shane Robert Farrelly	118, Glenvara Park.
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I.C.A.

The I.C.A. resumed after the Summer break on Tuesday, 1st September at 8.30 p.m. in the Parish Centre.

All new members are very welcome to come along and join us for a chat and a cuppa.

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CHURCH SHOP

Religious objects, Mass cards, etc. are available from our Church Shop after all Masses on Sundays and weekdays. See our display cabinet for a sample of what is available.

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Items and advertisements for inclusion in the October issue should be handed into the Presbytery by Monday 12th October. The Newsletter will be circulated from October 22nd.

If you wish to advertise contact Pat at 947493 as early as possible before 12th October as space for adverts is limited. If you have any news for our Hotlyon, simply drop a note into the Presbytery and mark the envelope "Newsletter Hotlyon".

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