



Hallowe'en

October 31, the night before All Saints' Day, is celebrated throughout the Christian world, and in many other places as well, as a special occasion for parties and games

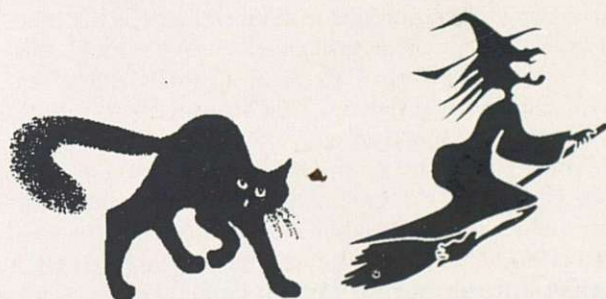
Hallowe'en means Holy Evening, but many of the stories linked to it are far from holy – stories of witches and warlocks, of bats and wicked black cats, for example.

It is the night of the year when witches are said to ride on broomsticks through the sky accompanied by their evil cats, performing wicked tricks and turning people into frogs and slimy creepy-crawlies.

One of the most famous of all Hallowe'en stories comes from Ireland, where it is said that on Hallowe'en an ancient figure

called Jack O'Lantern walks the night with only the candlelight from his lantern to guide him. The story goes that Jack was so wicked in his life that he was never allowed into heaven and never into hell. Until the end of time, Jack O'Lantern will be seen only on Hallowe'en.

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CONDUCTING CONOR



THIS is the story of Conor, age four. It is also the story of a devoted mother and father, and of the many caring people who have given them hope for the future of their little son.

It all began when Anne Farrelly was expecting her first baby. A healthy young woman who was still working three weeks before her baby was due. To this day Anne still thinks that a filled bread roll was the cause of Conor's problems. "I was sitting in the office," she said. "I was eating a bread roll for my lunch. It tasted very strange. I took another bite, but it was so awful I put it in the bin." That was on Friday — on Sunday she went into labour unexpectedly. There was some difficulty with the birth, but Conor was born at 12.40 on Monday morning without the help of a section. At 8 a.m., he suffered convulsions. The doctors quickly diagnosed meningitis, but by the afternoon they agreed that it was listeria meningitis. Not much was known about listeria at the time. Today it is widely publicised together with warnings for pregnant women. Shortly after this, little Conor developed Acquired Hydrocephalus.

The first three months of his life, he had three operations. One to insert a shunt in his head to drain the water from the brain. This proved faulty so a second shunt was inserted. A third operation was performed because the tube became bent. With amazing resilience he came through this ordeal, but later developed Cerebral Palsy, which often follows any injury to the brain. This disease affects speech and the balance of the body.

The family first heard of the Peto Institute when Anne attended a meeting on Cerebral Palsy in Tallaght. This Institute was founded by the late Dr. Andre Peto towards the end of World War II. It is now run by Dr. Maria Hari and carries out treatment for cases of Cerebral Palsy, Spina

Bifida and Multiple Sclerosis. The treatment is called Conductive Education, which is based on exercises in normal movement. A brain injured child has to be taught the right movement which comes automatically to others. Dr. Peto used to say: "People in the West are too fond of wheelchairs. It is easier to build a ramp in the back garden than to teach children to walk."

In May this year, two members of the Conductive Education staff came to Ireland to interview and assess children who might benefit from the treatment. Conor was one of the lucky ones. Anne was over the moon — it was the beginning of hope. Rory showed a little more restraint. The cost of getting to Hungary, staying there and the treatment, were obstacles to be overcome. They need not have worried. Family, friends and the hundreds of unnamed caring people who are always there, rallied round and came to the rescue. In no time at all, a Fashion Show was organised to raise funds. The Mercantile Credit Corporation, where Anne was previously employed, presented a cheque for £2,000 to start things off, and the Fashion Show realised the unbelievable sum of £7,500.

Five weeks ago, Anne received a telephone call. She and Conor were to fly to Hungary at 8.30 the next morning, Sunday. The flight took them to Amsterdam, and then another flight to Budapest.

Monday morning, Anne and Conor set off for the Institute. It is a modern building several storeys high, set on a hillside.

Inside the building, the rooms seemed spartan. The wooden furniture was made with exercise in mind — sturdy plinths and chairs designed specially for holding, helping, gripping and encouraging movement to build up strong muscles until the child can stand or sit up straight. Rolling and attempting to walk are all part of the programme. It is a long, hard day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The staff are completely dedicated to their work, but they also generate a lot of happiness and fun. There are singing sessions and puppet shows, which happen spontaneously. Conor seemed to thrive on the experience.

Back home, Conor plays happily with his sister, Deirdre. Surprisingly grown up for her 2½ years, she looks after Conor, helps him to put the animals in the toy farm and watches T.V. with him. A video of Dumbo is their favourite.

Anne and Rory are now hopeful that Conor may be able to return to Hungary in the New Year for further treatment. This will depend on whether he can have a hip operation before then. This is necessary because he has one leg shorter than the other — a problem that was caused by leaning his weight on one side only. They both express their gratitude to all the people who have, through their generosity, offered them the opportunity to help Conor live a normal life. They can only thank them from their hearts.

Eileen Casey

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"Radio Colmcille will be on the air in five minutes time" — a familiar announcement at 12.10 each Friday morning, heralding our very own pirate radio station which has taken the school by storm.

The senior classes take it in turn to produce and present the programme each week — a task which is undertaken with admirable enthusiasm. It is great to see previously hidden talent coming to the fore each week. Gaybo and Gerry watch out! The content of the programme is normally left up to the production team but generally takes the format of popular music, birthday requests, general knowledge, fashion, surveys, jokes, interviews with teachers, recipes, etc. As a rule the production comes live and one can see the relief on Mr. Kelly's face when the team leave their studio (in his office!) at around 12.30.

So far the radio has been a great success in providing educational entertainment for staff and pupils alike. Let us hope it will continue to do so over the coming months. If any sponsor is interested in sponsoring our own T.V. channel they should contact the principal or any member of staff immediately!!

J. Gearty
St. Colmcille's Senior School

V.E.C. CLASSES

The V.E.C. morning courses for adults commenced in the K.Y.C.C. on 24th September and most classes have proved to be a great success. On Mondays the Enjoy English course has 15 members appreciating the art of writing, while the Social Studies Diploma course attracted a group of 20. Wednesday is French day and 16 budding linguists assemble here. The Flower Arranging, Art and Interior Design classes on Thursday are packed to capacity, and by the look of things many homes in Knocklyon will be beautifully decorated for Christmas. Friday is Word Processing day and again it's a full house.

It's a great way to spend a morning and the cuppa and chat in the Coffee Dock is an added attraction.

Dear Editor,

Congrats to all involved on your recent award! It's about time you were recognised as an excellent publication. You do a great job keeping us informed and entertained on local issues and events. I know you are very fair and unbiased and you endeavour to cover interdenominational issues so maybe you will allow me a question!

How come that the Knocklyon United F. C. have an exclusively male management structure? I see mothers on the sidelines supporting the teams on a weekly basis, yet no female appears on the Club Committee? Is it an elitest institution or is there just no female interest?

Yours etc.
Jacquie Charlton

Dear Editor,

May I congratulate the Committee and Managers of Knocklyon United Soccer Club on the tremendous work they are doing and the excellent training they are giving to the very many young boys within our community.

I have two boys who are actively involved as playing members. The coaching and discipline within the club is of a very high standard and the training these boys are getting, and their involvement with this very successful club, will benefit them greatly as they move into their teens.

It is a pity more parents do not turn up on Sundays to support the teams and show their appreciation to the Managers and the boys. I now look forward to Sunday mornings as much as my two sons and must say many of the matches are most entertaining with very skilful football.

Well done to all concerned, keep up the good work. With your hard work and professional approach you deserve your success.

Yours etc,
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Eamonn McKay and Aileen Scanlan (Knocklyon Rd.), who were married on 23rd July, 1990



Apologies to Mary Begley and Kevin Taylor for the poor quality of their wedding photo in last month's issue. Hope this makes amends.

We are looking forward to Photos of Louise Thorpe and Alison O'Neill, more Parish Brides, in next month's issue.



Hi Everyone,

I had a really lovely holiday up in Donegal – the weather was beautiful and I went to a lot of interesting places like Ards Forest Park and Glenveigh National Park. At Ards there were lots of different trails you could take through the forest or along the beach. At Glenveigh you could watch a video telling you the history of the area and explaining some of the different plants and animals to be seen there. I went on a tour of the house at Glenveigh. It was only about 150 years old, but was built to look like an old castle. The first owner of the house seems to have been a cruel man. He threw many people off the land and forced them to leave the country because he wanted all the land for himself. Fortunately the people who owned the estate after him were not so greedy or selfish. The last owner, an American, gave the estate to the people of Ireland to be used as a Park. It is well worth a visit if ever you go to Donegal.

By now we are in the middle of Autumn and soon it will be Hallowe'en. My grandmother grew up in the country. She told me how one Hallowe'en night she was walking home. There was a strong wind blowing the dead leaves into heaps and driving ragged clouds across the sky so that every now and then the moon was covered up and everything grew dark. At a very lonely part of the road, she suddenly heard what sounded like a clanking chain and also the sound of someone breathing. She was terrified and ran away as fast as she could, not stopping 'til she was safely home. Next day, she went with her older brother down the same road. Again they heard the sound of a clanking chain, but now they could see it came from a goat who was chained to a wall. As the goat moved about the chain made a clanking noise. So, you see, often when we know what things really are they are not frightening at all.

I hope you have a lovely Hallowe'en and lots of fun dressing up.

See you soon . . .

Fr. Joe

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Freewheeling on Stocking Lane!

I am in a state of sadness, to be precise, in two states of sadness, alas, ochón 's ochón ó. On a recent Sunday morning, while celebrating the 9 a.m. Mass, I noticed 3 or 4 young boys in the porch of the church, messing and obviously not paying much attention or respect to what was going on in the church. As we began distribution of Holy Communion, they had vanished. Unhappily this is not an

isolated incident — what a strange, unthinking, unworthy way of honouring the Lord “in whom we live and move and have our being”.

What kind of direction, example, inspiration are we adults giving our young people? Are we settling for this mindless behaviour, are some of us adults ourselves mindless in our attitude to God and his commandments of love?

I happened to be discussing one of these wholesome commandments, keep the Sabbath holy, with a Church of Ireland friend. Although not an old person, he had been brought up forbidden to play his favourite game, tennis, on Sundays. This probably appears extreme in the light of present day, far more serious abuses of the Sabbath. My friend instanced our Sunday drink licensing law and the general abuse of Sunday drinking — another strange way of keeping the Sabbath “holy”.

My second sadness is not on such an exalted level, but then everything in life is important to the Lord — he cares about us. A few days past, I was walking up Stocking Lane, and in my favourite “Sheep” field, there were ominous signs of “progress”, an engineer establishing levels. Most of you will be aware of talks of big development in that area, one could think of other words to substitute for development. In the meantime, my favourite field and friend's day, are numbered. A field is not a thing, it is alive, and every form of life is precious, and so I am sad.

We are talking about real life and this means God, and to paraphrase St. Augustine, if we are too busy to be concerned about the things of God — then we are too busy.

We have a dream and a proud heritage, island of Saints and Scholars. The other side of this picture is alarmingly unhealthy — speculators, accumulators, desecrators!

Pat Alan Fit:

The 112th Scout Unit is back in full swing after the Summer break. We held our field day recently which was a great success, with a lot of interest being shown by people coming from mass. The F.C.A. had to compete with us. They were glad the scouts were there to draw the crowds.

We have two Cub Packs and two Scout Troops, which are now full. If parents wish to put their boys' names down for Cubs or Scouts for next year, please ring Maureen at 947528.

We have a Venturer Group which caters for lads between the ages of 15 and 19. This group is badly in need of a leader — if you are interested, please call Gerry at 946187.

Our 300 club draw is held every month. The subscription to this draw is £3 per month. If you wish to join the draw ring Sean at 945540.

We cater in total for 200 boys in the parish, which takes a lot of organisation and leaders. If you feel you can be of help, call Gerry at 946187.

A WOMAN AT THE HELM



We send our warm congratulations to Grainne Flynn of Lansdowne, who in the 25th Dublin Sculling Ladder, finished in a time of 7 mins 44.5 secs; 33rd in a field of approximately 83 competitors (71 men, 12 women). Grainne, in her first competitive Season, has won events at Newry, Limerick and Skibbereen, the Novice Event run by the Commercial Club on the Liffey, and the Novice Title at the National Rowing Championships at Blessington.

It is only eighteen months since Grainne discovered sculling as a sport, but for the past twelve months she has made rapid progress under the watchful eye of her dedicated coach, Walter McGuire, whose daughter, Jane, is the Irish Women's Junior Champion.

Grainne goes direct from her classes at NCAD each day either to the clubhouse at Islandbridge, where she will train on the river, or to use the ERGOMETER in the gym, depending on the weather. On alternate days, Grainne goes direct to the KCR gym for weight training. At week-ends, she will train several hours each day, either on the Liffey or on the lake at Blessington.



The Youth Club is back in full swing. Major attractions this year include Jazz Dancing organised by Gillian Keenan, and Basketball supervised by Mary Burke, Paul Hynes and Jean Burke. The Hollowe'en Fancy Dress Disco is being organised for Friday 26th October for Junior and Senior with Sean Knox the D.J.

Paddy Ryan, P.R.O.



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BALLYBODEN/ST. ENDA'S JUVENILE NEWS

For all our juveniles over 12 years the 90/91 season commenced in September, in both Hurling and Football, and already we have plenty of encouraging news to report from the playing fields.

Our U.13A hurlers are operating in Division 1 of the All County League and they got off to a terrific start with "an away" win over Erin's Isle. But it was their victory over our great rivals Craobh Chirain that was a great team performance. In difficult conditions, both sides deserve great credit for a most exciting game. Ballyboden turned over leading by 1-3 to no score at half-time — the end result 3-6 to 1-1. A great win for us! The outstanding player on the field was, without a doubt, the Ballyboden left half forward Emmet Carroll.

U.13 FOOTBALL

Our footballers have had two very convincing wins over St. Marks, Tallaght, and Lucan Sarsfields. The game against Lucan Sarsfields was a high scoring affair with Ballyboden winning out in the end on a score of 8-8 to 0-7.

In a challenge game last Sunday morning in Elkwood, this team ran their opposition members from St. Vincents, a very close call indeed, with only 1 point separating the sides at the finish.

FOGRA SPEISIALTA

Congrats to our Senior Footballers on their great win in the St. Vincent de Paul final played at Parnell Park last Sunday. Ballyboden/St. Enda's 1-10, Ballymun Kickhams 1-9 in the Dublin SFC final.

FOGRA EILE

We hope to publish a history of our club in the Newsletter for all our supporters. More at a later date.

Tom Durkin



Paul Pouch, Dargle Wood

A PAIR OF ACES

Two great tennis players are emerging in Knocklyon: Paul Pouch, Dargle Wood, above and Catriona MacCarthy, Lansdowne.

Both won their respective titles (U.18 Singles) at the Catholic Student Games held last July in Andorra, high up in the Pyrenees. Catriona went on to win the Doubles as well. They are members of Templeogue Tennis Club and play on the Senior teams which won the Leinster Challenge Cup on Sunday 14th October.

Congrats all round to you.



KNOCKLYON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB



People in football circles particularly the decent skins (A La Dunphy) rave about the fantastic achievement of Liverpool F.C., how they have started the season with a blistering pace and still remain unbeaten. Well, fellow fanatics and residents of Knocklyon, it is with great satisfaction that I report that 10 of our teams are still unbeaten since the league started.

To have any team within the club unbeaten at this stage would be a proud boast but to say that 10 of the clubs teams remain unbeaten must be unique. The structure within the Club, the coaching and training and help of Johnny Byrne, together with the hard work of the boys has brought us these results. Hopefully all the hard work of all concerned can continue to bring the success we have had to date.

You probably have noticed our new kit bags, conveying our new club crest, being whisked around the arm, on bikes, cars, backs, prams or on to training sessions or matches (don't they look well). We have also installed floodlighting for outdoor training. All these items of course cost the club funds and with this in mind once again it is time for a fundraising event. On Thursday 29th November at St. Anne's G.A.A. club, Bohernabreena from 8 till late the Knocklyon Roadshow swings into action once again. Music will be provided by "Mulligan". Anybody who has previously attended one or all of our functions needs no sales pitch in order to turn up (the value is unbeatable), to all others we say "Come on Give it a Lash", join the fun and support the best food, spots and music like you have never seen before.

Please contact the undersigned or any team manager for tickets or to donate spot prizes. We recently had a deputation to Dublin County Council and the next issue of Knocklyon News will reveal same. (Pressure of space, so the Editor said!)

Yours in sport,
Finbarr Dolan P.R.O. 946111

FUN RUNS

Congratulations to the members of Brothers Pearse Athletic club who collected 14 trophies in the N.A.C.A.I. Summer League recently.

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Due to pressure of space, Baptisms have been held over until next month . . .

Ed.

An A.G.M. of the Parish Pastoral Council was held on 8th October 1990, and the new Council is as follows: *Linda Boland, Cyril Cogan, Alan Collins, Catherine Collins, Concepta Conaty, Joe Conway, Terrie Erdpohl, Dolores Jackson, Michael Kearney, Bill Maher, Bernadette Moloney, Anne Murphy, Peter Rosenberg, Marie Ryan, Sr. Therese Carmel, Liam Wright.*

A report on last year's activities will appear next month.

THE SWINGIN' 60's

Belated birthday greetings to George O'Connor of Templeroan on reaching the big 60 on 19th October. Many happy returns, George — and may all your future troubles be little ones!

COMMUNITY GAMES 90/91 COMMITTEE

Paul Browne, Chairman 942046
 Jim Walsh, Treasurer 942575
 Eddie O'Brien, Secretary 947015

KNOCKLYON VARIETY GROUP

Anyone interested in joining this newly formed group would be very welcome to come and meet the committee on Wednesday 7th November at 8 p.m. in the Pre-Fab (beside Community Centre).

BABY BIZ

Our Accountant, Collette Lambert, gave birth recently to a baby boy named Daragh. Congrats to husband Tony, Bryan and Ciara, from all the Newsletter Committee.

OLE, OLE

While you are sitting in the cold dark days of October reading this newsletter in front of a heater, our esteemed Editor is off in Sunny Spain — Madrid — no less. Will it change him for the better, you may wonder — well, join in the next issue for Madrid Madness. (We might even get a bottle of duty free if we are nice to him.)

QUIZ STAR

Nice to see Liam Carter of Knocklyon Park on the RTE Sports Quiz 'A question of Sport'. What knowledge!

SALETHON

Well done to Katie Sparks, Suzanne Moloney, Deirdre, Ailish and Eimear Gavin, all of whom collected £17 for charity at a sale.

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KNOCKLYON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A meeting of the society will take place at 8 p.m. on Monday November 5th at the Parish Centre (Pre-Fab)

A slide presentation on historical aspects of Knocklyon will be given and a programme of events will be announced. All are welcome.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL TEAM — The junior panel of 21 dedicated players have played four games so far and have a fifty per cent success record.

With three games left, they are battling it out for qualification into the semi finals. They have two players from the senior panel and these two, Shane Doherty and Colm Moran make up the backbone of the team. Paul Goodall is always on hand to assist the famous duo. Other who have performed well so far are Peter Bull, Glen Dalton, David Larkin and Paul Bridges.

4TH CLASS HURLING LEAGUE — Despite the inclement weather the fourth class hurling league is progressing with great performances from such as Brian Keeley, Jonathan Coyle, David Curtin and John Madigan. At the time of going to print the "Cats" are leading the league with the "Dubs" in close pursuit. Most Improved Player awards have gone to such as David Bradley, Joseph Harbourne, Peter Donovan and Eoin Sweeney.

Congratulations to Eoin Neville and Aisling Lovett. Both were awarded a Distinction in their national computer programming examinations held recently in Drumcondra Training College.

Congratulations to the senior football team on reaching the quarter final of Division One Primary Schools Football League — now the going gets tough. We wish them continued success in this highly competitive competition.

GIRLS GAELIC FOOTBALL — The Girls' Football Team had their first outing against Bishop Galvin National School in Cherryfield. The team did marvellously well for their first competitive outing to run Bishop Galvin to within 4 points. Well done, Girls!!

LITURGICAL PROGRAMME — ST. COLMCILLE'S, KNOCKLYON

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11.45 a.m. Communion Service.

5.00 p.m. Evening Prayer.

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Items for inclusion in the November issue should be handed into the Presbytery by Monday 19th November. The newsletter will be circulated from November 30th. As advertising space has become so popular we are accepting adverts on a first come, first served basis only — so make sure to book your space in good time. Enquiries re advertising to Pat at 947493.

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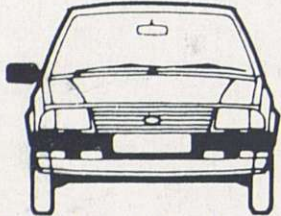
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