

A warm welcome to the Junior Infants of '98



**Joy Mitchell, Shona Giles,
Sophie Ryan, Karen Sexton,
Kenneth Mason**
(Mrs. Donnelly's Class)



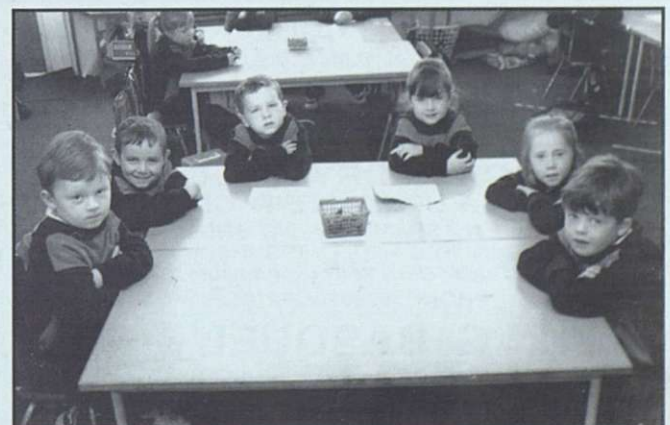
**Ben Duncan, Conor McHugh,
Kristina Byrne, James Hunston,
Hannah Donnelly, Graham Field**
(Mrs. Mullen's Class)



**Orlaith Keane, Nicole O'Sullivan,
Aideen McCormack, Julie Rowan**
(Ms. Maher's Class)



**Tara Williamson, Aoife O'Neill,
Darren O'Donoghue, Shéona McCarthy,
Megan Curtis, Conor Maher**
(Mrs. Mullen's Class)



**Jack O'Callaghan, Karl Gobl,
Andrew Kenny, Niamh Cregan,
Anna O'Connor, Paul Byrne**
(Mrs. Callaghan's Class)

From Knocklyon to Katima Mulilo



Suzanne Downes originally from Delaford, left Ireland in December 1997 and has spent the last seven months working as an English teacher in Namibia with A.P.S.O. (Agency for Personal Services Overseas). While in Knocklyon

Suzanne was involved with Knocklyon Youth Club T.A.S.K. and the Parish Council, and we were delighted to receive her account of her new lifestyle in Namibia.

Namibia is a large, arid country in South West Africa. It is bordered in the North by Angola and in the South by South Africa. Until 1990 Namibia was ruled by South Africa and it suffered the effects of Apartheid. In the eight years since independence there has been a lot of progress in Namibia and the government has been very successful in preventing tribal disagreements.

I am living in the North East of Namibia in an area called the Caprivi Strip. I am living in a town called Katima Mulilo which is the main commercial and administrative centre for the region. Katima Mulilo has a population of about 10,000 people and it consists of two supermarkets, six clothes shops, a bank, a post office, an open-air market, a hospital and some general shops. I am living five km. from the town centre on the Holy Family Mission. The Mission is situated on the banks of the Zambezi River, looking across to Zambia. The Mission consists of a church, a convent (of five Polish, three Zambian, and one Namibian nun), the priest's house (where Fr Luke lives – he is an Irish Capuchin Father from Cork who arrived in Zambia in 1948). There is also a Cheshire Home (for children with physical disabilities), a girl's hostel, houses for teachers and workers in the school and Mission, a primary school (Malumba), and the secondary school where I work – Kizito College.

There are approximately 400 pupils in Kizito College. Most of the girls, about 200, are boarders and they stay in the girls' hostel. The pupils spend their first seven years of school in the primary school and then they transfer to Kizito College in Grade 8. At the end of Grade 10, the pupils sit for their Junior Secondary Certificate Examination and then at the end of Grade 12 they sit for the International General Certificate of Secondary Education Examination. School begins each morning at 6.15 a.m. and classes end at 12.05 p.m. Every afternoon, except Wednesday, the pupils return to school for supervised study between 1.45 p.m. and 3.25 p.m. On Wednesday afternoons there are sporting activities and Kizito College has a very successful Volleyball and Netball team.

I am teaching Grade 11 pupils which is equivalent to 5th year in Ireland. For many of my pupils, English is a challenge because it is their 4th or 5th language. Most children speak their own language (or two) at home, and then learn Silozi in school as a first language and then English is called their second language. In

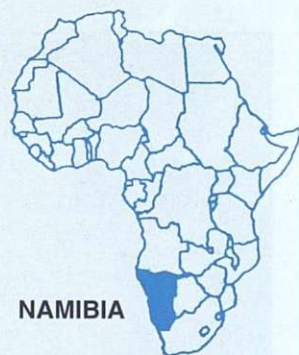
general my pupils are very hardworking and just like pupils in Ireland, they have ambitions to study medicine, engineering, nursing etc. I hope to see many of them attending third level colleges before the end of my two year contract.

So far I've had a wonderful time here in Katima Mulilo. I have made some wonderful friends and I have really enjoyed teaching. Hopefully, I will write again soon and keep you up-to-date with what is happening here in Namibia!

Ed. Note: Suzanne sends her regards to her former colleagues in groups she worked with in the parish. We in turn wish her continued success in her work and look forward to receiving future despatches from her. (We wonder if the 6.15 a.m. start would catch on here?)



Some of the "Boarders" at Kizito College pictured with Suzanne and some of the young children who live on the Mission.



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Deirdre Murray, Mairead Duggan.
L.-R. Front Row: Deirdre Farrell, Ann White, Mary Byrne (Idrone),

Welcome back. Hope you had a nice summer and put your parenting skills to good use. Need a fresh start? KAPE have already filled up their Autumn diary.

Worried about your children's diet and heaven knows those lunch boxes!!! Worry no longer, our October meeting will give you lots of tips for a healthy diet during those long winter months.

AUTUMN PARENTING PROGRAMME '98

Due to demand KAPE are currently organising a 0 - 6 programme. Anyone interested in participating in future Parenting Courses can reserve a place by contacting the Parish Office or either of the following telephone numbers - Mary 4942130 or Ann 4939424.

KAPE MONTHLY MEETINGS '98

WEDNESDAY 7th OCTOBER '98 10 a.m. - 12 noon (Toraigh Room).

Discussion and lots of ideas for improving your children's diet.

WEDNESDAY 4th NOVEMBER '98 10 a.m. - 12 noon (Toraigh Room). Parenting Workshop
(watch next issue for further details)

WEDNESDAY 2nd DECEMBER '98 10 a.m. - 12 noon (Toraigh Room). This will be a purely social morning with the sole purpose of chatting and eating as many mince pies as possible!

So put these dates in your diary.



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KNOCKLYON YOUTH CLUB

Looking back over the minutes of the Knocklyon Youth Club where it started in this new parish in South Co. Dublin – taking place in the school hall. Now look at us – a fine Community Centre, the envy of many parishes. The Youth Club and the Centre have the best of equipment. But let us look at the Youth Club as it enters a new season – only *one* person outside the committee turned up to the A.G.M. We realize with modern day life and all its pressure that it is hard for people, especially with both partners working to make a commitment. As Knocklyon residents we are very lucky to have a variety of clubs available to us all, but they do not run without the input of a lot of people. **The Youth Club also needs a core committee of between 15-20 people to run its activities.** Surely out of over 3,500 homes we can muster 20 people. Are the residents of Knocklyon willing to see this Club close? Has the Youth Club run its course and has no place in today's world? The Committee do not feel that this is the case because we know that children still need interactive skills, such as football, basketball etc. instead of playing computer games and watching television.

We would appeal to people to turn up to the A.G.M. on Monday 5th October and offer your time for this Club, especially parents of existing and prospective members. We would especially appeal to former members now in their late teens to come along and give back a little to the youth of today. You will find it very rewarding. Please come along and prevent the closure of this Club.

David Hickey,
Chairperson, Knocklyon Youth Club



INTERIOR DESIGN

AUTUMN COLOURS ...

Autumn is without doubt the season of inspiration for any interior design project. As nature takes its course we are reminded of the endless array of colours to choose from. The autumnal landscape can provide ready made solutions for our interior schemes – golden browns, rustic reds, and the warm glow of amber are just some of the choices available.

It is essential to have at least one room in the house which acts as a haven to retreat to. In most cases this will be the living room, so here are a few ideas to help you create a warm and cosy space, perfect for fighting the winter blues.

- If you opt for a hardwood floor then also choose a rug or kilim in natural autumn colours, terracotta, chestnut brown or burnt orange are some good examples.
 - Create a more intimate space by painting your walls in warm colours like golden yellow.
 - Choose a really comfortable sofa and accessorise with large colourful cushions. Velvet and silk cushions are back in vogue and will add that touch of luxury.
 - Scented candles will not only create a serene ambience in this room but will also help promote colour and decoration.
 - Let natural light into this room by keeping window dressing to a minimum. Wooden blinds or simple muslin are a good alternative to heavy curtains or drapes.
 - Invite nature in by replanting your favourite plant in a large and plain terracotta pot.
 - Invest in a couple of good quality table lamps. A timber base with a lighter colour shade will always look well. Also a free standing uplighter will help produce some atmospheric light.
 - Be aware of not just colour, but also shape and texture when choosing objects and materials for this room.
- Finally indulge your senses by selecting your favourite painting, be it copy or original. This could act as the perfect centrepiece for your new oasis.

David Dempsey

For interior design consultation contact 01-4938425.

**KNOCKLYON YOUTH CLUB
A.G.M. ADJOURNED**

**THE RECENT A.G.M. HAD TO BE ADJOURNED
DUE TO LACK OF ATTENDANCE.
WE FAILED TO HAVE A QUORUM.**

**THE COMMITTEE HAVE AGREED TO
RESCHEDULE THE A.G.M.**

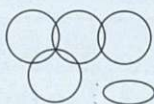
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knocklyon community council

The KCC welcomes readers after the summer break. It has been a busy summer with a number of developments of concern to the community, some more obvious than others.

● KNOCKLYON COMMUNITY SCHOOL AND GAELSCOIL

The following is the text of a note received from the Department of Education's Building Unit and passed on to the KCC by Tom Kitt TD in relation to the Knocklyon Post-Primary School and the Gaelscoil:

"Architectural planning has commenced and it is hoped to have the school open for operation by September 2000. The Department's senior Architect recently met with a deputation from the proposed Knocklyon Gaelscoil which is seeking a portion of the site to construct a new Gaelscoil.

The architect explained that a portion of the site had been sold to An Bord Gais and that during the construction of a housing estate to the back of the site there had been an encroachment which had been the subject of a legal action by the Department. In addition a section of the front of the site is reserved for road widening by the local authority. Because of the other site conditions (a stream running through the site and a wayleave for the main drain) and the factors cited above the area of land is barely sufficient to build a second level school, let alone also include a Gaelscoil. In fact all the indications at present are that the Community School will have to be a two-storey building because of site restrictions. The Gaelscoil proponents have suggested that the play area could be shared between the two schools. Even if this could overcome the site restrictions (which it does not), the Department for policy reasons relating to discipline has never favoured children of primary and post-primary levels sharing the same play area.

Accordingly, the Department will continue to proceed with the architectural planning of Knocklyon Community School on the basis that it alone will occupy the site at Scholarstown Road. There is no question of accommodating the Gaelscoil on the same site."

The KCC is delighted to note that planning is well under way for the Community School. We will monitor the situation to ensure that commitments are kept. We will also actively assist the Gaelscoil in attempting to find a suitable site for a premises.

● TRAFFIC SITUATION AND THE SOUTHERN CROSS ROUTE

The KCC met with South Dublin County Council Officials recently to discuss the ongoing roads and traffic problems in the area. The County Council officials have taken a week to consider some of the matters and to study options. At time of writing, they told the KCC that they would come back to it with their considerations on the matter. The KCC had pursued the following matters with the Council:

- (1) The pending closure of the Knocklyon Road link with Ballycullen Road.

- (2) The need for foot/cycle paths at Delaneys junction.
- (3) The Scholarstown Roundabout in the context of the opening of the Boden Park stretch of the Green Route.

Information Gleaned:

The Knocklyon Road link with Ballycullen may be closed by ASCON when it needs to but not without informing the County Council. This is not going to happen over the next few weeks. There would be significant cost considerations to ASCON in maintaining the link. A pedestrian right of way from Castlefield would remain.

The roads department of the County Council are looking at the overall traffic situation including the roundabout at the M50 and crossings of the river Dodder. The main problem is seen as the capacity of the Balrothery Roundabout.

The Scholarstown Road is to be widened at the school site

Traffic Lights may be considered at the Scholarstown Roundabout if they are deemed necessary. The County Council's safety officer is to consider the need for a Lollipop Person when the link at Boden Park is opened.

● SUPERQUINN

Superquinn has been granted planning permission to develop its site at Knocklyon. This will involve a new sign, two extra units and a covered walkway. No reduction in carparking is envisaged. Two sections of funding are expected to be given to the County Council towards expected expenses in servicing this development.

● EIRCELL ANTENNAE

The KCC has objected to an application made by Telecom Eireann for the retention of the existing Eircell GSM telecommunications antennae at the gable wall of Modern Networks Ltd at the Knocklyon Road. The KCC will be informed of the County Council's decision in due course.

● ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ●

There has been an increase in anti-social behaviour in certain areas of Knocklyon. The KCC has held meetings with various parties to help to minimise the problem. The best way of reducing this problem is for parents to be more aware of it and for them to be more aware of the activities and location of their children between 8 p.m. and 1 a.m. This anti-social behaviour includes the use of drink and drugs, particularly on open spaces in the parish. We would urge parents to be aware of the threat posed by the peddling of drugs in Knocklyon.

● NOTICE FROM SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

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As you may know from the media the people of Zimbabwe are finding life very difficult at present.

This help goes a long way to alleviate some of their distress.

Fr Tony wishes to thank all who supported this venture.



CONNECT
News

Watch this space over the coming months when we plan to provide information for parents concerning the different drugs being abused today, highlighting signs and symptoms to be noticed in a drug user.

Anybody who feels they could contribute to this Committee would be most welcome.

For further information please contact:

- Fr. David, Presbytery 494 1204
- Denise Dunne 493 5720
- Breda Fitzharris 494 6899

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Diary Dates



The Augustinian Community in Orlagh have sent us details of upcoming events which might be of interest to our readers.

— The Year 2000 —

Where have we come from? Where are we going?

If you have lots of questions and are looking for something more, then you might like to join others like yourself for ten Wednesday evenings (7.30 - 9.30), for a biblical view of life and faith.

This takes place in Orlagh Retreat Centre, Old Court Road from October 7th - December 9th

Conducted by Orlagh Team Members. Fee: £40

— A Day for Yourself —

Tired? Fed up? Stressed?

Treat yourself to a day of reflection, relaxation and prayer in Orlagh Retreat Centre.

Date: Saturday, October 17th, 10.00 - 4.30 p.m.

Conducted by Mary Kearney, John Byrne OSA and others. Fee: £12

KNOCKLYON POST-PRIMARY COMMITTEE

There have been a number of developments during the summer months. Following a committee meeting held during the summer a delegation was formed and a meeting was held with the planning officials of the Department of Education in May at the Taoiseach's department. Deputies O'Donnell, Brennan and Kitt also attended. The officials confirmed that (1) The planning procedures were nearing completion of the 9 stage procedure; (2) Encroachment by housing developments at Orlagh has lost almost an acre of the original 11.2 acre site; (3) The 600-800 pupil Community School will have a PE hall, computer centre and field sport facilities. The stream running through the site may be adapted as an aspect of the school facilities. Commencement of building, costed at £3 million + £1/2 million for equipment, would begin around March 1999 and they were confident that it would be opened for the first stream of pupils in September 2000.

A planning application by the Gaelscoil to erect some pre-fabs on 3 acres of the school site was submitted to South Dublin County Council. On the 9th September we received a letter from Minister Micheál Martin which confirmed that Knocklyon Post Primary School alone will be built on the site. (See Knocklyon Community Council Report on page 5.)

We have fought long and hard for our school and are confident that it will be built on time, and that it will serve not only our local Knocklyon children but our adult education needs as well.

Vincent Kenny, Chairman Post Primary Committee

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Over the Summer months Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna upgraded their facilities by establishing new classrooms on their temporary site, which is adjacent to the Scout Den in Knocklyon. The Naíonra (the all-Irish playgroup) is also enjoying its new premises, which is situated alongside the Gaelscoil.

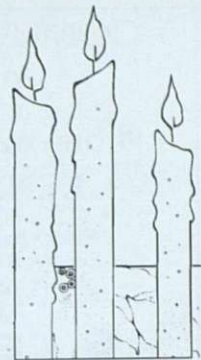
Irish Dancing classes are taught as part of the school curriculum in Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna and we are delighted that this year the older children are also learning the Tin Whistle. Extra curricular Violin and Drama classes will resume shortly.

Irish Conversation classes for parents are scheduled to start at the end of September. The object of these classes is to assist parents in promoting Irish in the home and in bridging the gap between home and school.

Beidh Céilí ar siúl ar an Satharn 10ú an Deireadh Fómhair i Halla Naomh Éanna, Baile Bhudáin, chun airgead a shaothrú don scoil. Beidh fáilte roimh chách. Le haghaidh tuilleadh eolais cuir glaoch ar 493 9262.

## Remembering Omagh

Six weeks after the tragedy of Omagh, parishioner Anna Brioscú reminds us of how the community in Knocklyon gathered in prayer and sympathy for the victims and their families.



On Saturday the 22nd August at three o'clock in the afternoon the Church of St. Colmille, Knocklyon, was thronged with people of all ages who had come to pray and to show solidarity with the people of Omagh, Co. Tyrone, in their time of great sorrow and suffering. Around the Pascal Candle on the altar were smaller candles representing the dead. Hundreds of tiny candles were lit by members of the congregation who came to pray that all might be comforted and that at last real peace might come to our country. We prayed for the deceased; the maimed; the injured; the medical and para-medical people who came from all over the country to help in the hospitals; the security forces and all who valiantly and unselfishly gave assistance in the wake of the horrific explosion which happened on the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady in Omagh at ten minutes past three in the afternoon. We also prayed that the politicians would redouble their efforts for peace with a generosity of spirit. Prayers were also offered for the perpetrators of the dastardly act that they repent and turn their backs on their evil ways. A Thiarna bí ceannsa agus éist linn!



Parents and pupils outside the new Naíonra

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TOUR

*In our Summer Issue we published a map and particulars of the forthcoming visit of the Tour de France to our locality, and urged you to go out and extend a "Ceád Míle Fáilte" to this event. We print here some photos of that weekend, and also a "piece to ponder" from a reader who feels very let down by the events surrounding the tour.*

"Most Irish people admire excellence, especially in sport. We are great spectators and thrive on the buzz created by a good match, a close finish, irrespective

of the occasion. When it was announced that the Tour de France was to commence in Dublin this year it was generally welcomed. Local communities on the Tour route got to work, organizing fringe events, and making sure there was a smooth passage for the competing cyclists and their entourage. South Dublin County Council was no exception, their publicity ensured that. There was a large turn out of spectators.

Just as the Tour was about to get underway with the inaugural celebration at Dublin Castle, hosted by our very own Mary Kennedy, the news of drugs began to break. We did not want to believe it. As a nation we tend to give the benefit of the doubt. Alas!



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OSTER

when the Tour de France and its entourage finally left our shores and returned to the home country shocking stories began to emerge.

I wondered. I was one of many who had dismissed Paul Kimmage's book "Rough Ride" as the writings of a frustrated cyclist, jealous of others' achievements. I had not read the book but like so many I was convinced he was a bit of a troublemaker. Now my conscience began to niggle so I decided to buy Paul's book and read it carefully. My eyes were opened. Here was a young man whose father had won Rás Tailteann many moons ago. He had a dream that one day he would ride in the Tour de France. This is a

story of a young lad who was brought up to think for himself; not to be afraid to say no; not to be a sheep. He had a dilemma on his hands very early in his professional cycling career. Should he submit to the drug culture in the sport or bow out? He was fortunate to have a talent for writing, which gave him his chance to escape. In "Rough Ride" Paul Kimmage tells from his own experiences how difficult it is to have the moral courage to say no.

It is so sad that greed and the "win at all cost" culture has crept into sport. Let's get back to the days when participating was all important and winning was a bonus."

Anna Brioscú



ALONG THE TALLAGHT BY-PASS BEFORE AND AFTER THE TOUR DE FRANCE COMPETITORS

## JUNIOR



**Rosemary Dennehy, Timothy Madigan, Sineád Gorman**  
(Ms. Maher's Class)

We wish to welcome all our new entrants. We are glad to report, they have settled in nicely.

A special welcome to three of our permanent staff who have returned after a few years abroad - Áine Gallagher, Mary Mullany and Padraic Carney.

Please check children's school bags for circulars and notes.

Any queries, difficulties, problems, please do not hesitate to contact either the school principal or class teacher. Direct contact is preferable to secondhand information.

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- (iv) Stopping to let a child out of the car while in the flow of traffic causes traffic congestion.
- (v) Drive slowly - YOUR child's life is at stake.
- (vi) Ordinary common courtesy is expected from all.

We look forward to working in co-operation with you for the educational well-being of your children.

Regular circulars will be sent to you with details of extra curricular activities and general school matters.

Our sincerest sympathies to those families who have had bereavements recently. We are with you in our thoughts and our prayers.

*Paul Dalton*

## SENIOR

Fáilte arais ar scoil roimh gach duine. We especially welcome our new pupils in third class and our new staff members Ms. Macken P.F.5, Mr. McCullen R.10, and Ms. Moriarty, The Reading Room.

Congratulations to Ms. Munroe and Mrs. McKeown on the birth of their daughters.

Well done to Sarah Doyle (R.8) who won two All-Ireland Medals for sprints over the holidays.

The staff and pupils remember our past pupils Sinéad O'Neill, who sadly died during the summer holidays, and Neil Clancy who was involved in a serious accident. We wish Neil a speedy recovery.

### COFFEE MORNING

The teachers, parents and children of Rooms 3 and 4 organised a Coffee Morning in aid of the Hospice. As well as a valuable learning experience for the children, an enjoyable morning was had by all. Over £225 was raised for this worthy cause.

Expect to hear news of the St. Colmcille's "Anti Litter in Knocklyon" and "Healthy Eating" Campaigns in the next issue.

### SPORTS

Mr. Murphy, Mr. Kearney and Mr. McGowan update us on sporting activities ...

Football takes centre stage at this time of year. Mr. McGowan is managing the senior boys team, Mr. Kearney leads the senior girls team and Mr. Ruddy is guiding the fortunes of the junior football team. All three teams have begun their league campaigns.

Internal coaching and leagues in hurling and camogie for fourth to sixth classes have also begun. Mr. Sweeney (Camogie), Mr. P. O'Neill (4th class hurling), and Mr. Murphy (5th and 6th class hurling) are the teachers in charge.

The Girls' Senior Football team has made a flying start in the Corn Breffni Competition. The girls from 5th and 6th classes have won their first two matches. Well done girls. Tús maith.

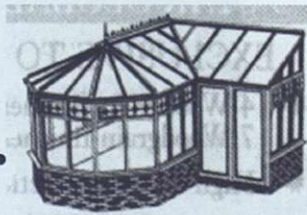
The Boys' Senior Football panel have started their league campaign with a victory over Bishop Galvin School. Upcoming games are against Sc. Lorcaín - Drimnagh Castle, and St. Joseph's - Terenure. Support from pupils and parents at home games would be greatly appreciated.

We wish everyone a happy, healthy school year. Go néirí libh go léir.

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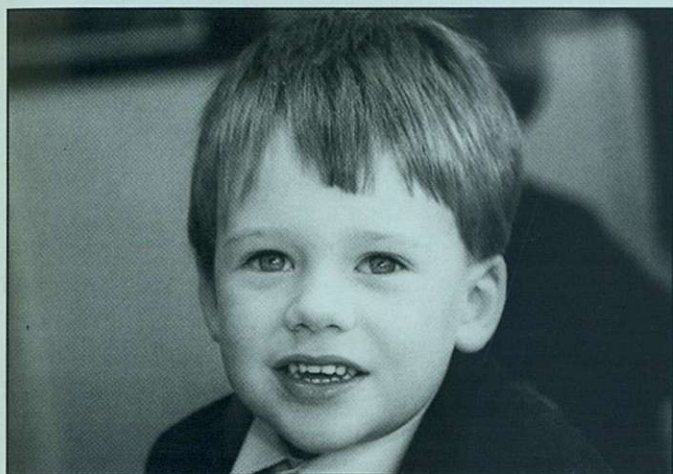
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*Jennifer Rynne, one of the Junior Infants in Mrs. Callaghan's Class*



*Luke Power - Mrs. McDonald's Class*



*Ciara Darker & Aoife Cantwell from Mrs. Donnelly's Class. All enjoying their first days at school.*



## **KNOCKLYON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB**

Another season is upon us, a season of great expectations on and off the pitch. As usual the return to school also heralds the return to some serious and not so serious football. New players enter into the unknown, while old hands (i.e. 9, 10, 11 year-olds etc.) strive to improve on last season.

**Parental support is vital, not just for the sake of your own child, but also for their friends and team trainers and managers.**

Off the pitch our ambitions are as great as that of our players. Great progress has been made in securing a clubhouse and new pitches.

To this end we would appeal to local businesses and commercial outlets for sponsorship, and help and/or suggestions regarding fund-raising. We are a progressive club with numbers growing every year and it's a good time to get on board. Our players and their families are potential clients and customers.

We would also appeal to **women** to become involved in the running of the club.

Any queries or suggestions will be warmly received by committee members and team managers. We are the people out in all weathers, trying to show your children the joys of "The Beautiful Game".

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*Paul Keenan (Chairman), 4947283*

## **SCOUT NEWS** **112th KNOCKLYON**

**Summer Camps:** The Cubs had their Summer Camp at Lough Dan this year. A great time was had by all despite being eaten alive by the midgets.

Meanwhile the Scouts went off to Switzerland. Forty-six scouts and their leaders took part in organised hikes while on camp. A huge selection of medals were won including two Gold which Martin McCormack and Robert Denver "walked away" with.

### **URGENT - LEADERS WANTED**

**Last year in C.S.I. forty-six Units had to close due to lack of Leaders.**

**We don't want Knocklyon to follow this pattern. Enquiries to Nuala Fitzsimons at 4936720**

## **KNOCKLYON HISTORICAL GROUP**

Knocklyon Historical Group started its Autumn/Winter programme with a 1798 Dublin walk, visiting locations connected with the Rising on the north side of the city. Its first lectures have also taken place recalling the life and times of Joseph Holt and Mary Anne McCracken.

### **~~~ Forthcoming Wednesday Lectures ~~~**

**October 14th:** Songs and Music of 1798. Speaker: Aidan O'Hara.

**November 11th:** Lord Edward Fitzgerald, Matilda Tone. Speakers: Eileen Donnelly, Aoife O'Tierney.

**December 9th:** Tom Moore. A video introduced by Catherine O'Donoghue.

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## DUBLIN COMMUNITY GAMES RESULTS

### ● ATHLETICS

Congratulations to all athletes who competed for Knocklyon North (K.N.) and South (K.S.) in the Dublin Community Athletics Games Finals which took place in ALSA/Santry over the last two weekends in June. Special thanks to all the parents for their patience and co-operation over three very long days of competition.

The following are the Finalist and Medal winners:

| RACE                | POSITION | ATHLETE          | AREA   |
|---------------------|----------|------------------|--------|
| Under 8 60 Mtrs.    | 2nd      | Rebecca Tyson    | (K.N.) |
| Under 8 60 Mtrs.    | 3rd      | Emma Madigan     | (K.S.) |
| Under 8 60 Mtrs.    | 4th      | Nathalia Hyland  | (K.N.) |
| Under 8 60 Mtrs.    | Finalist | Ross Williams    | (K.N.) |
| Under 8 80 Mtrs.    | 1st      | David Sheridan   | (K.N.) |
| Under 10 100 Mtrs.  | 1st      | Aoife Dalton     | (K.N.) |
| Under 10 100 Mtrs.  | 2nd      | Stephen Ryan     | (K.S.) |
| Under 10 100 Mtrs.  | 3rd      | Colin Hyland     | (K.S.) |
| Under 10 100 Mtrs.  | 4th      | Mark Donnelly    | (K.S.) |
| Under 16 100 Mtrs.  | Finalist | Susan Scanlon    | (K.N.) |
| Under 10 200 Mtrs.  | 1st      | Eamonn Sheridan  | (K.N.) |
| Under 10 200 Mtrs.  | 2nd      | Eamonn Ryan      | (K.S.) |
| Under 12 600 Mtrs.  | 4th      | Laura Scanlon    | (K.N.) |
| Under 12 600 Mtrs.  | Finalist | Margaret Sadlier | (K.S.) |
| Under 12 80 M. Hur. | Finalist | Karen Tyson      | (K.N.) |
| Under 14 800 Mtrs.  | Finalist | Clodagh Galloway | (K.N.) |
| Under 14 800 Mtrs.  | Finalist | Mark Kiernan     | (K.N.) |
| Under 14 800 Mtrs.  | Finalist | Simon Murray     | (K.S.) |

### ● GYMNASTICS - DUBLIN FINALS

Jasmin Redmond K. N. Silver Medal Under 8.  
Victoria Redmond K. N. Silver Medal Under 10  
Ruth Jones also represented Knocklyon North in the Dublin Finals.

Rachel Brennan K. S. Gold Medal Under 8  
Rachel went on to represent Dublin in the All Ireland Finals in Mosney and came a fantastic 4th place.

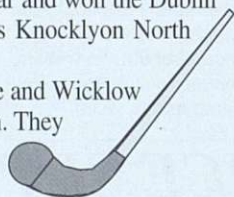
Gillian Anderson K. S. 4th Place Under 16  
Claire Bantham also represented Knocklyon South in the Dublin Finals. Claire did very well as she competed under 12 and is only 8!



### ● CAMOGIE

The camogie team did really well this year and won the Dublin final. This was a very exciting match as Knocklyon North beat Firhouse, our local rivals.

The team then went on to beat Kildare and Wicklow in the Leinster Section of the Competition. They were eventually beaten in the Leinster Semi-final by Laois.



## CHAMPION BROTHERS



Eamonn Sheridan (9) left, and his brother David (7) show us their collection of Medals and Trophies won during the year.

Apart from their bronze medals earned in the National Community Games Finals where they represented Dublin in Mosney, the brothers have won a selection of All Ireland Athletics Championship Silver and Bronze Medals during 1998 in the 60m., 80m. and relay events.

Both boys are members of Bros. Pearse A.C., and attend Ballyroan Boys School. Eamonn had the distinction of representing his school at the Interschools Athletics in Santry where he came home with the Gold Medal in the 100m. event. Well done lads, we will watch your progress with interest.

## MAKING A SPLASH!



L.-R.: Gillian Ryder, Laura Keely, Lydia Flynn and Mairead McMorro who competed in the Community Games Swimming events during the Summer. (More photos next month)

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# ~ ~ ~ Reflection ~ ~ ~

*“You cannot serve God and ...  
the Designer Label”!*

The biggest hang-up I suffer from is – wait for it! – hatred of the Designer Label. The saddest (sickest?) thing I’ve heard recently was of a group of youngsters, not yet in their teens, laughing and jeering at one of their peers because his runners had been purchased in Dunnes Stores! Worse again was a woman, interviewed on radio, solemnly informing the nation that her eight-year-old would “only wear clothes with the right tag”. It was the tone of resignation and acceptance that got me. For God’s sake!!

Incidents of this disease of the spirit abound. A woman going to town with a folded plastic bag bearing the name of an up-market store, in which she will carry home her shopping purchased in a down-market outlet! A man buying jeans or shoes for his son (which the child will outgrow in months), and paying four times the price of another pair just as good but not carrying the “in” label!

No longer are necessity or usefulness the main bases for buying, but rather the childish allegation “everyone else has one”, and extravagance serves the passing whim of an over indulged generation.

The children are not to blame. They are victims of a climate established by an adult world. Children, in their insecurity, are naturally prone to peer pressure, and not to fit in with the rest is the worst of all fates.

What in the adult world has caused the rot? A number of things. Insecurity in the grown-up too, that stops us stepping out of line. Poverty of spirit that sees exaggerated value in what is external and superficial to the detriment of the inner qualities that really define a good person.

And it all misfires. It doesn’t work. By bringing up our children to overvalue the material, we actually undermine their self-esteem. What an awful indictment of a society that teaches its young to set more store on clothing than on compassion, on labels than on love!

Most parents I talk to know it’s all out of control and out of proportion. They feel powerless, stymied; another case of “Catch 22”! Go with the flow and you lose, as your child falls victim to the disorder. Stand out against it and you lose also, as your child suffers the pain of being different and is subjected to the cruel jibes of its peers.

Yes, the climate needs changing. And that’s not easy. Still it’s got to be done. And to acknowledge the problem is, at least, a start.

Fr. David

## FAMILY FUN DAY



Some young residents of Castlefield enjoy the activities organised by their Residents’ Association during the Summer.

## Knocklyon Concert Band Society

We’re back!!! It’s full steam ahead for the first term of the new year. We have a very exciting programme of events already set out for the next ten months. Rehearsals have already begun for our inaugural “Christmas Festival” concert, and we hope to compete in the National Band Championships at Easter – plus a few surprises for our members. So watch this space for details.

We now have a fully instrumented concert band and despite receiving a raft of applications for membership over the summer break, unfortunately we don’t anticipate taking any new members until Summer ’99. We are looking at the possibility of forming a second training band. We will keep you posted through this column so keep the applications coming as everybody will get an audition.

Thank you to the Principals and Boards of Management of both St. Colmcille’s J.N.S. and Sancta Maria College for use of their excellent premises.

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## Parish Ministry Course a Hit!

The above headline recently appeared in the diocesan magazine "Link-up" – which is circulated to all parishes in the Diocese. It refers to the Parish Ministry Course which ran here in St. Colmcille's from October '97 until April '98, and was attended by more than twenty people, some of whom were quoted in the article. The participants included some people from outside the parish including two young women - Ruth McMahon and Mary Tunney from Knockmitten in Clondalkin. They commented that they went ... "not really knowing what to expect! We were fairly involved in our own ways in our local parish but had no experience of this type of course. It proved so interesting, however, that we practically never missed a night. The subjects covered and discussed were wide ranging and topical. We felt enlightened and informed, sometimes challenged, always supported. The course helped to fill many gaps in our knowledge about prayer, parenting, collaboration, scripture, relationships, sacraments, healing, music, group skills ... life! It opened up a whole new world of possibilities for learning and involvement and ensured that at both parish and a personal level we will be so much better equipped to deal with whatever comes along".

We would remind readers that this course is being offered again commencing **Thursday 8th October and following Thursdays from 8 – 10.30 p.m.** A limited number of vacancies still exist, and those interested are encouraged to contact course co-ordinator Bríd O'Connell at 4961743 immediately to secure a place.

## Parish Week Feedback

Parish Week this year was felt to be a resounding success. This was due in no small way to the many, many parishioners who gave generously of their time and energy in its organisation. We would like to thank all those people who came out, participated and hopefully enjoyed themselves.

The Social Events Committee, on behalf of Knocklyon Parish, would like to thank the following Companies and individuals, who through their sponsorship, made our Parish Week so enjoyable.

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Team from Whitefriar Street • The Teachers from Knocklyon Schools. *Apologies if we've overlooked anybody.*

The income/expenditure figures for Parish Week 1998 worked out as follows:

|                          |                  |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Total Income</b>      | <b>£9,836.89</b> |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b> | <b>£6,501.63</b> |
| <b>Total Profit</b>      | <b>£3,335.26</b> |

Again, thanks to all for the magnificent support and participation! Here's to Parish Week 1999!

**Declan Cahill,**  
Chairman - Social Events Committee

## "REFUGEE TRUST" IN KNOCKLYON

Millions of people have lost their nationality since the beginning of the 1990s due to the redrawing of borders or the introduction of new citizenship laws and of course through the collapse of Communism. Large populations of stateless people can also be found in parts of Africa, Asia and the Middle East, many living in conditions of insecurity and poverty. What can we do in the face of such turmoil? Can we still make a difference in people's lives, in the lives and the future of children and of marginalised individuals and communities? Would you be interested in becoming involved with refugee work? Would you like to start a Refugee Support Group in Knocklyon? If you would, then I would be glad to assist you in every way; if you give me a call at the address below. Because of your work real people may find hope; young children may grow up with the knowledge that there are still caring and loving people in this world. Every journey begins with the first step ... or phone call!

**Dr. Vincent Kenny, 92 Glenvara Park. Tel: 4942092**



**Bros. Pearse  
A.C.**



On the 15/16 August Colin Holmes and Bronwyn Kiernan, both from Coolamber, competed with great distinction in the All Ireland Championships for 15 to 18 year olds, held at Tullamore. Colin took two gold medals in the 800M and the 400M, respectively. Bronwyn set a new record for her age group winning the 400M. She also won the 80M Hurdles and took a bronze in the 100M. We also had great success with our Under 8 Girls and Boys and the Under 10 boys in the junior age All Ireland Championships held earlier in the Summer.

Training on Tuesdays and Thursdays will move indoors shortly. Our Sunday morning training will continue at Cherryfield.

*Paul Cummins, P.R.O.*

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# Hotlyon ...

## ● HOSPICE FUND RAISER

The I.C.A. are holding a Hospice Coffee Evening in the Community Centre for Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross **at 8.30 p.m. on Tuesday 6th October.** Please come along and support this worthy cause. All are welcome.

## ● THANKS FROM NEUROFIBROMATOSIS ASSOCIATION

On July 18th last, a sponsored cycle was organised on behalf of the Neurofibromatosis Association of Ireland. This was a super-marathon event which started from the marina in Malahide and finished at the marina in Kilrush, Co. Clare - a distance of 300 kilometers. The weather, although kind in that it did not rain, yet made the 'peleton' work hard for 12 hours by providing a strong head wind all the way. One participant was local cyclist Fred Harte who now wants to thank sincerely all those in Knocklyon who responded so generously to his appeal for support.

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**All correspondence should be addressed to  
Rory O'Sullivan, Chief Resident Engineer.**

## ● THE KNOCKLYON VARIETY GROUP

We would like to welcome new members to our group for the purpose of staging a Pantomime in early December. Please come along on **Thursday 1st October at 8 p.m. to the Junior School Hall** in Knocklyon. Enquiries to Teresa Hogan at 4941021.



## ● SCOUT DRAW RESULTS

Results for June, July and August will appear in our next issue.

# Recent Baptisms

Stephen John Jeremiah Hanrahan, 19 Templeroan Dr.  
Shauna Donnelly, 4 Woodstown Meadows  
Aisling Blathnait McGrath, 31 Woodstown Heath  
Andrew Seán Burton, 6 Templeroan Dr.  
Gavin David Morrell, 7 Templeroan Cres.  
Kevin Thomas Coffey, 49 Coolamber Park  
Evan Sebastian McDonnell, 3 Glenlyon Grove  
Leona Anne Deane, 1 Orlagh Court  
Fionnuala Jane Mullen, 8 Glenlyon Grove  
Cian O'Sullivan, 35 Beverly Cres.  
Shane O'Neill, 18 Orlagh Grange  
Claire Elizabeth McCauley, 126 Coolamber Park  
Zoe Marie Byrne, 7 Dargle Wood  
Darragh Luke Gibbons, 35, Westbourne Lodge  
Ted Josh O'Donoghue, "White Willow", Knocklyon Rd  
Brendan Patrick Pierce, 12 Beverly Heights  
Myles James O'Reilly, 27 Castlefield Dr.  
Rachel Thérèse Manning, 16 Templeroan Park  
Niall John Murphy, 32, Templeroan Close  
Orlagh Marie Tevlin, 81 Dargle Wood  
Darragh John Corcoran, 109 Woodfield  
Ella Mary King, 53 Dargle Wood  
Tigernach Senan Feehilly, 25 Castlefield Dr.  
Dylan Richard Fetherstone Carroll, 14 Orlagh Cres.  
Darragh William Gavin, 24 Glenlyon Cres.  
Laura Anna Nagle, 126 Woodfield  
Alexandria Irene Fagan, 212 Glenvara Park  
Roísín Eilís Coughlan, 128 Dargle Wood  
Conor John Kelly, 16 Glenlyon Park  
Conor Lorcan McDermott, 17 Glenlyon Park  
Michaela Rynne, 31 Templeroan Way  
Patrick Joseph Munnely, 5 Castlefield Green  
Lauren Breda Keane, 8 Templeroan Park  
Robert Gerard Byrne, 99 Woodfield  
Amy Susan Pierce, 35 Idrone Park  
Stephen Raitt, 20 Beverly Lawns  
Niamh Áine Murray, 13 Knocklyon Court



*This list includes Baptisms to and including 30th August. Baptisms after this date will be published in forthcoming issues.*

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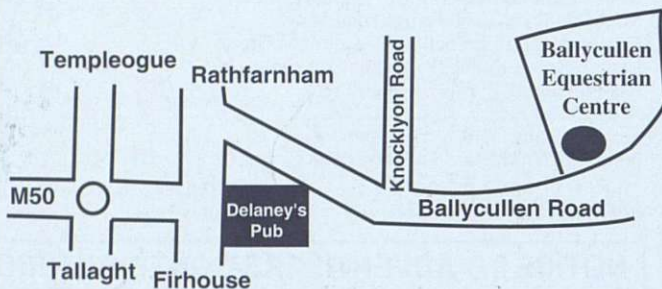


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