

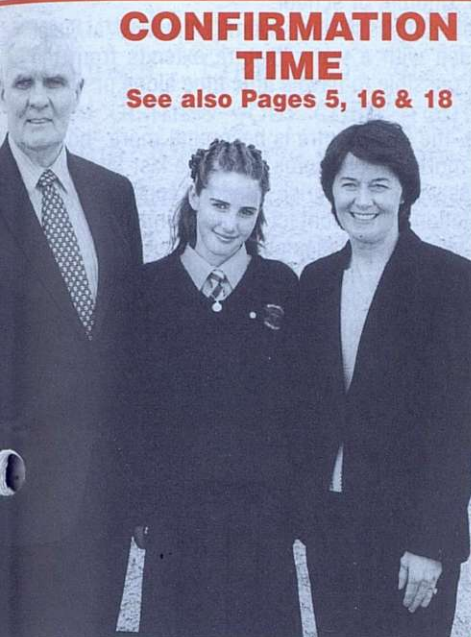
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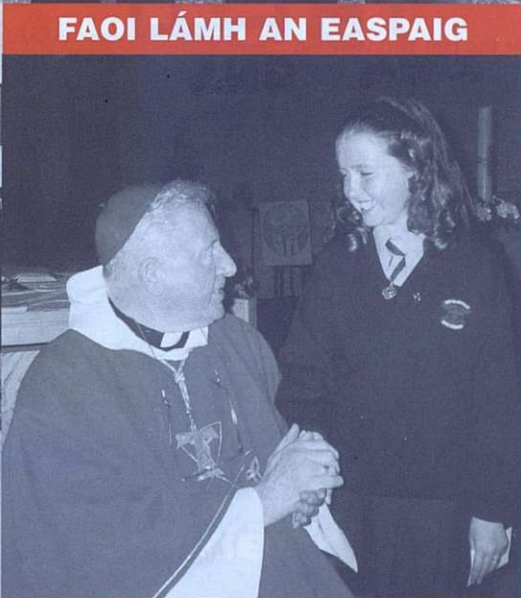
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Erika Pouch and Bishop Fiachra Ó Ceallaigh.



THE IONA CENTRE

- Coming up to its Second Birthday

It is hard to believe that in less than a month's time our new Pastoral Centre will celebrate the 2nd anniversary of its official opening. On that occasion (9th June, 2000) Bishop Eamon Walsh prayed that the Centre would be a place of welcome to all who entered its doors. It is this desire to provide a place of warmth, welcome and care that motivates all who have been and are currently involved in the running of the Centre.

Before the Iona Centre became a reality it was a dream to provide a Centre which would be a home for the many groups and activities in the Parish, while also providing opportunities and scope for learning, social interaction, personal and spiritual growth and development and a place where the needs of the Community could be ministered to. The image of "home" is perhaps the one which best conjures up what the Iona Centre seeks to be for the Community of Knocklyon. Through its activities, The Iona Centre and staff aim to create that feeling of home for all who visit or use it, whether regularly or occasionally.

Many parishioners will know Bernie Rossney, the new Director of the Iona Centre. Bernie succeeds Brid O'Connell, who held the post until February of this year, when she moved to take on new Parish duties. Bernie came with her husband and family to Knocklyon in 1975. She has had many Parish involvements over the years including for example, parenting programmes and retreats. Bernie and the team work to provide a welcoming, friendly, efficient venue for all who use the Centre.

The ten meeting rooms in the Centre are kept busy with gatherings of the many voluntary groups and committees who "help keep the show on the road" in Parish terms – the Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Contact Group, Church Collectors, to name but a sample. The Mother & Toddler Group are weekly users as is the Rathfarnham Baby Clinic (twice weekly).

A variety of courses have been offered over the last two years in areas such as Personal Development, Yoga, Parenting, Healing, etc. Monthly lectures on diverse subjects have attracted audiences from within and outside the Parish – notably Thomas Moore's talk on

healing and the recent talk on D.I.Y. Garden Design.

The Coffee Shop in the Centre is open to all and is a real delight. It was set up and is managed by Florence. The atmosphere is relaxed and very friendly – with a large selection of "goodies" on offer. The lovely view from the windows as you sip your coffee is an additional bonus. It's a great place to meet a friend/neighbour for a chat coming from the shops, Church, or school.

In addition to the meeting/assembly rooms, there is a Quiet Room. A beautiful garden with a water feature extends from the Quiet Room, where it is possible to have a little time alone or with a friend.

Like any family home, the Iona Centre is becoming more "home-ly" as time passes and more visitors come. Over the last two years visitors from twelve areas within the Parish attended social evenings in the Centre, at the invitation of the Contact Group, to meet and chat with neighbours and to view the facilities on offer.

In addition to serving Parish needs, rooms can be rented by groups and individuals seeking a venue to hold meetings or activities such as seminars, support groups, counselling, etc.

We are very fortunate to have a building such as the Iona Centre in Knocklyon – it is there for all of us, to enjoy and use, to visit, to have a "cuppa", take a class, attend a talk – a tremendous resource for the Community – and its potential is just beginning to be realised. But as Socrates said, "In every work the beginning is the most important part, especially in dealing with anything young and tender."

We wish all involved in the Centre a happy 2nd Anniversary – and if you have not yet visited the Centre – why not make a date for coffee there soon.

- Eileen Casey

Enquiries re booking, etc. to 494 3712. Fax 494 3877.



View of Iona Centre from Idrone Avenue.



Iona Centre team – Back (l. to r.): Linda Keogh, Mary Spearing, Anne Pouch, Kathleen Curtis, Paula Jacob, Mairin Spain (C.E. Supervisor). Front (l. to r.): Noleen Kelly, Bernie Rossney (Centre Director), Paula Geoghegan and Pat Cullen. Missing from photo: Florence Smith (Manager Coffee Shop) and Declan Mallon.

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Take a look at the father of the prodigal son as Jesus presents him to us. His qualities are very well outlined in the current issue of **The Word For Today**: '(1) He was a great role model for his kids. (2) He supported them financially and emotionally. (3) He gave them a heritage. (4) He guided them without forcing



them to conform. (5) He gave them room to fail – and a place to return. (6) He met them more than halfway. (7) He forgave them.

'It's not an indictment of you when your kids struggle, make bad choices, or challenge authority. What does reflect on you, however, is your attitude to them. They may still be "a great way off", but they need to know you care and that you're waiting to welcome them back home.'

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A Note of Appreciation MAURICE O'BOYLE

On behalf of my father especially, and my family, I enter this note of sincere thanks to the community in Knocklyon.

January 27th 2001 – a great shock ruptured the very heart of our life – it was the day my father took ill. On what was supposed to have been a joyous visit to New York for the birth and christening of his second grandson, fate had other ideas. Dad had a massive heart attack ten days after baby Devin was born. The next four weeks were spent in the Coronary Care Unit of Good Samaritans Hospital, Babylon N.Y., having subsequently suffered a further heart attack and three strokes.

Dad has amazed us all though, and with his devotion to prayer and with the love and support of all that know him – he is soldiering on!

Dad returned from New York via Air Ambulance on February 24th last year, into the care of Hospital 2, Top Floor, in St. James' Hospital. With the care and devotion of the many disciplines within, he has made a remarkable recovery.

Although hemiplegic, Dad arrived home to Knocklyon in March of this year following a long year, and a battle, fought with great determination and dignity.

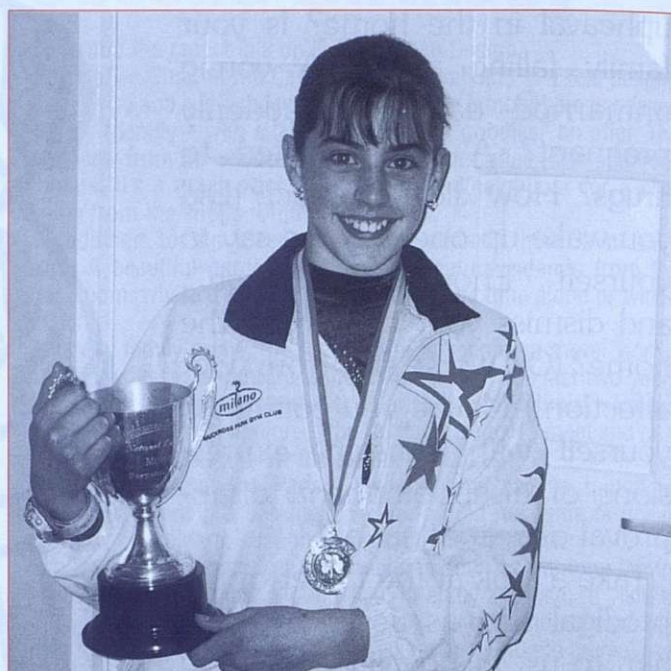
I wish to take this opportunity to thank everybody that has supported Dad and my family throughout this journey. Firstly, to his many close friends, who even today remain a stronghold for both him and my family – whose tireless efforts, unending support and dedicated devotion has brought us this far!

To the members of the clergy – Fr. Weakliam, Fr. Tony and the late Fr. Fitzpatrick (R.I.P.), to the Church Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and all the members of the community who prayed for Dad.

To the many Bridge Clubs for their continuing support. You have all given so generously of yourselves and we thank you. To anyone I have omitted, my utmost and most sincere thanks!

– Grace O'Boyle

A FANTASTIC GYMNAST



Victoria with her most recent trophy.

Congratulations to twelve-year-old Victoria Redmond who has won the Ladies Minor Championship for artistic gymnastics. This competition was held in the National Basketball Arena on Saturday 13th April, 2002.

Victoria, who is a pupil of Loreto Primary School, Grange Road, has been involved in gymnastics since the age of seven. She is a member of Muckcross Park Gym Club and trains for a minimum of ten hours a week.

Victoria hopes to participate in the Celtic Cup for 'Gymnastics in September with competitors from Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Northern Ireland and Britain. She has already competed in Hungary and England.

Victoria's two younger sisters, Jasmine who is nine and five-year-old Lydia are also keen gymnasts and hope to follow in their sister's footsteps – or hand stands! Watch this space for further news of this fit trio.

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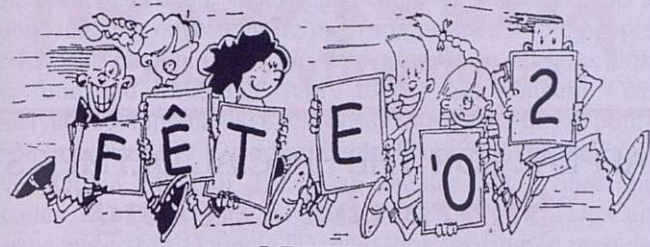
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Hike to Hell Fire Club



Well done to Daniel Matthews, Sean O'Reilly, Simon Power and Jamie O'Reilly, all Fifth Class pupils of Mr. Johnson's class, St. Colmcille's who raised €227 hiking to the top of the Hell Fire Club in aid of the National Children's Hospital, Tallaght. The boys were helped by Hannah Matthews, Second Class. Many thanks to all who gave their support.

CONFIRMATION DAY, 23rd APRIL

Photos on Front Cover: top, left to right - Emma Duffy of Delaford Drive, with parents Des and Rita; Daragh McHugh of Beverly with parents John and Anne; Claire Farrell of Lansdowne Park with parents Catherine and Peter.

Middle, left to right: Brian Poole of Idrone with parents Mary and Ben; Erika Pouch of Greenacre Court with the Bishop; Colin O'Brien of Dargle Wood with parents Adrienne and Pat.

Bottom, left to right: Emma Carroll of Old Bridge Road with parents Willie and Jackie; Shane Trimble of Templeroan with parents Brigid and David; Niamh Cleary of Orlagh Park with parents John and Helen.

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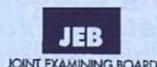
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EASTER BUNNY VISITS WOODSTOWN



A group of Woodstown children with their Easter visitors!

On Holy Saturday, the Easter Bunny hopped into Woodstown with some eggs for the children. This year he brought a friend of his, the Nestle Bunny, with him. All the children enjoyed the 'chocolate', although some of the babies were a bit afraid of the bunnies! He promises to return again next year. Until then, thanks Easter Bunny.

– Paul Moran, Social Committee, Woodstown Village

Parish Forum Meeting in Gort Muire

Over thirty-five people from the Parish Forum attended a full-day of discussion and team-work on 20th April. Facilitator for the day was Donal Harrington who led groups in the sharing of their experiences and views of a parish and its functions.

Groups made suggestions as to possible avenues and areas of work for the Forum in the short and long term. The day started with prayer and ended with the celebration of the Eucharist. This experience helped everyone to get to know each other better, and a clearer sense of common purpose was achieved. The spirit of enthusiasm present throughout the day served to boost morale for all.

The Forum will meet again on 20th May and 17th June.

Knocklyon community council

APPEAL FOR THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS "Share the Feeling"

The Knocklyon Community Council were represented at the launch of 'Home from Home' campaign for the Special Olympics World Games to be held in June 2003. Over 9,000 athletes are expected to participate in the games and up to 28,000 family members will join them from over 160 countries.

The Community Council would encourage participation in the programme whereby the people of Knocklyon would share their home with some of these family members for the duration of the Games. The 'Host A Family Programme' offers an ideal opportunity to actively get involved in the Games, make new friends and take part in the cultural exchange by sharing your heart and home with the "family" of a Special Olympics athlete.

For some of these families it is the first time they have been outside their own country. It will be for many the pinnacle of a lifetime of encouragement and participation in sport for their special children.

What's Involved

Ideally you will live within 15 minutes walking distance of public transport, to which you can easily direct your guests. You will be asked to provide free accommodation (separate bedroom for the exclusive use of your guests during their stay), provide a continental-style breakfast for up to nine days for one, two or more family members of a Special Olympic athlete. You will also be required to meet your guests on arrival in Dublin and transport them to your home. All other expenses are the responsibility of the visiting family.

The KCC would love to see involvement in the programme and during the Games the KCC would organise a few events to share a 'Céad Míle Fáilte' with the host and visiting families to our area.

Next Step

To indicate your wish to be part of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to welcome the world to Dublin, please complete an 'Expression of Interest Form'. More information and on-line application forms are available at www.2003specialolympics.com or by calling the Families Programme information line on: 01-869 1700.

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Responses from our local Councillors and TDs following the AGM of the Knocklyon Community Council

The KCC asked our local representatives to respond to a questionnaire concerning items of importance to the people of Knocklyon. The KCC are very grateful to all who took the time and trouble to reply to our questionnaire. We received a comprehensive response from all the major political parties and we sincerely thank all our local representatives Olivia Mitchell TD, Alan Shatter TD, Councillor Stanley Laing, Seamus Brennan TD, Tom Kitt TD, Cait Keane and Liz O'Donnell TD, who took the time to reply to us.

We do not feel it would be appropriate to give the full details of each response but to say that on local issues such as the redevelopment of St. Colmcille's Primary School there is a considerable amount of cross-party support for the project, as there is for many local issues.

Education:

All parties have made representations to the Dept. of Education concerning the redevelopment work on both the Junior and Senior School. Provided the funds are available, and considering the extent of the demands on resources, all one can do is hope that Knocklyon will get it's fair share. More resources are also needed for the Gael Scoil for the provision of sports facilities.

Planning:

The New Planning Development Bill will strengthen the law regarding the completion of developments. However, lack of resources in both planning and enforcement departments must be addressed. The KCC will continue to be vigilant on this issue in order to make sure all new developments comply with all the regulations and restrictions imposed.

Environment:

One of our main concerns was Illegal Trespass which has been partially solved by new legislation.

On the issue of adequate signage for Knocklyon, the local reps promise to keep the pressure on the Roads Section of South Dublin Co. Council. The KCC are committed to keeping this matter alive.

On the re-alignment of the Knocklyon Road there is cross-party support for the project, but once again resources seem to be the problem. It is becoming more of a priority each year, but unfortunately it does not look like it will commence in the near future.

On the various black spots following the completion of the M50; representations will be made to Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Council on this matter.

Policing:

Each party sees crime and lack of adequate policing as a major concern. More Gardai are promised for Rathfarnham in the very near future. Fine Gael have published a comprehensive crime manifesto, promised initiatives including high visibility policing, rapid response to local 'hot spots' of drinking and drug dealing.

The Progressive Democrats, if returned to Government, will increase the strength of the Gardai by 2,000 members, they are also proposing major law reform concerning anti-social behaviour.

No doubt we will hear a lot more over the coming weeks. Once again the KCC would like to thank all our local representatives for their help, and wish every success to those seeking election on May 17th.

– David Hickey, Chairperson
Kevin Geoghegan, Secretary

CONNECT NEWS



This month's information snippet from the Health Promotion Unit of the Department of Health is on the topic of Solvent Abuse/Sniffing.

What is it?

Solvents are substances which are inhaled including glue, nail polish and remover, lighter fuel, petrol, aerosols, cleaning agents and correction fluids.

The highs

These include feelings of dizziness, euphoria, laughter and sometimes hallucinations. Effects last for up to an hour after inhalation.

The lows

Sniffing can make the user feel sick and drowsy. **More seriously, solvent abuse can kill.**

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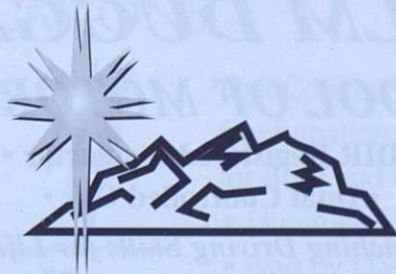
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Ballyboden St. Endas GAA, Camogie and Ladies Football Club

Year 4 of the Club Lotto has been launched with over €110,000 in prizes, as well as super holiday prizes in the Caribbean and Disneyland USA for subscribers. The funds are for development work at Sancta Maria College and the provision of dressing rooms at Knocklyon Park, Ballycullen. Appreciation to Cathal McCarthy of McCarthy Auctioneers and Estate Agents, Rathfarnham for sponsoring the brochure. Full details available from the Lotto Committee Chairman, Gerry Hogan or any member of the club.



Maplewood Developments have renewed their sponsorship of the Ballyboden St. Endas Senior Ladies team. At the launch (l. to r.): Niam Smith, Bill Daly (team manager), Nuala Daly, Michael Whelan, Managing Director, Maplewood Developments, Helen O'Rourke, General Secretary, Cumann Peil na mBan, Sorcha Farrelly, (team captain), Danny Griffin, Club Sponsorship Manager.

Congratulations to the Minor Football team (Ronan Hore, Paddy Walsh, Matt Gannon, Liam Tully, Ben Molloy) who have advanced to the quarter-final stage of the championship after their win over St. Brigids. The Minor B team (Peter Shovlin, Mick Higgins and Eugene Kenny) has also had two championship wins.

Dr. Niall Moyna of DCU was a recent guest speaker at the social night for team mentors.

Well done to Declan O'Mahony who was a member of the Dublin Under 21 panel which won the Leinster Championship. The U11 camogie team (Catherine Cummins, Mona Uí Shúilleabháin, Fiona Ní Shúilleabháin) were successful in the Naomh Bríd indoor tournament beating Naomh Peregrines in the final.

Details of Summer Camps 2002 will be announced shortly. Information from P.J. Donohue (087 662 3589) or Enda McNulty (087 799 5662).

– Gerry O'Sullivan

Ballyboden St. Enda's Launch Year 4 of the Club Lotto



Cathal McCarthy of McCarthy Auctioneers and Estate Agents, Rathfarnham, sponsors of the lotto brochure makes a presentation to Lotto Committee Chairman, Gerry Hogan.

PARISHIONER'S BOOK PUBLISHED

Congratulations to Concepta Conaty on the publication of her book, 'Including All, Home, School And Community In Education', with a foreword by Professor John Coolahan. Concepta was Principal of the Sacred Heart School in Killinarden, Tallaght, for ten years. She joined the Department of Education in 1990 and is the National Co-ordinator – Disadvantage Initiatives. Her book is published by Veritas, price €12.95.

ECUMENICAL CELEBRATION

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KNOCKLYON UNITED



Knocklyon's Euro Trip Delight

At Easter eight teams from Knocklyon United Football Club ranging from U10 to U17 travelled to Belgium and Holland to participate in the Valvas Cup, Venlo, in Holland and the Euro Cup at Hamont in Belgium. Significantly, between two tournaments played in Belgium and Holland, we had five final appearances. Unfortunately only one of the squads, Aidan Leonard's DDSL Under 11s clinched a winner's trophy, but in three of the other four, we were sadly beaten on penalties. However the club was thrilled to be awarded the 'Club of the Tournament' award in Belgium, and the 'Fair Play' award went to Aidan Leonard's U11. Well done to all.

Incredibly, the club brought 173 people with them on the trip and their support was instrumental in the success that prevailed on the pitch.

Both tournaments were extremely well organised and very well respected with teams from all over Europe taking part in the competitions. It was a brilliant experience for all who travelled and one that will live in their memories for life.

The club awarded the 'Player of the Tournament' to Robbie Gibbons from the U10 who played brilliant football throughout.

A special word for three players who could not participate. Greg Moran from the U13 broke his arm a week before we travelled and could not play. However, he still managed to travel and support his fellow players. We would also like to mention Mark Kenny from Aidan Leonard's U11 team and Cian Durkan from Barry Jackson's U10 team who could not travel due to illness. The club wishes them a speedy recovery and looks forward to seeing them back in action.

Lotto Funding

The day before we were due to travel to Belgium/Holland, Minister Tom Kitt and Councillor John Lahart met with the committee to inform us that we had been successful in our application for Lotto funding. The club was awarded €150,000 for the construction of our clubhouse at Delaford Park. This will cater for all our younger players who make up half of the 420 players. The news was a fantastic way to start our trip and one that will put Knocklyon United on the map. The club is extremely grateful to all those who worked on the project and to those who supported the club.

Special League

Knocklyon United has recently tried to organise a mini World Cup for special children. The club, in conjunction with Rory O'Connor from the Downs Syndrome Association, and the local G.A.A. club St. Enda's Ballyboden, will now run a tournament on Saturday-Sunday 1st-2nd June at Cherryfield Park in Knocklyon. It is anticipated that up to fifty boys and girls from the Downs Syndrome Association and forty boys and girls from Knocklyon United and St. Enda's Ballyboden will take part.

We intend to organise a seven-a-side tournament with players mixed from all associations. The teams will be named later this month. The soccer will be played on the Saturday and Gaelic football on the Sunday.

This is the first time an event has been organised between the different sports and special players and we feel it will benefit and educate all those players who participate.

We will be looking for support for this event and if you are interested in helping out please contact me at the details below or contact John Archbold from St. Enda's Ballyboden at 086-608 3288.

– Mick Kennedy, P.R.O., Knocklyon United.

Tel: 494 6536 (h); 086-266 9311 (m).

E-mail: mickkenndy1000@eircom.net

• SEE PAGE 19 FOR DRAW RESULTS •

KNOCKLYON GOLF SOCIETY

The following are the results of our outing to Blackbush Golf Club.

Overall: 1st John Murphy (12) 37 pts. (Back Nine); 2nd James Scully (9) 37 pts.

Visitors: 1st George Lambert 34 pts; 2nd Jerry Farrell 31 pts.

Class 3: 1st Des Ryan (28) 35 pts; 2nd John Beatty (21) 34 pts (Back Nine).

Class 2: 1st Bill Gorman (19) 36 pts; 2nd Harry Connell (16) 35 pts (Back Nine).

Class 1: 1st Ken Ellis (14) 36 pts; 2nd Jerry Daly (13) 35 pts.

Front Nine: Justin Lynch (14) 21 pts.

Back Nine: Mark Aspland (18) 19 pts.

There are a very limited number of places left for our weekend away to Dundrumhouse, Co. Tipperary on 14-15th June.

Our President, Terry Mangan's prize will be at our outing to Headford Golf Club on the 27th July. Tee time, 2-4 p.m.

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SCIENCE TRIP TO LONDON

A group of 51 students and 5 teachers left Superquinn car park in the early hours of Friday morning, 26th April, for a four day trip to London and Chester. This marks the first international trip for the school. Organised by the Science Department, the group visited Warwick Castle, Stratford-Upon-Avon, Ann Hathaway's Cottage, Shakespeare's birthplace, Victoria and Albert Museum, St. Paul's Cathedral, Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, Houses of Parliament, Tower of London, Science Museum, Greenwich Park, Maritime Museum, Greenwich Meridian, Imperial War Museum and the National History Museum. They also had a most enjoyable day in Chester on their return journey.



Some of the students touching the Statue of Love outside St. Paul's Cathedral, London. According to legend you find the love of your life within a year of touching the statue.

HOME ECONOMICS - UNCLE BEN'S COMPETITION

Congratulations to a 2nd Year student, Ann-Marie Brennan who competes in the All-Ireland Finals of the Uncle Ben's sponsored cookery competition. Ann-Marie who prepared a pork based dish won through the regional finals and is now down to the last six in the country from an initial field of over a thousand students. We wish Ann-Marie all the best in the forthcoming finals later this month.



Students in front of 'Big Ben'.

TÁNAISTE'S VISIT

The Progressive Democrat Party, in launching its election campaign on Friday 26th April, organised a visit of its leader and Tánaiste Mary Harney to St. Colmcille's Community School. Ms Harney spoke to an assembly of the students outlining her own background and route into politics. She discussed the many advantages of a democratic state and encouraged all students to participate in school student councils and debating societies as well as remaining active in social and environmental issues. Minister for State, Liz O'Donnell accompanied the Tánaiste and both were taken on a guided tour of the school afterwards.



Mary Harney and Liz O'Donnell's visit to our school.

NEWGRANGE VISIT

Almost seventy 1st Year students and their teachers visited Newgrange on Wednesday, 24th April as part of the Outdoor Education Program organised by the History Department. It was the second part of this activity so that all 1st Year students have now had the benefit of experiencing the wonderful historical site.



First Year Girls' Camogie team in the Final of the Dublin League.

SPORTS NEWS

We have a number of teams taking part in competitions in Basketball, G.A.A. and Camogie, as we go to press, and wish all of them every success in their respective competitions.



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FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

A year of preparation by parents, teachers and pupils culminates in six First Holy Communion ceremonies during May. Fr. David and Fr. Tony will lead the celebrations ably assisted by the other priests. Ruth Kelly and Ms. Johnston have prepared the choirs by practising day and night. The Parents' Association has organised refreshments in the school hall for all Communicants and their families. The 180 Second Class pupils completed beautiful artwork which adorned the Church for the six Communion Masses.

BUILDING PROJECT

Officials from the Department of Education and Science have met members of the Boards of Management of the senior and junior schools. The Department is committed to providing permanent classrooms for all pupils, additional administrative/teaching facilities and adequate car-parking and play areas. The project will cost approximately €6 million and it will take thirty months to complete. In the lead-up to the General Election parents have lobbied canvassers for a commencement date for the school refurbishments. The Board of Management is awaiting planning permission for a new car park and access roadway for both schools.

NEW TEACHERS

Two new Resource teachers for children with special needs have been appointed in the Junior School. This increases the teaching staff to 33.

ENROLMENT

Parents of incoming Junior Infants have attended the orientation meetings where they met with their child's new teacher. The new pupils will visit their classrooms on June 27th. Demand for places in all classes has increased. There will be only one or two vacancies in Senior Infants, First and Second classes. Parents hoping to enrol a child to begin school between 2002 and 2006 should complete an application form in the school office. Children born after March cannot usually begin Junior Infants until they are five-years-old.

SPORTS

Mr. Sweeney has ensured all pupils can enjoy a varied Physical Education and Games programme. Children in Senior Infants have completed their gymnastics classes, while First and Second Class pupils have received Gymnastics, Swimming and Hurling/Camogie lessons. Ballyboden St. Endas G.A.A. club has sponsored coaching classes throughout May and June.

EDUCATIONAL EXCURSIONS

Twenty-four classes and their teachers will travel from the school for an activity filled day during last term. Second Classes will go to the Millennium Maze, First Classes visit Dublin Zoo. Senior Infants will be at Pine Valley Art Centre, and Junior Infants will travel to Morrell Farm.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION SUPPORT

Thanks to the generosity of the Parents' Association we have established a Special Needs library from which books can be borrowed by parents of children with Special Needs. The association also provided a new television and video. Mrs. Ruddy has already spent most of the money raised on the Sponsored Walk. All classrooms will have a new computer and printer in September. Some individual parents who are involved in businesses have donated new computers to the school. These will be used in the support teaching rooms.



Parents, pupils and teachers on the last lap of the sponsored walk in aid of the Junior School Computer Fund.

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St. Colmcille's Senior National School



Sport is in full flow at the moment. We have five school teams taking part in the Cumann na mBunscol Hurling and Camogie competitions. Hopefully we may have a trip to the finals by the end of the month. Third Class boys and girls have been participating in internal leagues in Hurling, Football, Camogie and Girls' Gaelic Football. Our athletes have also started into serious training.



Mr. P. Ó Néill (Coach) with four members of the team competing in the Corn Johnston Mooney O'Brien Primary Schools Hurling Competition. Back (l. to r.): Diarmuid Cahill, Shane Gallagher. Front (l. to r.): Michael Dillon, Darren Hilliard.



Ms. T. Ní Reachtabhra (Coach) with five members of the Senior A Camogie Team. Back (l. to r.): Claire Farrell, Siobhán Stack, Fiona Nea. Front (l. to r.): Sarah Noonan, Emma Duffy.



Mr. J. Murphy (Coach) with six members of the Junior Hurling Panel. Back (l. to r.): Thomas Sweeny, David Traynor, Odhran Traynor. Front (l. to r.): Mark Fitzpatrick, Ian Kenny, Ciaran Byrne.



Ms. A. Kelly (Coach) with five of the 60 girls taking part in the Third Class Football League. Back (l. to r.): Katie McGivern, Emer Carroll. Front (l. to r.): Niamh Brien, Shauna Sherwood, Emer Deane.

Look out for the names of Winners of the Art and Writing Competitions in our Next Issue.

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Sixty boys are participating in the Third Class Boys Hurling League. The team captains are pictured. Back (l. to r.): Niall Ryan, Stephen Jordan, David Garry. Front (l. to r.): Eoghan Ó Néill, Brian McCarthy.



Some Fourth Class Girls Camogie players with their Coach, Ms. M. Roche. Back (l. to r.): Una McSherry, Sinead Kavanagh, Caoimhe O'Regan. Front (l. to r.): Rachel Nugent, Niamhe Dunne.

Recognition for Sport



This photo shows a number of teachers from St. Colmcille's Primary School who were recently presented with pins and certificates by the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Michael Mulcahy, in the Civic Offices, Wood Quay, in recognition of their long service to sport in Primary Schools.

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K.A.I.E.S. (Knocklyon Adults in Educational Studies) is a Committee of volunteers whose aim is to promote adult education in Knocklyon. It was established in 1992 by a group of Knocklyon residents who had completed a Diploma in Social and Human Studies from Maynooth University, organised by the VEC, at Knocklyon Youth and Community Centre. The participants on this course had gained so much from this experience that they wished to see adult education continue in their local community.

K.A.I.E.S. (pronounced 'keys') was to become the vehicle by which VEC and University Certificate and Diploma Classes were offered and made accessible to Knocklyoners on their doorstep.

From small beginnings such as Art, Flower Arranging and Personal Development classes K.A.I.E.S. has expanded its list of courses to include such diverse topics as sports, holistic therapies, language and university courses. We will be offering a choice of some 30 courses in our brochure for Autumn 2002 (see Provisional Listing on Page 15).

Education is for life, and it is an ongoing process. Our aim is to provide courses of an educational and recreational nature in a social environment. We, as long established residents of Knocklyon are conscious of the problems of modern day living in a rapidly expanding area such as ours, and of the sense of isolation that may ensue, hence our desire to provide a variety of courses to bring people together.

We have also organised some one day courses and seminars such as "Facing Up To Suicide" which took place last February in Knocklyon Community School.

Our recent, very successful, 'Open Evening' which was held on 8th April, also celebrated K.A.I.E.S. 10th birthday. Students exhibited work from such courses as Art, Tiffany Glass, Floral Art, and our very sociable Dancing and Wine-tasting classes!

K.A.I.E.S. courses are held in Knocklyon Youth and Community Centre. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Board of Management, and in particular to the staff of the Centre whose help and



Helen Delaney, Churchtown, displays her "contemporary design" of roses and carnations.



Eucharia Lennon, Knockaire, and Glynis Alison, Cremorne, admiring the Tiffany Glass.



Maura Gannon, Dargle Wood, displays her "Hogart Curve" arrangement.

cheerful co-operation are invaluable to us. We would also like to thank our dedicated tutors and also you, our past, present – and hopefully future – students.

Education should also be fun – we provide the wine and the music! We invite you to join us again next September to continue in the adventure of life-long learning.

– Pauline Sheedy

K.A.I.E.S. Committee Members can be contacted by phoning Knocklyon Youth and Community Centre, 494 3991 (mornings preferably).

<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Duration</i>	<i>Euro</i>
MONDAY			
Art (Advanced)	9.30 a.m.-11.15 a.m.	8 weeks	65
Yoga	10.00 a.m.-11.30 a.m.	6 weeks	65
Tennis	10.30 a.m.-11.30 a.m.	8 weeks	75
Art (Beginners)	11.30 a.m.-1.15 p.m.	8 weeks	65
Tai Chi	11.30 a.m.-1.00 p.m.	8 weeks	65
Computers (Beginners)	1.00 p.m.-2.00 p.m.	8 weeks	95
TUESDAY			
NUI Certificate in Counselling (NUI Maynooth. Places limited. Enquiries: 087-627 7937. This Course only.)	9.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.	30 weeks	1,100
WEDNESDAY			
Golf (Beginners)	10.00 a.m.-11.00 a.m.	10 weeks	80
Golf (Improvers)	11.00 a.m.-12.00 a.m.	10 weeks	80
Meditation and Relaxation	10.00 a.m.-11.30 a.m.	10 weeks	65
Spanish (Beginners)	9.30 a.m.-11.00 a.m.	10 weeks	65
Bridge (Beginners)	11.15 a.m.-1.15 p.m.	10 weeks	65
THURSDAY			
Tiffany Glass (Advanced)	9.30 a.m.-11.30 a.m.	10 weeks	90
Spanish (Improvers)	9.30 a.m.-11.00 a.m.	10 weeks	65
Floral Art	11.30 a.m.-1.30 p.m.	8 weeks	65
FRIDAY			
Art (Beginners and Improvers)	10.00 a.m.-12.00 p.m.	8 weeks	65
EVENING CLASSES			
MONDAY			
Social Dancing (Advanced)	8.15 p.m.-10.15 p.m.	8 weeks	65
Wine Appreciation	8.00 p.m.-10.00 p.m.	8 weeks	80
TUESDAY			
Meditation and Relaxation	8.00 p.m.-9.30 p.m.	10 weeks	65
WEDNESDAY			
Golf (Beginners)	7.00 p.m.-8.00 p.m.	10 weeks	80
Golf (Improvers)	8.00 p.m.-9.00 p.m.	10 weeks	80
Guitar (Beginners)	8.00 p.m.-9.30 p.m.	8 weeks	75
THURSDAY			
Art (Advanced)	7.15 p.m.-9.15 p.m.	8 weeks	70
Social Dancing (Beginners)	8.15 p.m.-10.15 p.m.	8 weeks	65
Computers (Beginners)	7.30 p.m.-8.30 p.m.	8 weeks	95

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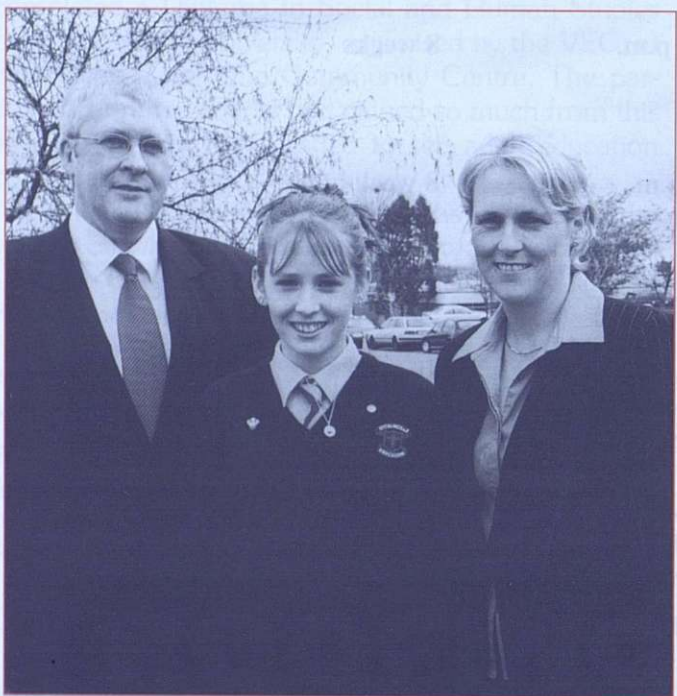
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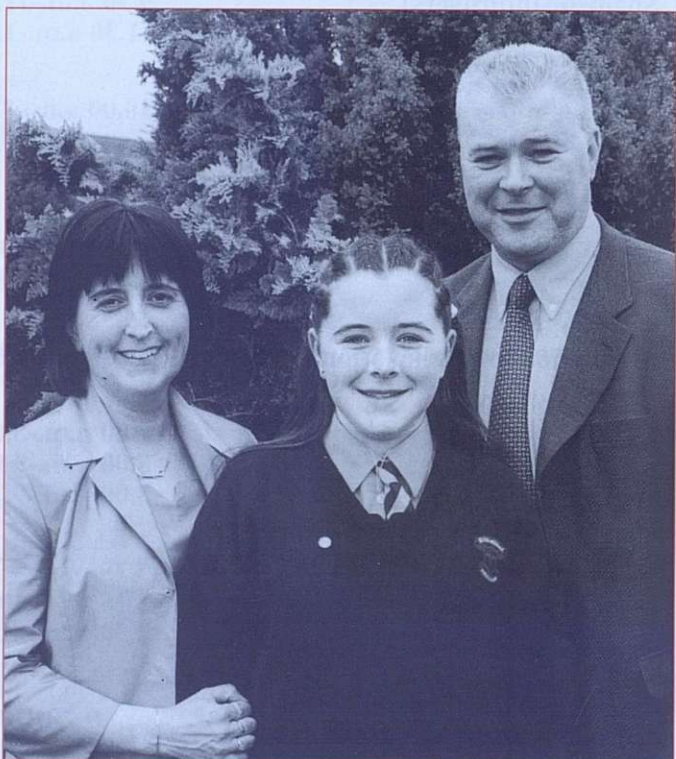
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Further information regarding Application Forms, etc., will be available later in the month.
- Declan Cahill, Chairman, Social Events Group.

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 5th June:

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Thursday, 6th June:

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'PEOPLE AND STEEPLE'

'People And Steeple' is the title of a magazine published by the Church of Ireland parish of Whitechurch, to commemorate 175 years of ministry in their church building erected in 1827. Bishop Walton Empey, in his Commendation, tells us that "some very major problems in relation to the church building itself have more recently emerged." This publication is one component of the necessary fund-raising for the church restoration project.

Apart from fund-raising, 'People And Steeple' is a very worthwhile publication. The contents are very varied – from a "gourmet's guide" to eating out, an article on the many and varied sports clubs in the area as well as interesting coverage of historical places and people.

There is much in this publication of interest to the general reader and those with an interest in local history. It is excellent value for €4. I suggest that readers buy a copy. In addition to fund-raising for Whitechurch parish church repairs there is a fund of information between its covers. It is edited by Rev. Patrick Comerford, a Glenvara resident and minister of Whitechurch Parish, who is also a well known journalist with 'The Irish Times'.

Contact Whitechurch Parish Office. Tel: 01-493 4972. Copies are on sale in Superquinn, Knocklyon and Church Shop.

– Anna Brioscú

CONFIRMATION DAY



Sarah-Jane Kearney, of Cruagh, Rockbrook, with parents Peter and Margaret.



Twins Niamh (2nd left) and Aisling Cunningham (Knockaire) with parents Joyce and Jerry.

WHAT A SHAME!



This row of ten trees planted alongside the Firhouse Road adjacent to the bridge over the M50 Motorway were recently wantonly broken by vandals.

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Daffodil Day 2002

Once again, Daffodil Day was a huge success.

On behalf of the Irish Cancer Society, we wish to say 'Thank You' to all those who supported, or gave up their time to help. Due to the wonderful generosity of everyone our group collected €16,619.

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Mary Coleman
Máire O'Donnell

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