

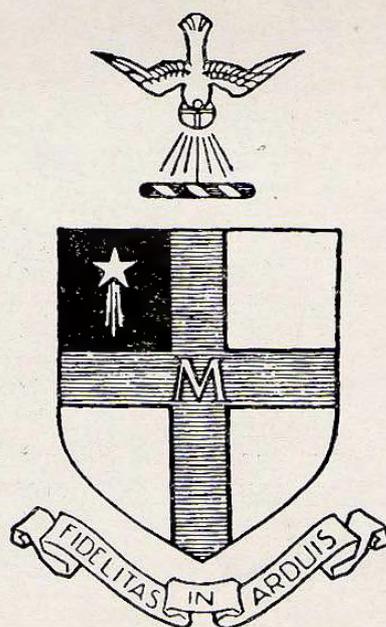


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# Editorial

*With the visit of His Holiness, Pope John Paul the Second to our city and our country on September 29th, we thought it fitting to dedicate the College Annual 1979 to him not only to mark his historic visit but also to express our filial loyalty and obedience to the Holy Father.*

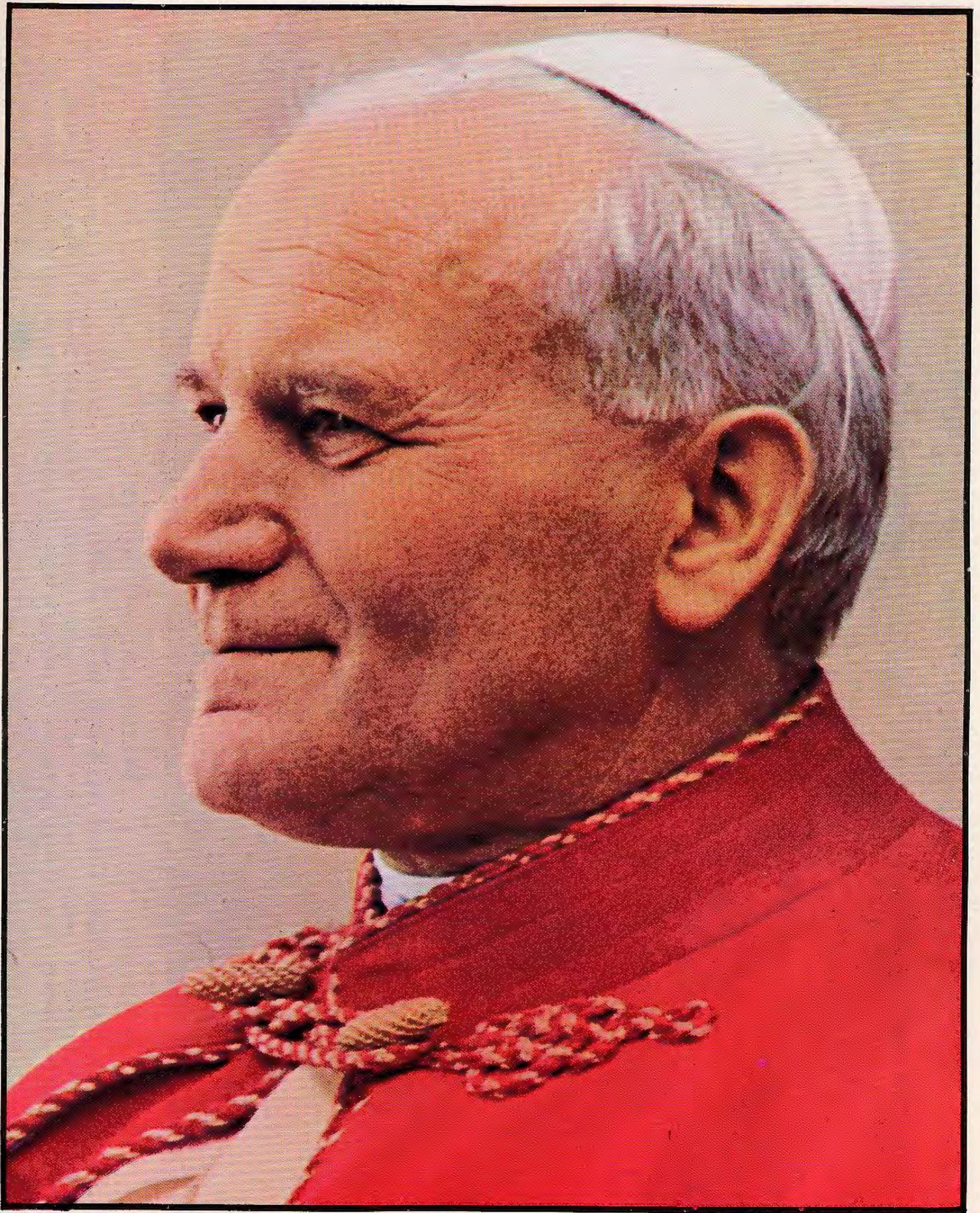
*The Annual is an account of the various activities and achievements of the students in the College during the past academic year. There are also reports from the Past Pupils Union, St. Mary's College R.F.C. and an account of where the Sixth Year of 1952-53 are now. There is news of various honours which past pupils received during the year and there is an obituary of the late Benny Lynch, (R.I.P.).*

*We were very pleased when Fr. E. Darcy, C.S.Sp., joined us in January. We are saddened by the official retirement of Mr. P. Henry but we are happy that he has stayed on in the College to take a few classes each day. The departure of Fr. D. Darcy, C.S.Sp., to Brazil and Fr. G. Lord, C.S.Sp., to the U.S.A. is a severe loss to the College. Over the years they have contributed so much to St. Mary's that we owe them a deep debt of gratitude for their enlightened, dedicated ministry and work in the College.*

*There are two major contributions in this Annual. One is a "Religious/Missionary" section. In our times, it is very important to emphasise the aims and objectives of a Catholic school which embrace not only the belief but also the practice of Catholicism in our modern society.*

*The second contribution is "A History of Rathmines" from 1209 to 1838. Most of the students do not live in Rathmines but spend their schooldays here. So we feel it important that they should know the environment and history of the area where they spend so much of their lives. The article would not have been possible without the help of Comt. P. D. O'Donnell, Cathal Brugha Barracks; of Miss M. Nishaw, Chief Children's Librarian, Dublin Corporation; of Miss H. Tuohy and her assistants in Rathmines Public Library; of Mr. Alf MacLochlainn and his assistants in the National Library; Mr. Freddie Dixon; and of Captain Bill McGowan and Sgt. Peter Field of the Ordnance Survey.*

*The Annual is well illustrated and our thanks to the many photographers and artists for their contributions, their time and their skills. Several of the articles have come from the students, members of Staff and parents. To all of them our thanks. Finally a word of thanks to Mr. P. Funge and his Staff at the Elo Press who have been as ever courteous, efficient and co-operative.*



*Joannes Paulus P.P. II*



### THE COLLEGE STAFF 1978-79

*From Top:*

Fr. C. Byrne, Mr. N. Doyle, Fr. M. Maiben, Mr. J. Gillespie, Mr. P. Quinn, Mr. D. Murphy, Mr. J. Kirby, Mr. S. McCarthy, Mr. K. Lewis, Mr. M. Begley, Mr. M. Leonard, Fr. D. Darcy, Fr. G. Lord,  
Fr. S. Little, Mr. P. Henry, Mr. J. Lehane, Mr. O. Dunne, Fr. E. Darcy, Mr. T. Newell, Mr. L. Naughton, Mrs. F. Bane, Fr. J. Byrne, Miss M. Trundle, Mr. R. Hughes, Fr. V. O'Grady,  
Mr. F. Conlon, Mrs. E. Ryan, Miss S. McGrath, Mrs. U. Wall, Miss E. McCallig, Miss P. Crowley, Fr. W. Nugent, Mrs. T. White, Mr. P. MacMurchu, Sr. D. Molloy, Mr. J. Crowley,  
Mr. E. Mahon, Fr. J. Godfrey.

# THE COLLEGE STAFF

*President:*

Very Rev. W. Nugent, C.S.Sp.

*Vice-President:*

Very Rev. F. C. Barry, C.S.Sp.

*Principal Senior School:*

Rev. J. Godfrey, C.S.Sp.

*Principal Junior School:*

Rev. S. Little, C.S.Sp.

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Pól Uas Mac Murchú

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Rev. G. Lord, C.S.Sp.

*Gamesmaster:*

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Rev. M. Smithwick, C.S.Sp.

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Rev. J. Byrne, C.S.Sp.  
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Rev. E. Darcy, C.S.Sp.  
Mr. M. Begley, C.S.Sp.

Rev. J. Hourigan, C.S.Sp.  
Rev. W. Kennedy, C.S.Sp.  
Rev. M. Maiben, C.S.Sp.  
Rev. P. J. Murray, C.S.Sp.  
Rev. V. O'Grady, C.S.Sp.  
Mr. M. Kilkenny, C.S.Sp.

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Mr. C. Branigan  
Mr. F. Conlon  
Mr. L. Corr  
Mr. J. Crowley  
Miss P. Crowley  
Mr. N. Doyle  
Mr. S. Doyle  
Mr. J. Gillespie  
Mr. P. Henry  
Mr. R. Hughes  
Mr. P. Kelly  
Mr. J. Kirby  
Mr. J. Lehane  
Mr. M. Leonard

Mr. K. Lewis  
Miss E. McCallig  
Mr. S. McCarthy  
Miss S. McGrath  
Mr. T. Mallon  
Sr. Dorothy Molloy  
Mr. M. Murray  
Mr. L. Naughton  
Mr. T. Newell  
Mr. M. O'Flaherty  
Mrs. E. Pender  
Mr. P. Quinn  
Mrs. E. Ryan  
Miss M. Trundle  
Mrs. U. Wall  
Mrs. T. White

*Physical Education:*

Mr. T. Ward, Mr. E. Mahon, Mr. O. Dunne

*Swimming:*

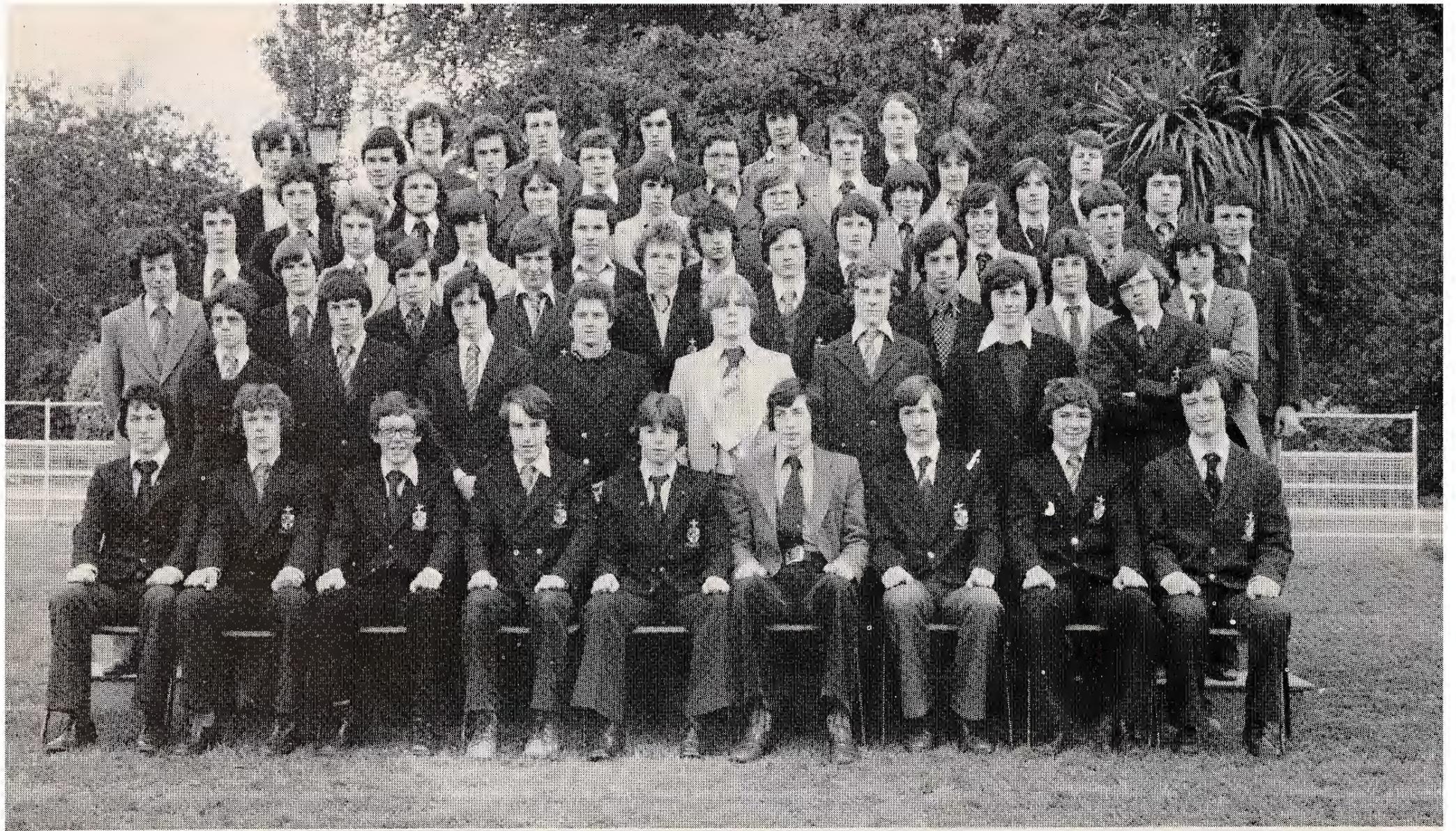
Mrs. A. Collins, Mr. P. Collins

*Drama and Elocution:*

Miss M. Cranny

*Music and Drama:*

Mrs. M. Valentine



#### SIXTH YEAR

*From Top:*

R. Byrne, D. Bennett, C. Doyle, C. Keane, J. Larney.

D. Fleming, C. Redahan, M. Gowran, C. Cassidy, T. Cleary, P. McGrath, P. Devlin, D. Ellison.

A. Farrell, K. Gannon, E. Robins, F. Murray, P. Stephenson, A. Russell, P. Blunden, J. Hartigan.

N. Harrington, G. Kinsella, S. McGrath, C. Mulvihill, K. Ryan, P. Walshe, B. Booth, H. Delaney, A. Whelan.

D. Gilligan, J. Ward, M. Ronayne, G. Lennon, P. Gallagher, S. Donnelly, T. Gray, N. Martin, F. Kerrigan.

D. Figgis, S. Maguire, P. Lonergan, S. Muldon, M. Gannon, D. Kerrigan, C. O'Connor, R. Leo.

D. Darby, J. Bennett, M. Crowe, D. Egan, M. Cosgrove, W. Maguire, D. Sheehan, J. Ambrose, O. O'Sullivan.

# SENIOR SCHOOL PRIZEWINNERS 1979

*Gold Medal for General Excellence:*  
Marc Cosgrove

*Gold Medal for General Excellence in  
Studies at Leaving Certificate.*  
*Presented by P.P.U.:*  
Declan Sheehan

*Gold Medal for General Excellence in  
Studies at Intermediate Certificate.*  
*Presented by P.P.U.:*  
Mark Redmond

*Father Ernest Farrell Gold Medal for  
Religious Knowledge (6th Year):*  
Conal Mulvihill

*Silver Medal for Best Speaker in  
English Debate:*  
William Maguire

*Silver Medal for Excellence List:*  
John Ambrose

*Silver Medal for Honours List:*  
Cormac Redahan



General Excellence Award for Marc Cosgrove

*Photo: James G. Maguire, A.F.I.A.P.*

## SIXTH YEAR

*Religious Knowledge:*  
Daniel Figgis  
Declan Sheehan

### *Gaeilge:*

6A Conal Mulvihill  
6A<sup>1</sup> Kenneth Gannon  
6A<sup>2</sup> Geoffrey Kinsella

### *General Average:*

6A Alan Farrell  
John Ambrose  
Jonathan Bennett  
6A<sup>1</sup> Patrick Stephenson  
William Maguire  
Owen O'Sullivan

### *Honours List:*

Conal Cassidy  
Patrick Lonergan  
Mark Ronayne  
Andrew Whelan

## FIFTH YEAR

*Religious Knowledge:*

5A Joseph Cunningham  
5A<sup>1</sup> William Leo

### *Gaeilge:*

5A Michael Power  
5A<sup>1</sup> Michael Sheerin  
5A<sup>2</sup> Brian O'Neill

### *General Average:*

5A William Leo  
David Tallon  
Derek Sweeney  
5A<sup>1</sup> Martin Leavy  
Stephen Ryan  
Paul Bennett

### *Honours List:*

Eamonn Ambrose  
Colman Corish  
Ian Farnan  
James Graham  
Ultan Stephenson

## FOURTH YEAR

*Religious Knowledge:*

4A Mark Redmond  
4A<sup>1</sup> David Kelly

### *Gaeilge:*

4A Mark Redmond  
4A<sup>1</sup> Shane Byrne  
4A<sup>2</sup> Michael J. Lynch

### *General Average:*

4A Maurice Gueret  
Mark Lawlor  
David Kirk  
4A<sup>1</sup> Paul McDonald  
Desmond Fagan  
David Kelly

### *Honours List:*

Aodhan Breathnach  
Ronan Burgess  
Liam Byrne  
Eamonn Coveney  
John Fitzgerald



#### FIFTH YEAR

*From Top:*

G. Byrne, K. Hughes, J. Graham, P. Murray, G. Redmond.  
B. Delany, A. Cowman, J. McDonald, A. Wright, J. Leavy, D. Sweeney, P. Cassidy, M. Leavy.  
J. Kearney, D. Hammond, J. Shiel, J. Randles, M. Farrell, E. Ambrose, R. Quigley.  
P. O'Reilly, J. Cunningham, P. Murray, P. Opperman, S. Cooke, B. Martin, J. McShane, P. Barnes.  
M. Sheerin, M. Hanna, U Stephenson, J. Gilsean, C. Corish, S. Daly, D. Kelly, M. Bowe, W. Leo.  
P. O'Reilly, J. Gallagher, F. McDonald, M. Power, G. Long, C. Gregan, I. Farnan, F. Conway.  
M. Drumm, S. Drumm, P. Bennett, M. Heffernan, D. Tallon, S. Ryan, A. McCarmack, B. O'Neill, S. Holland.

Desmond Foley  
 Padraig Keenan  
 Patrick Leahy  
 Niall McEniff  
 John McGann  
 Ruaidhri McSharry  
 David Raftery  
 Robert Russell  
 Vincent Traynor

**THIRD YEAR**

*Religious Knowledge:*

3A Conan Budds  
 3A<sup>1</sup> Leonard Lynch

*Gaeilge:*

3A Brendan Ward  
 3A<sup>1</sup> Roderick Geoghegan

*General Average:*

3A Conan Budds  
 Paul Hartigan  
 Denis Byrne  
 3A<sup>1</sup> Brendan Ward  
 Conor Murphy  
 John Nolan

*Honours List:*

Michael Geraghty



Mark Redmond receives the Gold Medal for General Excellence in Studies at Intermediate Certificate presented by the P.P.U.

*Photo: James G. Maguire, A.F.I.A.P.*



Declan Sheehan receives Gold Medal for General Excellence in Studies at Leaving Certificate presented by P.P.U.

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Fr. Ernest Farrell Gold Medal for Religious Knowledge presented to Conal Mulvihill

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Cormac Redahan receives the Silver Medal for Honours List (Sixth Year)

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#### FOURTH YEAR

*From Top:*

M. Gueret, D. Kelly, L. O'Flaherty, M. Lawler, P. Lucas, I. Byrne, P. Keenan, N. McEniff.

L. Branagan, J. Walsh, D. Raftery, E. Byrne, P. McDonald, P. Moylette, E. Brophy, R. Meenan, D. Foley.

J. Woods, C. Cooke, J. Nolan, A. O'Flanagan, T. Gogan, S. Farrell, P. Donnelly, M. J. Lynch, D. O'Brien.

V. Traynor, N. Gilleese, E. Coveney, A. Breathnach, P. Kelly, N. Cogley, D. Gallagher, J. McGann, M. L. Lynch, K. Robins.

S. Byrne, P. Barry, P. Cosgrove, J. Fitzgerald, A. Digby, P. Brooder, G. Hassett, C. Rice, E. O'Doherty.

P. O'Neill, M. Bowe, M. Crofts, R. McSharry, M. Redmond, A. Horne, C. O'Flanagan, R. Burgess.

M. Murphy, J. Burke-Moran, M. Kearney, N. Randles, P. Leahy, E. Quinn, D. Kirk, L. Byrne, R. Russell.

## SECOND YEAR

### *Religious Knowledge:*

2A Colm Dunne  
2A<sup>1</sup> Seamus Yendole

### *Gaeilge:*

2A Niall Harnett  
2A<sup>1</sup> Ciaran Maher

### *General Average:*

2A Gerard Cross  
Ian Burgess  
James Furlong  
2A<sup>1</sup> Timothy Scanlon  
George Reilly  
Stephen Tee

### *Honours List:*

Robert O'Connor  
Conor Purcell  
Charles Russell  
Gareth Maher  
Patrick Naughton  
David Tynan

## FIRST YEAR

### *Religious Knowledge:*

1A John Bagnall  
1A<sup>1</sup> Ian Ronayne

### *Gaeilge:*

1A Niall Budds  
1A<sup>1</sup> Ian Ronayne

### *General Average:*

1A Niall Budds  
John Bagnall  
Conor Gilligan  
1A<sup>1</sup> Ian Ronayne  
John Thornton  
Anthony O'Regan

### *Honours List:*

Brian Moore  
Paul Naughton  
Owen O'Neill  
Patrick Rennick  
James Coyne  
Colm Hanratty



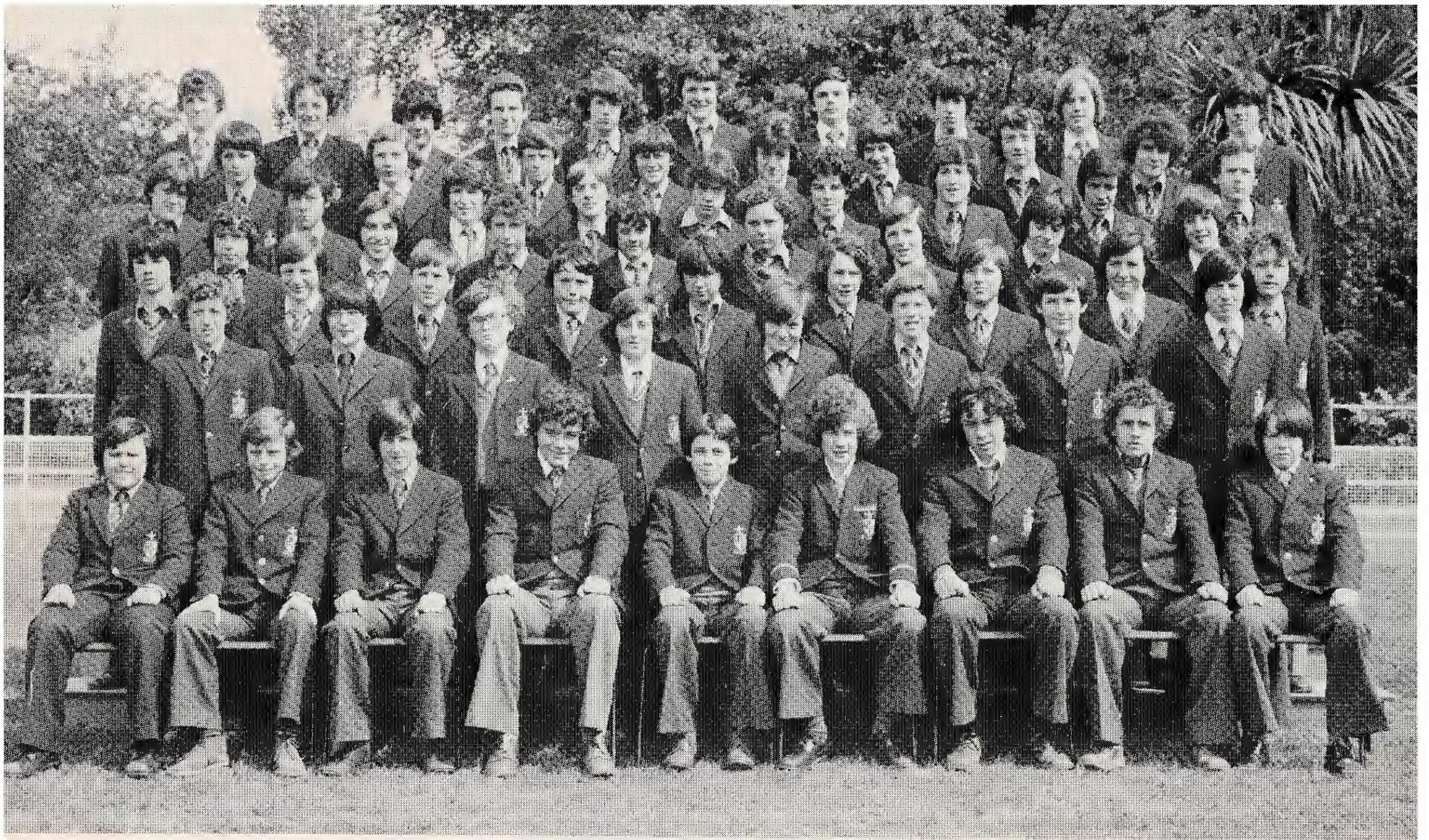
Silver Medal for Excellent List (Sixth Year)  
presented to John Ambrose

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Bill Maguire receives Silver Medal  
for Best Speaker, English Debating Society

*Photo: James G. Maguire, A.F.I.A.P.*



### THIRD YEAR

*From Top:*

C. Budds, K. Regan, m. McSweeney, C. McSharry, M. Quinlan, R. Hughes, J. Keogh, M. Geraghty, J. Kildea, M. McCarthy.  
W. Foley, J. Blunden, C. Murphy, M. McGovern, C. Tiernan, B. Roantree, J. Nolan, P. Hartigan.  
P. O'Byrne, N. Donnelly, E. O'Flanagan, P. Dunne, D. Cantwell, P. McCarthy, J. O'Connell, G. Clifford, B. Hanratty.  
D. O' Kane, F. Sheerin, H. Stephenson, D. Watts, B. Cousins, A. Byrne, D. McCarthy, P. Ronaldson.  
J. Russell, R. Murray, P. MacGiolla-Riogh, R. Power, C. Delaney, D. Delaney, J. P. Farrell, G. Graham, P. Gray.  
P. Briddock, R. Geoghegan, J. Dwan, M. Byrne, B. Ward, L. Lynch, M. Hanley, S. Farnan.  
K. Creegan, F. Browne, A. Delaney, D. Quigley, J. Kennedy, L. Conlon, D. Byrne, S. McCabe, R. Heron.

# SENIOR SCHOOL ROLL 1978-79

## SIX A

Ambrose, John  
Bennett, David  
Bennett, Jonathan  
Blunden, Patrick  
Booth, Brian  
Byrne, Richard  
Cassidy, Conal  
Cleary, Thomas

Cosgrove, Marc  
Crowe, Morgan  
Darby, Declan  
Delany, Hugh  
Devlin, Philip  
Donnelly, Stephen  
Dooley, Michael  
Doyle, Colm

Egan, Derek  
Ellison, David  
Farrell, Alan  
Fearon, Raymond  
Figgis, Daniel  
Fleming, David  
Gallagher, Paul  
Gannon, Kenneth

Gannon, Michael  
Gilligan, Donal  
Gowran, Martin  
Gray, Thomas  
Harrington, Niall  
Hartigan, John  
Keane, Colin  
Kerrigan, Fergus

## SIX A<sup>1</sup>

Kerrigan, David  
Kinsella, Geoffrey  
Larney, John  
Lennon, Gary  
Leo, Richard  
Lonergan, Patrick  
Maguire, Shane

Maguire, William  
Martin, Neil  
Muldoon, Steven  
Mulvihill, Conal  
Murray, Frank  
McGrath, Paul  
McGrath, Stephen

O'Connor, Charles  
O'Sullivan, Owen  
Redahan, Cormac  
Robins, Eunan  
Ronayne, Mark  
Russell, Arthur  
Ryan, Kenneth

Sheehan, Declan  
Stephenson, Patrick  
Walshe, Philip  
Ward, John  
Whelan, Andrew

## FIVE A

Ambrose, Eamonn  
Barnes, Paul  
Bowe, Michael  
Cassidy, Paul  
Cooke, Shane  
Corish, Colman  
Cregan, Conor  
Cunningham, Joseph  
Drumm, Michael

Drumm, Stephen  
Fitzpatrick, Gerard  
Gallagher, John  
Gilsenan, John  
Graham, James  
Hanna, Michael  
Heffernan, Mark  
Holland, Sean  
Horne, Junius

Hughes, Kevin  
Leo, William  
Long, Gary  
McDonald, Fintan  
McShane, James  
Martin, Barry  
Murray, Paul  
O'Reilly, Peter  
O'Reilly, Peter

Power, Michael  
Redmond, Gerard  
Sheerin, Michael  
Shiel, John  
Stephenson, Ultan  
Sweeney, Derek  
Tallon, David  
Wright, Alan

## FIVE A<sup>1</sup>

Bennett, Paul  
Byrne, Gary  
Conway, Fergus  
Cowman, Andrew  
Daly, Shane  
Delany, Brian

Farnan, Ian  
Farrell, Malachy  
Hammond, Daragh  
Kearney, John  
Kelly, Daragh  
Leavy, John

Leavy, Martin  
McCormack, Anthony  
McDonald, John  
Murray, Philip  
O'Neill, Brian  
Oppermann, Peter

Quigley, Rory  
Randles, John  
Ryan, Stephen

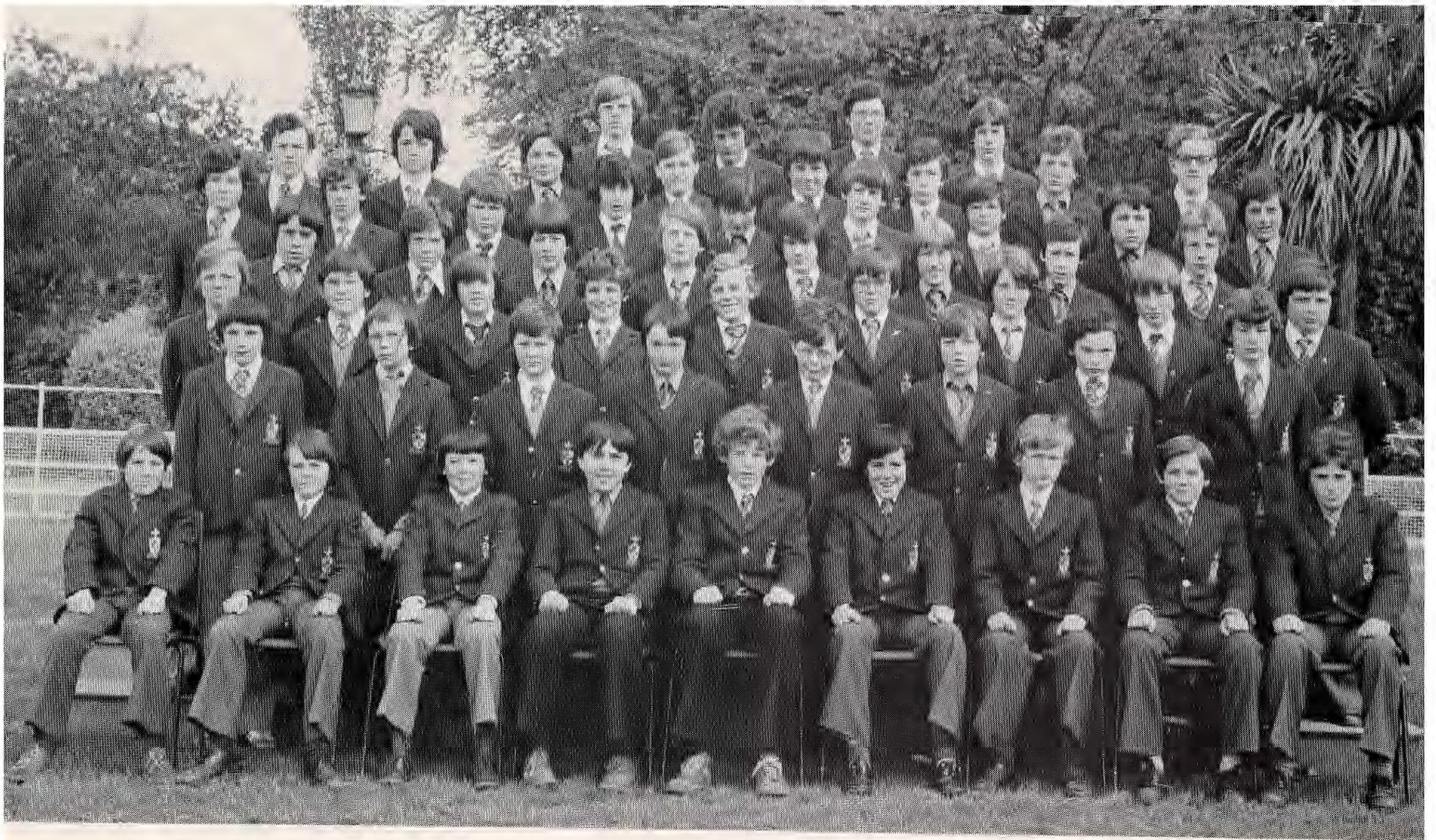
## FOUR A

Bowe, Mark  
Breathnach, Aodhan  
Burgess, Ronan  
Byrne, Edward  
Byrne, Ian  
Byrne, Liam  
Byrne, Shane  
Cogley, Niall  
Cooke, Conor

Cosgrove, Peter  
Coveney, Eamonn  
Fitzgerald, John  
Foley, Desmond  
Gallagher, Dermot  
Gueret, Maurice,  
Hassett, John  
Kearney, Mark  
Keenan, Pdraig

Kirk, David  
Lawler, Mark  
Leahy, Patrick  
Lucas, Paul  
McEniff, Niall  
McGann, John  
Nolan, John  
O'Doherty, Ewan  
O'Flaherty, Liam

O'Flanagan, Karl  
Raftery, David  
Redmond, Mark  
Robins, Killian  
Russell, Robert  
Walsh, James



## SECOND YEAR

*From Top:*

R. Teevan, G. Morris, B. Cassidy, T. Millar.

S. Tee, J. Goldrick, M. O'Neill, W. Black, G. Hassett, C. Dunne, I. Donnelly, J. Furlong.

S. Gunning, P. McGann, R. Moran, B. Booth, P. Byrne, K. Conlon, H. Dennis, M. Wigglesworth, B. Gilsean.

D. O'Hora, D. Murray, D. Montague, B. O'Connor, C. Purcell, J. Fearon, G. Cosgrave, N. Hartnett.

A. Horne, H. Mullan, A. Behan, A. McCulloch, A. McEvoy, C. Heslin, D. Tynan, T. Scanlon, A. Lennon.

C. Maher, P. Figgis, D. O'Sullivan, G. Trant, T. McTiernan, P. Naughton, G. Maher, P. Donovan.

J. McDonnell, M. Watts, C. Russell, B. Bardin, G. Cross, S. Yendole, G. Reilly, J. Burgess, J. Carvill.

#### FOUR A<sup>1</sup>

Barry, Patrick  
Branagan, Leslie  
Burke-Moran, John  
Brooder, Paul  
Brophy, Eamonn  
Crofts, Martin  
Digby, Anthony  
Donnelly, Philip

Fagan, Desmond  
Farrell, Shane  
Gilleese, Noel  
Gogan, Troy  
Horne, Andrew  
Kelly, David  
Kelly, Paul  
Lynch, Michael J.

Lynch, Michael L.  
McDonald, Paul  
McSharry, Ruaidhri  
Meenan, Roy  
Moylette, Paul  
Murphy, Martin  
O'Brien, David  
O'Flanagan, Aidan

O'Neill, Pdraig  
Quinn, Eoin  
Randles, Nicholas  
Rice, Conan  
Traynor, Vincent  
Woods, John

#### THREE A

Blunden, John  
Briddock, Paul  
Browne, Francis  
Budds, Conan  
Byrne, Alan  
Byrne, Denis  
Byrne, Mark  
Cantwell, David

Clifford, Gerard  
Conlon, Louis  
Cousins, Brian  
Cregan, Killian  
Delany, Alan  
Delaney, Conor  
Delaney, David  
Donnelly, Nollaig

Dunne, Paul  
Dwan, John  
Farnan, Simon  
Farrell, John Paul  
Flanagan, Eamonn  
Foley, William  
Geoghegan, Roderick  
Geraghty, Michael

Graham, Gary  
Gray, Peter  
Hanley, Mark  
Hanratty, Brian  
Hartigan, Paul  
Heron, Robert  
Hughes, Ronan

#### THREE A<sup>1</sup>

Kennedy, John  
Keogh, John  
Kildea, Joseph  
Lynch, Leonard  
McCabe, Shane  
McCarthy, Desmond  
McCarthy, Michael  
McCarthy, Patrick

MacGiolla Riogh, Peter  
McGovern, Mark  
McSharry, Ciaran  
McSweeney, Mark  
Moloney, Aonghus  
Murphy, Conor  
Murray, Robert  
Nolan, John

O'Byrne, Paul  
O'Connell, John  
O'Kane, Donal  
Power, Raymond  
Quigley, Dermot  
Quinlan, Michael  
Regan, Kenneth  
Roantree, Brian

Ronaldson, Patrick  
Russell, John  
Sheerin, Fintan  
Stephenson, Hugh  
Tiernan, Cornelius  
Ward, Brendan  
Watts, David

#### TWO A

Avramidis, Leon  
Bardin, Brian  
Behan, Andrew J.  
Black, William  
Booth, Barry  
Burgess, Ian  
Byrne, Peter  
Cahalane, Kevin

Carvill, John  
Cassidy, Brendan  
Conlon, Kevin  
Cosgrove, Gary  
Crofts, Richard  
Cross, Gerard  
Dennis, Herbert  
Donnelly, Ian

Donovan, Paul  
Dunne, Colm  
Fearon, James J.  
Figgis, Peter  
Furlong, James  
Gilsenan, Brian  
Goldrick, John  
Gunning, Stephen

Harnett, Niall  
Hassett, Gerald  
Heslin, Conor  
Hession, Martin  
Lennon, Austin  
Lynch, Laurence

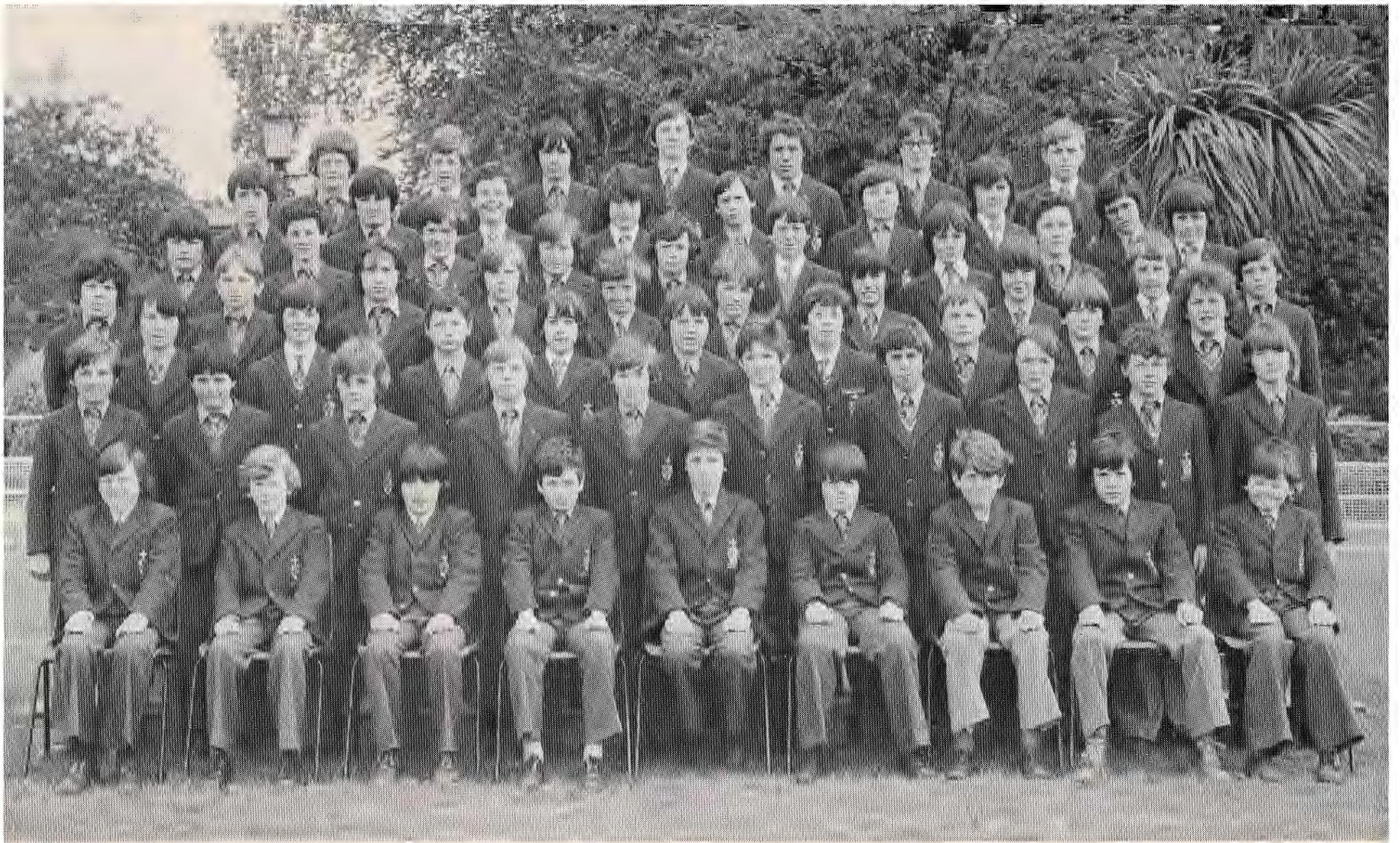
#### TWO A<sup>1</sup>

Maher, Ciaran  
Maher, Gareth  
Millar, Thomas  
Montague, David  
Moran, Ruairi  
Morris, Gerard P.  
Mullen, Hugh

Murray, David  
McCulloch, Arthur  
McEvoy, Arthur  
McGann, Paul  
McTiernan, Tadhg  
Naughton, Patrick  
O'Connor, Robert

O'Hora, Declan  
O'Neill, Michael  
O'Sullivan, Declan  
Purcell, Conor  
Reilly, George  
Russell, Charles  
Scanlon, Timothy

Tee, Stephen  
Teevan, Roger  
Trant, Garrett J.  
Tynan, David  
Watts, Martin  
Wigglesworth, Martin  
Yendole, Seamus



#### FIRST YEAR

*From Top:*

T. McCarthy, J. Doyle, A. O'Regan, M. Hughes, R. Mockler, P. Fleming, G. Dunne.  
O. White, J. Gogan, J. Dunne, M. Fearon, R. Murphy, P. Naughton, N. Budds, C. Jones.  
D. McSweeney, D. McDonald, J. Coyne, V. Merriman, D. Crowe, P. Whelan, T. Rice, I. Bowden, R. Davitt.  
L. Murray, L. O'Connor, C. Burgess, M. Turley, D. Culleton, P. Mahony, C. McArdle, J. Thornton, G. Callinan, I. Ronayne.  
A. Dean, M. Byrne, D. Evers, D. Hughes, W. Corrigan, J. Bagnall, O. R. O'Neill, P. Norris.  
P. Kennedy, B. Kenny, B. Kerrigan, B. Moore, C. Murphy, J. Loughrey, J. Mooney, B. O'Neill, J. Glynn, M. Crosbie.  
N. Briddock, C. Hanratty, G. Byrne, C. Gilligan, P. Rennick, D. Naughton, T. Coman, C. Jones, J. Heron.

## ONE A

Bagnall, John  
Bowden, Ian  
Budds, Niall  
Burgess, Colm  
Briddock, Neil  
Byrne, Eoin  
Byrne, Gerard  
Byrne, John  
Callinan, Gerard

Coman, Thomas  
Corrigan, William  
Cowley, Stephen  
Coyne, James  
Crosbie, Mark  
Crowe, Darrell  
Culleton, Donal  
Cunnane, Shane  
Davitt, Robert

Dean, Alan  
Doyle, John  
Dunne, Gerard  
Dunne, John  
Evers, David  
Fearon, Michael  
Fleming, Paul  
Gilligan, Conor  
Glynn, John

Gogan, Jonathan  
Hanratty, Colm  
Heron, James  
Horne, Adrian  
Hughes, David  
Hughes, Karl  
Jones, Christopher  
Jones, Conor

## ONE A<sup>1</sup>

Kennedy, Paul  
Kenny, Brian  
Kerrigan, Brian  
Loughrey, John  
Mahoney, Peter  
Merriman, Vincent  
Mockler, Richard  
Mooney, John

Moore, Brian  
Muldoon, John  
Murphy, Colin  
Murphy, Rory  
Murray, Liam  
McArdle, Ciaran  
McCarthy, Timothy  
McDonald, Derek

McSweeney, David  
Naughton, David  
Naughton, Paul  
Norris, Paul  
O'Connor, John  
O'Neill, Brian  
O'Neill, Eoin  
O'Regan, Anthony

Rennick, Patrick  
Rice, Thomas  
Ronayne, Ian  
Thornton, John  
Turley, Mark  
Waldron, Mark  
White, Owen  
Whelan, Paul



SCHOOL CAPTAIN  
1978-79  
MARC COSGROVE

## ENGLISH DEBATING SOCIETY

Another very successful year for the Debating Society in which we saw the team become Dublin Winners again in the Junior Chamber of Commerce Competition and William Maguire winning the Edmund Burke Trophy at Trinity College.

Proceedings began in October 1978 with the election of Bill Maguire as President of the Society and Declan Sheehan as Secretary. A number of friendly debates were held during November on such motions "That all we need is a dictator", "That the death penalty is legalised murder" and "That a Conservative government would spell ruin for Britain and Ireland".

Then came the opening rounds of the Junior Chamber of Commerce Competition with a debate with Dominican College, Eccles St., on the motion "That uncontrolled 'pirate' radio stations are a threat to our democracy". The team successfully defeated the motion and the members were, Bill Maguire, Declan Sheehan, Ultan Stephenson and Fintan McDonald. In the

second round we met the girls from Holy Faith, Clontarf who proposed the motion "That an armed police force is the only solution to Ireland's crime problem". Victory brought us to the semi-final of the Dublin region with Maryfield our opponents. We successfully opposed the motion "That this house demands the preservation of the Wood Quay site".

During December there was the first round of the U.C.D. Debating Competition. Our team was Patrick Stephenson and Eoin O'Sullivan who opposed the motion "That England made us" but unfortunately they failed to qualify. Come January there were two important debates — the first round of the Edmund Burke Competition in Trinity College and the Dublin final of the Junior Chamber of Commerce Competition. Some said it was sheer folly to compete in two such important debates at the same time but they did not impinge on one another in any way.

The motion in the Trinity College debate was



St. Mary's College, Rathmines, winners of the Dublin final of the schools debating competition, are congratulated by Mr. Michael Higgins, chairman of the adjudicators and a former national debating officer of The Junior Chamber of Ireland. The team from left to right: Fintan McDonald of Dартry; William Maguire of Rathgar; Ultan Stephenson of Dundrum, and Declan Sheehan of Orwell Road.

"That the power of the mass media is being abused". Both Bill Maguire and Ultan Stephenson opposed the motion and Bill succeeded in getting through to the next round. Then came the Dublin Final of the Junior Chamber of Commerce Competition. The motion this time was "That the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations" and our opponents were St. Joseph's Fairview. Victory was ours, the College was presented with a silver trophy and each member of the team received a pen, and we were now competing at national level.

So we had to travel to Athboy to debate against the girls of the Convent of Mercy, Trim and transport for the team and supporters was kindly provided by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. We successfully opposed the motion "That the forthcoming European parliamentary elections are irrelevant". Then came the debate which we lost defending the motion "That the rich are the scum of the earth".

There had been much success and more was

to follow when Bill Maguire successfully opposed the motion "That the 1916 signatories should have saved their ink" to reach the final. On February 2nd Bill successfully opposed the motion "That Europe is in the eclipse" so for the third year running a student of St. Mary's had been in the final and for the second year running the trophy was won by a student of the College.

Many other debates were held during the year and we had very good speakers in William Leo, Cormac Redahan, John Ward, David Tallon, John Gilsean and Paul Murray. So we had a very successful year and special thanks to Mr. Sean McCarthy who directed and assisted the society. Our thanks also to those who designed painted posters, especially William Leo. Also our thanks to those who helped in organising debates and stewarding. We can only hope that as much interest and enthusiasm will be shown next year and that it will be as successful, if not more so, as 1978-79.

Ultan Stephenson



#### SENIOR SCHOOL PREFECTS

P. Stephenson, D. Egan, C. Redahan, J. Larney, D. Sheehan, F. Kerrigan.  
J. Ambrose, W. Maguire, M. Cosgrove, O. O'Sullivan, N. Martin.

# THE WINSLOW BOY

by

TERENCE RATTIGAN

Ronnie Winslow	<i>Arthur McEvoy</i>
Violet (an elderly maid)	<i>David Cantwell</i>
Grace Winslow	<i>William Leo</i>
Arthur Winslow	<i>Paul Murray</i>
Catherine Winslow	<i>David Fleming</i>
Dickie Winslow	<i>John Leavy</i>
John Watherstone	<i>Declan Sheehan</i>
Desmond Curry (a solicitor)	<i>Cormac Redehan</i>
Miss Barnes (a reporter)	<i>Conal Budds</i>
Fred (a press photographer)	<i>John Ward</i>
Sir Robert Morton (a lawyer)	<i>Alan Wright</i>

Niall Harnett comes in as Ronnie at the end of the play

What's in a name? A lot, Rattigan replied when he gave the famous Archer-Shee lawsuit the name of 'The Winslow Boy' to his equally famous drama. Had he called it by its proper name, he says, it would never have sold at the box-office.

The story of the play is well known. Winslow v Rex is the drama of a father's fight to save his son's honour. Ronnie Winslow, a fourteen year old cadet is expelled from the naval college at Osborne for having stolen a five-shilling postal order. His father after carefully questioning the boy is convinced of his innocence and for two years carries on a campaign, at considerable expense and with great loss to his health, to have the case Winslow v Rex brought before the supreme court and have his son's honour vindicated. The Archer-Shees were an Anglo-Irish family living in London in the early years of this century. At the request of the Irish

Parliamentary Party, Sir Edward Carson (of Northern Ireland fame) took up the case at a nominal fee and won it.

Rattigan's genius in giving this classic to the stage lies in his ability to condense the years of litigation with their high drama, the stirring of public opinion, the letters to the paper, the tensions within the family circle itself, into the day-to-day life of a family drawing-room. And it is in this precisely that its appeal lies. It is above all a family play. It might well be the drama of any family. It has been a huge television success for this very reason.

It is a slow moving play in which all the characters are finely drawn. None is superfluous. Each has a part to play in contributing to the setting in which the three major personalities, Arthur the stubborn father, his suffragette daughter Catherine and the apparently ice-cold logical lawyer Sir

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- 1 Miss Barnes: That's the pose I suggest, Fred.
  - 2 Sir Robert: Where were you? Ronnie: At the pictures . . .
  - 3 Violet: Where's your trunk and tuck-box?
  - 4 Dickie, Ronnie, Catherine, Grace and Arthur.
  - 5 Catherine: But isn't it already too late? John: Oh, all that would blow over in no time.



Robert Morton, work out the theme. We were fortunate in having three superb actors to fill these roles. Paul Murray gave quite a masterly performance of the patriarchal Arthur, head of the family. He brought to his interpretation of the part an intelligent understanding of the words and spoke them with a clear resounding voice.

It seemed a bit much to ask Paul Fleming, only twelve years old, to take on the part of the very mature Catherine. He did so with quite adult feminine aplomb, managing the billowing folds of Edwardian dresses with easy grace. The suffragettes would have been proud of him. Most people will carry away from the play the striking character of Sir Robert Morton. The interrogation scene in which he cross-examines Ronnie, is the highlight of the drama. It was a part that suited Alan Wright admirably, giving him ample scope for thoughtful deliberation, precise diction and elegant appearance.

William Leo, on the stage for the first time played the part of Grace, Mrs. Winslow, more interested in curtains, hats and dresses (in contrast to Arthur) than in the intricacies of lawsuits. Her role is to give a touch of contrasting levity to this serious drama. William carried this major part admirably. She is ably supported by her son the harum-scarum Dickie, in making light of the family's problems, much to the annoyance of Arthur. John Leavy needed little imagination in portraying this part which he stepped into quite naturally. Cormac Redehan and Declan Sheehan, with considerable stage experience behind them, had no trouble in giving polished and mature performances in the parts of Desmond Curry (solicitor) and John Watherstone both suitors of the hand of Catherine. Conal Budds and John Ward were on the stage for the first time as the gushing news' busybody and Fred the photographer respectively, to give a brief comic interlude and lighten the tension.

Ronnie is of course the cause of the whole affair. We thought Arthur McEvoy, with his head of flaxen hair well cast for this typically British naval cadet. People wondered why Niall Harnett appeared as Ronnie at the end. They had forgotten that two years had passed. Few people pay attention to maids in plays. In *The Winslow Boy* however, the motherly Violet is more than a mere housekeeper. Her character is well drawn. She is there as one of the family, on good terms with everyone except the noisy reporters who come to disturb 'her' household.



Catherine: Why?

Desmond: I have a question to put to you, Kate.

Her simplistic solutions of difficulties and her motherly sympathy never fail to pour oil on troubled waters. David Cantwell caught the eye of many as giving a fine interpretation of this part.

The cast was backed up by a whole team of extras. Raymund Bolger gave us a near authentic Edwardian drawing-room with its cluttered cabinets, antimacassers, cushions, photographs etc. Owen O'Sullivan looked after the stage and effects, helped by John Keogh, John Hughes, Raymond Power, Hugh Stephenson and Taigh McTiernan. The lighting was in the capable hands of Eamonn Ambrose and Ultan Stephenson. In the green-room our faithful friends Mrs. Kidd-Duff, Mrs. Traynor, Mrs. Smyth, Mr. Gillespie, Mr. O'Shea and Mr. Walsh were there to work miracles of transformation with costumes and make-up.

The sequel? 'Ronnie' Archer-Shee though vindicated before the law, was not re-admitted to the naval college. He joined the army in the 1914 war and fell in action somewhere in Belgium. His name is on the Memin Gate. He will be always remembered as *The Winslow Boy*.

# SCOUTING

## *The 6th/7th/8th Dublin Unit C.B.S.I.*

Unit Leader: Don O'Higgins      Unit Chaplain: Fr. D. Darcy, C.S.Sp.

Unit Secretary: Gerry McDonald      Unit Treasurer: Tony Dalton

Cub Leader: Eoin Redahan      Assistants: Ian Delany, Miriam McDonald, Anne Costello,  
Peter Corrigan

### *6th Troop*

S.L.: Tom Shanahan      Assistants: Brian O'Connor, John Morris, Brian Leahy

### *7th Troop*

S.L.: Gerry Coghlan      Assistants: John Sheehan, Tim Lynch, Peter Graham

### *8th Troop*

S.L.: Pat Shaffrey      Assistants: Barry Quigley, Dermot Rafter, Tim O'Connell, Chris Russell

### *Venturers*

V.L.: Gerry McDonald

The Unit is happy to record another successful, eventful and enjoyable scouting year. The continued commitment of leaders in the Unit was evidenced by the fact that only one change was needed in the Scout Troop. Gerry Coghlan replaced Stephen Sheehan as Scout Leader of the 7th Troop.

The cubs had another busy year completing their active programme, under the watchful eye of Eoin Redahan and his assistants. The cubs went on a number of hikes and had their traditional cub party at Christmas.

The first few months of the year saw the leaders preparing the new cubs and scouts for investiture. The Investiture was held at the beginning of December in the College Chapel. The new cubs and scouts made their promise and were duly invested into the ranks.

The 6th started their scouting year with a weekend camp in Co. Kildare. The object of a weekend camp at the beginning of the year is to give the new boys some experience of camping with their patrols and to learn new skills. It was very successful and well worth repeating every year.

At Christmas, all the troops had weekends at Aughavanagh Youth Hostel in Co. Wicklow. The weather, unfortunately was very bad, but the scouts were able to enjoy a few snowball fights against the leaders so they didn't mind.

Unfortunately the same can't be said for the leaders as it wasn't a very even contest!

After Christmas, the Unit had their Wine and Cheese Party at the Braemor Rooms in Churchtown. Our thanks to G. McDonald and all those who helped make this a very enjoyable occasion for both leaders and parents. We also had a leaders outing to the same venue in February and our thanks to Pat Shaffrey who organised the outing. Every leader enjoyed it tremendously and we hope he will do the same next year.

As this year marked the 'International Year of the Child' Tom Shanahan with considerable help from a number of parents held a Jumble Sale to help a very needy scout troop in the inner city. It was a huge success and the Unit were able to make a good contribution to this troop. Our thanks to Tom and all the people involved.

The 8th won the regional soccer competition which was organised by Tom Shanahan. 'Our Tom he never stops working'. Congratulations to Mark Lawler who captained the team and all the players.

The Summer began with preparations for Summer camp. The cubs had a long week-end in Greystones and had good fun. Ian Delany was in charge and had many leaders at his disposal. On cub camps there are nearly more leaders

than cubs. They come down to eat the tuck! The 6th went to Phasel's Wood Scout Camp in North London, the 7th went to Templar's Park, Aberdeen and the 8th went to Youlbury in Oxford. The Venturers spent a very enjoyable ten days touring the southern part of the country staying in hostels. They don't like to 'rough it' like the scouts who sleep under canvas.

Fr. Darcy, our chaplain, leaves the Unit and the college for the missions at the end of the year. Fr. 'D' has been with the Unit for a good number of years and has been one of the main reasons for the growth of the Unit over the years. The Unit can never repay Fr. D for all those years of service he gave to the Unit. All we can say is thank you and wish you every success in your new work.

The Unit now looks forward to another scouting year. The past one holds a lot of memories for everybody and we hope the coming year will be as successful as this one. The Unit Leader extends his thanks to all the leaders of the Unit for their time and work during the past year. Finally the Unit wishes Tony Dalton (Unit Treasurer and previous Unit Leader) every success and happiness in his recent marriage.

Don O'Higgins

## 6th Troop Camp in Phasel's Wood

After much talk and research the venue for the 6th Troop's Annual Camp '79 was finally fixed for Phasel's Wood Scout Camp, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, England. This camp site had the advantage of being only 30 minutes train journey from the centre of London and yet was in the heart of the countryside.

Finally all preparations made, we met at Dun Laoghaire Boat Terminal on Tuesday 26th June at 8 p.m. for a night sailing to Holyhead. After a pleasant journey we arrived there at midnight — our coach was waiting to take us to the camp site. As no one had slept on the boat we all enjoyed forty winks on the bus. From Holyhead we drove straight to Phasel's Wood with one stop at Birmingham for breakfast at 4.30 a.m. It was 7.30 a.m. when we arrived at the site. Despite the fact that everyone was very tired there was a hard days work ahead and no time for sitting around. Before going to bed that



B. O'Connor, P. Leahy, B. Leahy, J. Burke Moran,  
R. McSharry, P. Ronaldson, N. Randles  
of the 6th taking a rest.

*Photo: Tom Shanahan*

night we had the satisfaction of seeing our camp site taking shape and we were all ready to enjoy the rest of camp.

We had a small outing on the Thursday to the local town Hemel Hempstead, the object of this outing being to get to know the area. The days to follow were taken up with the usual activities of camp — tracking exercises — scavenger hunts — pioneering projects etc. On Saturday we paid the first of many visits to the local sports centre which consisted of an indoor swimming pool, diving pool and an outdoor pool. Our sporting activities had no problems this year due to the very fine weather we enjoyed all through camp.

Tuesday saw the patrol outing to London. We got the train to Euston station from where each patrol went its separate way. We met again at Euston after a most enjoyable day at 5.30 p.m. for the return journey. Our scouting skills were put to the test when Operation Survival took place on the Wednesday. Thursday saw yet another outing — this time to the town of Watford which is about 15 miles from the camp site.

Friday was the P.L.'s outing when the A.P.L.'s took over. The crazy sports which was won by the Falcon patrol took place on that day. Camp saw the usual competitions. In the soccer the Cheetahs and Foxes reached the final — it was won by the Foxes led by Pat Ronaldson. The Volleyball competition got started but due to lack of time was abolished. The Patrol

competition was won by the Cheetah patrol led by Pat Leahy. Without noticing the final day of camp arrived. We had our last swim on the Sunday morning after which we began to clear the site and get ready for final inspection which took place about 9 p.m. As we were leaving camp so early on the Monday morning tents were taken down on Sunday night and we slept that night in the storm hut.

The coach left Phasel's Wood at 6 a.m. and with just one stop at the village of Chirk on the Welsh border we arrived in Holyhead at 2 p.m. Our boat left late — as usual — and we arrived in Dun Laoghaire tired but happy at 7 p.m. For the success of our camp our congratulations and thanks must go to our Scout Master Tom Shanahan and to his very capable assistants, Johnny Morris, Brian Leahy, Brian O'Connor and to Venturers John Larney and John Ward who took such good care of us all through camp.

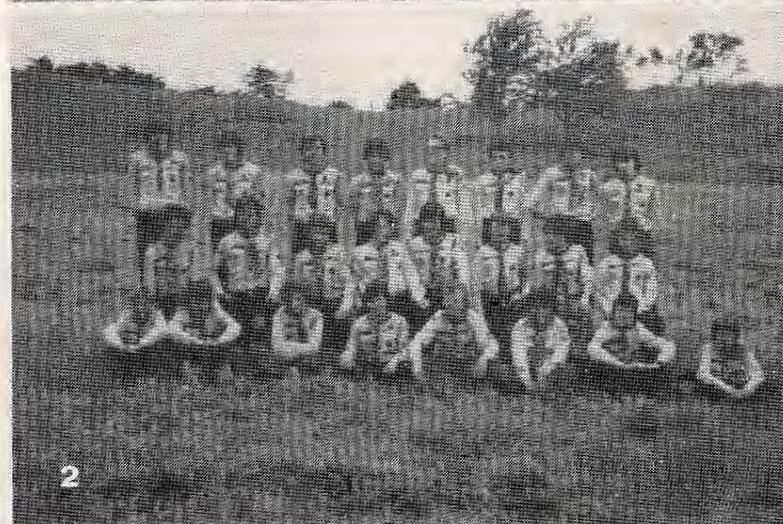
Pat Leahy  
P.L. Cheetah Patrol

## 7th Troop Camp in Aberdeen

The fact that last year's camp in Bavaria in Southern Germany had been one of the most successful in the 7th Troop's history, meant that this year's camp would have a lot to live up to. In fact it turned out that this camp was every bit as enjoyable and successful as the memorable German one.

The officers led by Gerry Coghlan and the P.L.'s decided to make Templer's Park Campsite, just outside Aberdeen in Scotland our destination. The 7th and 8th Troops had been there already in years gone by, and because it had excellent facilities including swimming pool and rifle range, it was very highly recommended by all those who had been there in the past.

On Wednesday June 27th, therefore, we



- 1 Killian Creegan, Arthur McEvoy, Paul Norris, Mark Redmond and Leslie Branagan preparing for the tour to Edinburgh.
- 2 The 7th Troop Aberdeen 1979.
- 3 The Buffalo Patrol, led by Mark Redmond, winners of the Patrol Competition for the 4th year in succession.
- 4 The Stag Patrol having their last evening meal with Christopher Russell.

boarded the evening Mail Boat to Holyhead with great expectations. From Holyhead we travelled by train to Aberdeen where we went by coach to Templer's Park. On arrival Gerry announced that the individual competition had been won by Raymond Power who was duly presented with a penknife.

Setting up camp kept us busy for the first day and a half. The actual site was in excellent condition and because there were only 4 patrols this year, there was plenty of room. The officers were also 4 in number, although Martin Gowran and Willie Ryan arrived the following Sunday.

'On site' activities included 'the Golden Haggis' which was a game where the patrols had to compete various tasks including first-aid, pioneering, de-coding messages etc., in order to obtain the much sought after Golden Haggis. The 'crazy sports' was also entertaining for participants and onlookers alike. The soccer pitch was in good condition and the Buffalo patrol won both the soccer and volleyball competitions. The rifle range was new and exciting for all of us and turned out to be extremely successful. In the last few days the



Dr. William Ryan, M.D.  
Troop Medical Officer

P.L.'s and officers built an aerial runway. This proved to be an excellent piece of pioneering and the only regretful aspect about it was that we hadn't built it earlier so that other scout troops in Templer's Park could have enjoyed riding on it.

The tours during camp were of the highest quality. Firstly there was a patrol outing to Aberdeen. There was also a coach tour to Edinburgh, during which most of us saw the majestic Edinburgh Castle for the first time. But perhaps the most enjoyable tour of all was Inverness. This tour included a brief stop in the resort town of Avimore; we also had a rare opportunity of viewing the rough, rugged and bleak landscape of the Scottish Highlands. Finally we watched Lough Ness (without success) and after some free time in Inverness we headed for home.

Each activity on its own was extremely enjoyable. Yet taken as a whole they each contributed to produce a camp far beyond even our wildest expectations. But a camp so successful as this does not simply happen; it must be carefully organised and planned. This is a very painstaking task and all irksome details no matter how trivial they may seem must be accounted for and dealt with. Hence our utmost praise and thanks go to Gerry Cochlan whose diligence in organising was impeccable and above reproach. Praise is due in no small measure to John Sheehan and all the other officers. Finally congratulations must go to the Buffalo patrol who won the patrol competition for the 4th successive time.

Mark Redmond

## 8th Troop Camp in Oxford

The annual camp of the 8th Troop was held this year at Youlbury, Oxford, England. We left Dun Laoghaire at 8 a.m. on June 24th, arrived at Holyhead and travelled by coach, through Wales and the Midlands before reaching Oxford late in the evening where Fr. D. Darcy, C.S.Sp. celebrated Mass<sup>l</sup> at the nearby Carmelite Monastery. We then pitched camp, had supper and off to bed after our long journey.

The next few days saw us improving our campsite and setting up our pioneering project

which was very well organised by Barry Quigley. Our first outing was to Woburn Safari Park where we particularly enjoyed the Sky Ride which gave us a panoramic view of the Park and the animals. The next trip was to London and we took in the usual tourist sights, Madame Tussauds, The Tower, the Houses of Parliament, Trafalgar Square and everyone went shopping on Oxford Street. Two days later we went to Oxford on our patrol outings. We saw some of the Colleges in the morning and in the afternoon did more shopping.

Meanwhile, back at the Camp, the sport competitions were coming to a close. The Wolves won both the soccer and rugby while the Hawks won the volleyball. The weather was beautiful all the time so the excellent swimming pool was used at least twice a day. A very exciting swimming gala was won by the Lions. On July 5th the Patrol Leaders had their outing to Oxford with most of the day spent punting on the Thames.

Back at the Camp the rest of the troop had a treasure hunt won by the Wolves. When the Patrol Leaders returned from Oxford, we had a crazy sports competition followed by a water fight. The end result was that scouts and leaders alike all ended up in the swimming pool. Next day, July 6th, we broke camp and spent the night in the hostel where the results of the Inter-Patrol competition were announced. The Wolves, led by Mark Lawler, won but the Badgers were close second.

We arrived back in Dublin on July 7th after a very successful camp. On behalf of the Troop I would like to thank the leaders who arranged this camp so well and made it so enjoyable — Camp Leader, Patrick Shaffrey and his assistants, Barry Quigley, Ian Delany, Pat Stephenson and Eoin Redahan. Thanks also to our Chaplain, Fr. D. Darcy, C.S.Sp., whom we hope enjoyed his last camp before his departure for Brazil. Thank you Leaders for a great camp.

John Woods  
P/L Hawks



- 1 The 8th Troop having fun.
- 2 The Cubs on camp near Greystones.
- 3 Pat Shaffrey, Barry Quigley and Ian Delany. Leaders of the 8th Troop.
- 4 Frolics again by the Troop.

## AN TURAS GO CONAMARA

Lá amháin an bhliain seo caite chuir an máistir ceist ar an rang ar mhait linn dul go Conamara. Dúramar go léir gur mhait. Dúirt an máistir linn ceist a chur ar Dhaidí nuair a chuamar abhaile. Dar ndó, bhí Daidí agus Mamaí lán tsásta. Thógamar go léir isteach an t'airgead agus shocraigh an máistir, an lá — Deardaoin ag a haon a chlog.

Bhíomar ag an stáisuín i bhfad roimh an am. Bhíomar ar cipíní ag fanacht. I ndeireadh na dála tháinig an traen agus bhíomar ar an turas. Bhí cuid againn ag labhairt Gaeilge agus cuid eile nach raibh. Tháinig an máistir, Pól MacMurchú, linn chun aire a thabhairt dúinn. Bhí cuid againn ag labhairt leis in nGaeilge. Bhí cuid eile ag imirt cartáí ar an traen nó ag ithe.

Shroiseamar Gaillimh ag a ceathair a chlog agus bhí bus ag fanacht linn. Mícheál Ó Neachtain ab ainm do fhear an bhus. Bhí Gaeilge aláinn ag Mícheál ach bhí sé deacar é a thuiscint i dtosach. Rinne sé cur síos ar chathair na Gaillimhe agus sinn as dul tríd. Bhí Conamara go hálainn agus stop Mícheál ar thaobh an bhóthair agus dúirt sé cá raibh na tithe. Chuaigh ceathrar nó cúigear isteach i ngach teach agus bhí bean an tí ag fanacht linn agus chuir sí fáilte romhainn. Bhí tae breá mór againn, cé nach raibh morán ocras arainn.

Tar éis an tae bhí cead againn bheith ag dul timpeall ag cur aithne ar na daoine agus ar an áit. Bhí gach duine ag caint linn as Gaeilge agus bhí se deachair iad a thuiscint. Bhí an fharraige in aice linn agus chuamar go léir síos chun í a fheiceáil. Ní dheachaigh éinne ag snámh mar ní raibh sé te go leor.

Shocraigh Pól go rachaimis ar turas ar an mbus an lá ina dhiaidh sin agus bhíomar go léir ullamh ag a dó a chlog. Tháinig Mícheál

agus thóg sé sinn timpeall Conamara ar fad beagnach agus bhí sé go hálainn. Chonaiceamar an Cheathrá Rua agus Ros a'Mhíl agus Teach an Phiarsaigh agus Radio na Gaeltachta. Chuir gach duine fáilte romhainn agus labhair gach duine Gaeilge linn. Tháingamar abhaile tuirseach an tráthnóna sin. Tar éis an tae chuamar amach ag caint leis na daoine arís. Rinneamar turas ar an mbus an lá ina dhiaidh sin arís agus bhí sé go maith.

Dé Domhnaigh chuamar go léir ar Aifreann. Bhí sé as Gaeilge agus bhí sé go maith. Bhí an Gaeilge ag an sagart paróiste go hálainn agus chualamar an blas a chualamar ar na téipeanna ar scoil. Bhí atmosféir difriúil ag an Aifreann sin. Bhí an séipéal beag agus bhí gach duine in aice an tsagairt agus bhí an sagart ag labhairt le gach duine go pearsanta. Bhí an séipéal lán go béal. Nuair a tháingamar amach bhí na fir go léir ina seasamh ar thaobh an bóthair ag féachaint orainn ach níor bhacamar leo.

Dé Luain tháinig Mícheál sa bhus ag 11 a.m. chun sinn a thógail go Gaillimh chun dul abhaile. Fuaireamar bricfeásta mór ó bhean an tí agus bhí gach duine ullamh agus ag fanacht nuair a tháinig Mícheál. Bhí brón orainn ag imeacht mar bhí bean an tí go deas linn agus bhí gach duine cáirdiúil. Bhíomar cúin ar an traen ag teacht abhaile mar bhíomar tuirseach. Nuair a tháingamar go Baile Átha Cliath bhí Mamaí ag fanacht linn agus bhí áthas orainn bheith sa bhaile. Ach bhí áthas orainn leis go ndeachamar go Conamara agus tá súil againn go mbeidh seans eile againn an bhliain seo chugainn.

Conán Budds  
Peadar Mac Giolla Ríogh  
Seán Blunden

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### PRESENTATION TO MR. P. HENRY

- 1 Mr. McMurchú makes presentation on behalf of the Staff.
- 2 Very Rev. Fr. W. Nugent, C.S.Sp., makes presentation from the Community.
- 3 Rev. Fr. J. Godfrey, C.S.Sp., Principal, Senior School, chats with Mrs. P. McMurchú and Mr. N. Doyle.
- 4 Miss M. Trundle presents bouquet to Mrs. P. Henry.
- 5 Rev. Fr. D. Darcy, C.S.Sp., chats with Mr. P. Quinn and Mr. P. Crowley.
- 6 Rev. Fr. G. Lord, C.S.Sp., with Mr. and Mrs. F. Conlon.

# PRESENTATION TO MR. P. HENRY



## THE FOLK GROUP 1978-1979

Although the Rathmines Folk Group, made up of St. Mary's and St. Louis' students is relatively speaking rather small, it still required a great deal of painstaking and time consuming organisation. During the 1978-1979 school year this was achieved in two ways. One way has been through the use of the committee, a group of elected representatives of all the classes involved; the committee met to discuss problems, songs, tours etc., and ensured that all members were kept fully informed. The other way in which organisation was kept at the highest possible level was simply the tireless efforts, dedication and diligence of Fr. John Byrne, at whose instigation the folk group was formed. His patience, hard work and drive probably contributed more to the success of the folk group than any other factor.

The months coming up to Christmas were as hectic as any in the folk group's history. With the kind assistance of Mrs. O'Sullivan, we spent the Saturday nights of October, November and December preparing songs for the annual concert of Christmas Carols in aid of the Holy Ghost Missions. Which took place on December 18th and was a great success.

Midnight Mass at Christmas and the Easter Vigil Masses were further occasions for displaying the group's vocal ability. Although the Christmas Mass wasn't as successful as one would have hoped, the Easter Masses proved

that the folk group was by now very accomplished and had improved beyond all our expectations.

The last event on the folk group's calendar before the concert was the pilgrimage to Knock. Although we didn't figure prominently in the singing we were given special places in the beautiful Church of Our Lady, Queen of Ireland during the concelebrated Mass.

But of course the highlight of the year for the folk group was the concert, the proceeds of which went to Mother Theresa of Calcutta. The performance began with an historical sketch by D. Kelly, P. Murray and P. Barnes; this was followed by traditional music by N. Holden, M. Irving and E. Coveney; R. Teevan performed a solo mime entitled 'lovers quarrel with a moral'; Geraldine, accompanied by K. McNamara, and the Louisville Singers also provided some delightful entertainment. An interval ensued during which a raffle was held. Following the interval came the group Cantus and then the magical illusionist Stephen Ryan S.I.M. and finally the folk group itself. All in all the evening turned out to be a great success and a credit to those who helped organise it.

This evening of entertainment was therefore the perfect ending to what was most definitely a most successful year for the folk group.

Mark Redmond



# Rathmines in History

*How times have changed. With the building of town houses and apartments on Palmerston Road, Leinster Road Rathgar Road and Terenure Road East in 1979, it is difficult to realise that 150 years ago all those sites were green fields. Even Rathmines was then mainly farmland and was described as a "rus in urbe" by the authors of the era. Rathmines developed as a suburb of the city in the 1800's. Before that it was an obscure village in the countryside outside the city. The history of Rathmines up to the year 1838 is in this Annual. It is hoped that future Annuals will continue the story of the development of Rathmines into being one of the finest suburbs of the city of Dublin and of course its change into "Flatland". How times have changed.*

*Seán Little, C.S.Sp.*

## ANCIENT RATHMINES

Way back in the 12th century, Rathmines was not a suburb, not even a village just rolling fields and woods that gently sloped down to the then very tiny city of Dublin. Its early history is very much shrouded in mystery as it is only after the coming of the Normans, that we have any documents to tell us what Rathmines was really like 800 years ago. And there are not very many early references to the area.

We do know that the Monasteries, Convents and the two Cathedrals in 12th century Dublin had large tracts of farmland in the surrounding countryside. Slightly south of St. Patrick's Cathedral was the Archiepiscopal residence, built by Archbishop Comyn in 1184, before he built the Cathedral in 1190 on the site of St. Patrick's Well. Christ Church Cathedral was on the site of the Holy Trinity Priory and served the needs of those in the city who were mainly Normans.

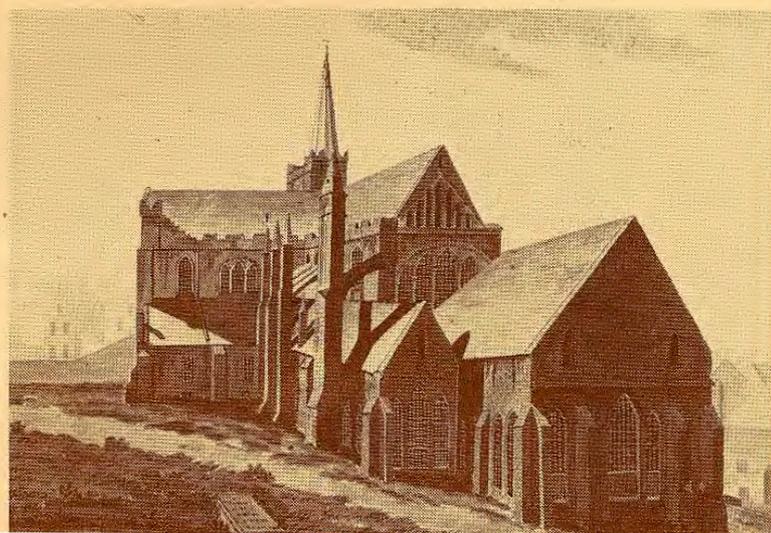
Archbishop Comyn wanted a Cathedral for the Irish living outside the walls of the city but he also wished to live outside the city so that he would not be subject to the civic jurisdiction inside the walls. So he was given a large area of farmland stretching southwards from the city walls. The land was called St. Sepulchre's and just outside the city walls he built his residence which continued to be the residence of the

Archbishop of Dublin until 1815 when it became the present Kevin Street Police Barracks.

Part of the land of St. Sepulchre's was the present Rathmines. Then it was part of Cullenswood which stretched from Rathmines to Donnybrook and was part of Cualann, the ancient Irish designation of the whole country part south of the Liffey ending well into County Wicklow. Modified into Cullen, the name survives in Fercullen, (the ancient name of Powerscourt), Glencullen and Cullenswood.

There must have been a "rath" in the Rathmines area, as in adjoining areas we find

*View of the Cathedral Church of St. Patrick*





THE ARCHIEPISCOPAL PALACE

Rathgar, Rathfarnham, while Baggot Street was once Baggotrath and near Dolphin's Barn, there was Russel's Rath or Rathlands. The origin of the word "rath" may go back to old Celtic times when the chief of the area lived on a stretch of land known to his warriors and subjects as "The Rath". The word itself, "Rath", signifies a ring fort. It may well be that the Normans adopted the Gaelic word. What we do know is that the present Rathmines was part of the property of the Archbishop of Dublin and that the Normans had taken over much of the city with the Irish/Vikings banished to the country outside the walls.

This leads us to the first historically noted event in the area of Cullenswood. Those banished Irish/Vikings, driven from the city, took refuge in the Dublin and Wicklow hills. From their fastnesses in the hills, they harassed the Normans and ravaged the countryside. Then about 1200, King John introduced colonists into Dublin giving them a similar charter to Bristol's. Very interesting it is to note that both cities have the same coat of arms — the three castles. Flames were added by William III as recognition for the help of the people of Dublin in his defeat of James II at the Battle of the Boyne. The introduction of the colonists from Bristol just further infuriated the banished Dubliners.

Along with the Wicklow Clans of O'Byrne and O'Toole they planned to ambush the

"settlers" on Easter Monday 1209. Over 500 of the colonists were killed that day so that it became known as "Black Monday". A petition was sent to Bristol to send others to replace those slaughtered on that day. Much later in the 16th century, Stanyhurst gave a very interesting account of the massacre:

"The citizens having over great affiance in the multitude of the people and so consequently being somewhat retchless in heeding the mountain enemy that lurched under their noses, were wont to roam and royle in clusters, sometimes three or four miles from



BAGOTRATH CASTLE

the Towne. The Irish enemy espying that the citizens were accustomed to fetch withal by means of some claterfert (traitor) or other that a company of them would range abroad on Monday in the Easter week towards the woods of Cullen, they lay in a state well appointed and layde in sundry places for their coming. The citizens, rather minding the pleasure they should presently enjoy than forecasting the hurt that might ensue, flocked unarmed from the citie to the woods”.

The slaughter of the Bristol settlers may be the reason why the area to the east of Palmerston Road became known as “The Bloody Fields”. The name may also be a result of the Battle of Rathmines much later in 1649, more of which later, but until the late 1800’s the name “The Bloody Fields” was in use in the area. But the account by Stanyhurst does establish quite clearly that Cullenswood was very much in the country, outside the city.

Rather soon after 1209 came the origin of the name Rathmines. The successor of St. Laurence O’Toole, John de Derlington, who was Archbishop from 1279 to 1284, gave part of the land he owned in St. Sepulchre’s to a William de Meones, a priest, who also held the Offices of Chamberlain, Baron of the Exchequer and was a Canon of St. Patrick’s Cathedral.

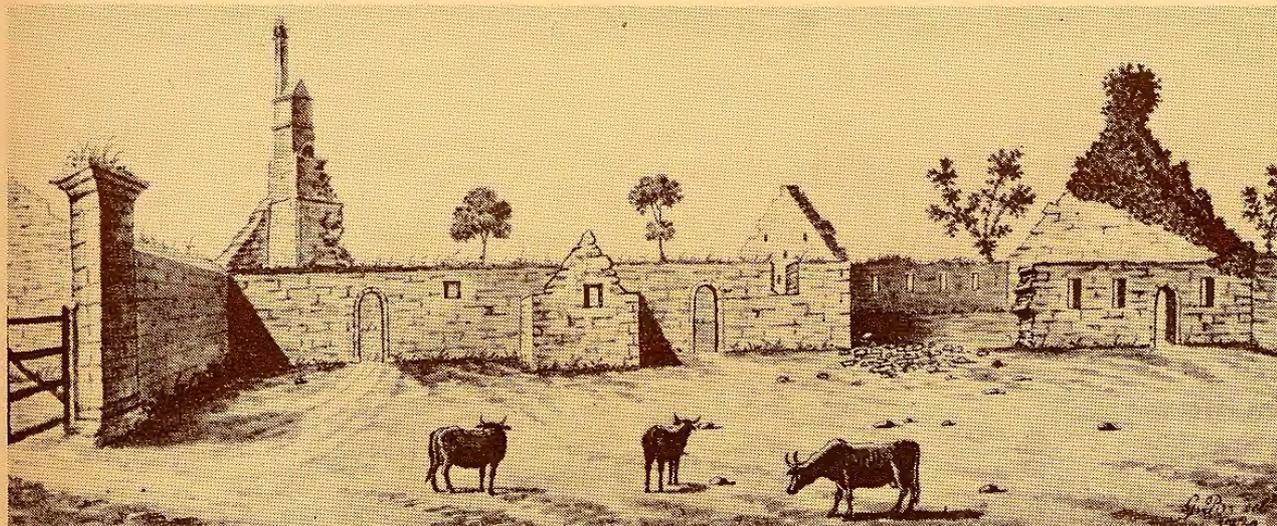
The land remained in the hands of the de Meones family as we know that in 1326 the “Rath” was held by Gilbert de Meones, a warrior, and in 1382, another William de Meones who titled himself “Lord of Meonesrath”. This title continued until the early 17th

century as in 1611 the Rathmines we know was called Meonesrath. Then came the inversion with Meonesrath becoming Rathmeones to emerge as the Rathmines we know today.

That just explains the name of the area but we must remember that Rathmines was still very much a countryside outside the city of Dublin. History again stepped in with the Earl of Strafford coming to Ireland in 1633 and Rathmines was then in the possession of the Barons of Howth. One of Strafford’s friends and advisers was Sir George Ratcliffe who chose Rathmines as the site of his mansion. He built Rathmines Castle on the land lying between Palmerston Villas and Cowper Villas and its present site is “The Orchards”, Palmerston Park. The original building was demolished in 1845 by Lord Palmerston. It is also possible that the site may have been on Dartry Road where presently stands Trinity Hall.

George Ratcliffe did not live long in his mansion as he was in a London jail in 1640. We do know that the wife and children of the Duke of Ormonde lived in the Castle in 1642 for a brief spell before moving into a house in Dublin in August that year and three days after their departure the building went up in flames. The reason is not quite clear but it has been suggested that the caretaker was guilty of arson as his wife was found burned to death in the gutted building.

This gutted building was to figure very prominently in what is known as “The Battle of Rathmines” in 1649. The Duke of Ormonde



RATHGAR CASTLE

had joined the Royalists camp against the Roundheads or Parliamentarians and set up his main camp near the burned down Rathmines Castle on July 22nd 1649. The next day he captured Rathfarnham Castle which had been held by the Parliamentarians. Rathfarnham Castle still stands on the original site but the present building is from the 18th century. Then he occupied Baggotrath which stood on the grounds of 44 and 46 Upper Baggot Street, opposite the end of Waterloo Road. Baggotrath dated back to the Baggot family from 1280.

The siting of the main camp at Rathmines was a clever move by Ormonde. He was in control of two of the main watercourses of the city of Dublin — the Poddle and the Dodder. Behind him lay the Dublin and Wicklow Hills where there were men still as much opposed to the people of the city as they had been in 1209. Equally important was that from Rathmines, Ormonde had an uninterrupted view of the city and could observe any movement of troops in the city.

The Parliamentary troops in Dublin were under the command of a man called Jones and he was not in a very good position to withstand an attack. The city was very small in 1649 being mainly clustered along the south side of the Liffey with very little on the north bank except St. Michan's Church, St. Mary's Abbey, and the old Viking area of Oxmanstown. Of St. Mary's Abbey only the Chapter House exists in School House Lane near Capel Street, but the Abbey gave its name to the present Abbey Streets. Almost the entire city was surrounded and food was scarce as the only supply had to come from the north side and only one bridge spanned the Liffey at the time — the Old Bridge where the present Bridge Street crosses to Church Street.

Wheat was selling at £5-10-0 a quarter (504 lbs) while rye cost £4-10-0 a quarter and cheese was ninepence a pound. Those were very inflationary prices in 1649. Not only that but from the city, Jones could observe Ormonde's movements and knew that Baggotrath had been occupied. This was a serious situation as there was the danger that from his position at Baggotrath, Ormonde could prevent the Parliamentarians reaching their horses grazing on the land between Baggot Street and the sea.

Jones was desperate while Ormonde was complacent. Attack was the only option for Jones so he mustered his forces on Lowsy Hill, now Townsend Street, to attack Baggotrath and

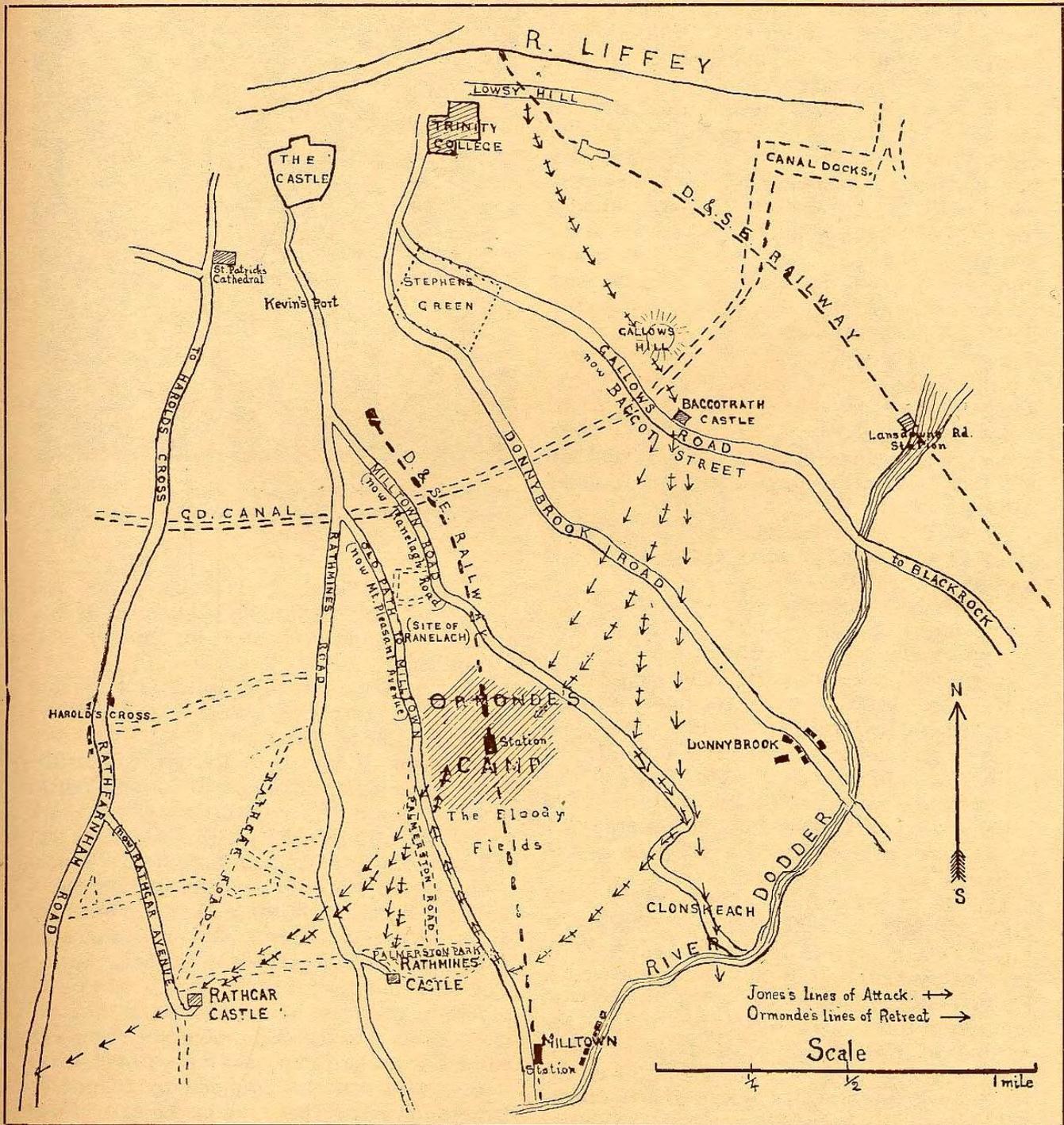
protect his horses. From his camp in Rathmines, Ormonde observed all this, sending a large part of his troops to Baggotrath and set up artillery positions on Gallow's Hill, now Mount Street. He did all this on August 1st and returned to his main camp at Rathmines to have some sleep.

As Ormonde slept, Jones attacked Baggotrath at 9 a.m. on August 2nd and utterly routed the Royalist forces who were pursued all the way to Rathmines. Ormonde awoke to find Baggotrath lost and his forces in flight. The day was lost. He tried to rally his forces but in vain. There was some fierce fighting along the way from Baggotrath to Rathmines and this may account for "The Bloody Fields" already mentioned. Various accounts of the battle suggest that there was treachery in the Ormonde camp and also mention that there were no connecting roads between the main camp at Rathmines and Baggotrath. Ormonde had lost a battle but the same Ormonde was to figure very prominently in the development of Dublin which was later reflected in the Rathmines built two hundred years after the Battle of Rathmines.

The Battle gives us some very interesting insights into Dublin and Rathmines. The city was clustered on the southern bank of the Liffey while Rathmines was still a rural area. The original Rathmines Castle was restored during the Commonwealth period (1650-1660) and was occupied by Captain William Shore who died in 1668. Then the Castle had sixty acres of land and when it was rated for taxation, there were only six hearths in the area and the entire population of Rathmines comprised six persons of English extraction and six Irish.

These people probably lived around the Castle. In the early 1700's the land was owned by the Temple family under the title of Palmerston. This explains the origin of some names of certain roads in the Rathmines area — Temple Road, Palmerston Road, Palmerston Gardens. The Castle's occupants are unknown for some time but in 1747 there was a lease by which the mansion became the county seat of Rt. Hon. W. Yorke, Chief Justice of the Common Pleas. During his occupancy, Rathmines Castle was linked to Rathgar by the building of Highfield Road in 1753.

We will return to the roads of the area but first we must follow the Castle. In 1795 the Rev. Charles Barry was Headmaster of Rathmines



The Battle of Rathmines and Baggotrath, 2nd August, 1649. (The modern features of the Battlefield are indicated by dotted lines.)

School which then occupied the Castle. He was very anxious that boys should not enter University at the age of fourteen as was common then but wait at least until sixteen. He set out a syllabus and timetable for the students and presented it to the authorities of Trinity College in an attempt to have the entry age of students there raised to the age of sixteen.

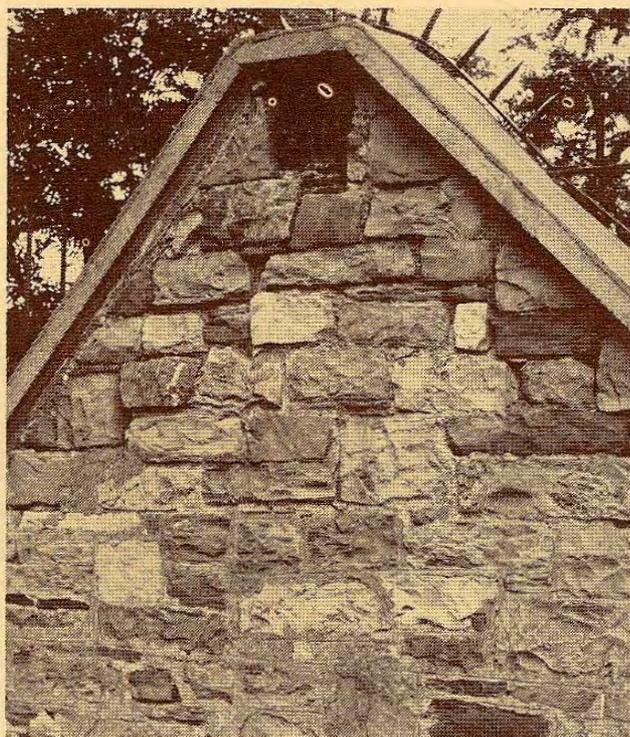
The syllabus included the Classics, Latin and Greek, Mathematics, English, History, Geography, French and Debating. The day began at 6 a.m. in summer and 7 a.m. in winter when students were awoken. Half an hour later there was a roll call followed by prayers and the lesson of the day was read. Class began immediately until breakfast at 10 a.m. with classes resuming at 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. when dancing or fencing was taught until dinner at 4 p.m. The pupils played after dinner until 6 p.m. when they had French class until 7 p.m. Then they had an hour to prepare lessons for the following day. Supper was at 8 p.m. with prayers and evening lesson at 8.45 p.m. and bed at 9 p.m. This was the regulation from Monday to Saturday.

A quotation from the Paper of Charles Barry gives us some idea of what Rathmines Castle looked like in 1795:

"The spaciousness of the house, formerly the residence of Lord Chief Justice Yorke, enables me to accommodate each of my pupils with a separate bed. The playground, likewise, is very extensive and in part surrounded with a piazza where the young gentlemen exercise in time of bad weather as likewise in those seasons when the sun causes headaches by the intenseness of its heat. And the whole of my farm which consists of twenty two acres is enclosed by a wall nine feet in height".

Earlier mention has been made that Highfield Road linked Rathmines with Rathgar in 1753 and it was the first "link road" built on the south side of the city in the area. During the Battle of Rathmines it was noted that no road connected Rathmines with Baggot Rath. All the roads lead from the city centre to the country. The accompanying map fully illustrates the roads existing during the Battle of Rathmines.

The siting of Ormonde's camp at Rathmines meant he controlled two of the main water sources of the city, the Poddle and the Dodder. But at the time there was also a river flowing through Rathmines called the Swan. It has been suggested that it was an artificial waterway but it

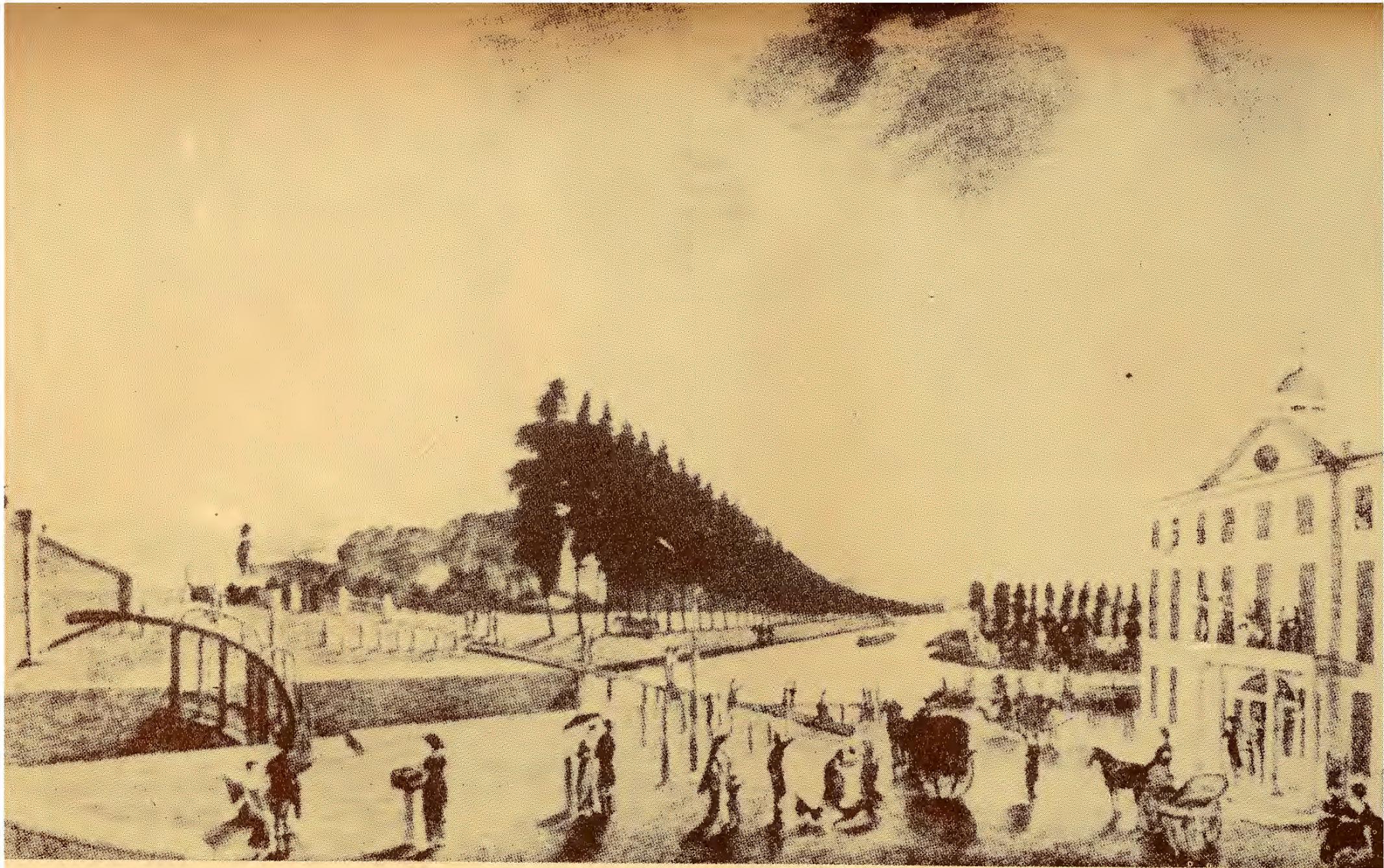


*The air vent over the ancient Swan river on the wall between the Front Field of St. Mary's College and the Military Road*

was only artificial in that its source was connected with the Poddle to augment its flow and provide more water for houses near Templeogue.

The stream rises just south of Parkmore Drive in Terenure. Crossing the line of Terenure Road West, it passes north to Hazelbrook Road on to the grounds of the former Carmelite Convent at Mount Tallant Avenue. Since 1938 a culvert has taken it back to join the Poddle at Mount Argus. Before that the river had been arched in, to form the main sewer of the Rathmines Township founded in 1847. When the Rathmines and Pembroke Main Drainage Scheme was undertaken in 1879, the river was known as the Swan Sewer. The four-mile length of the river is now either piped, or culverted and forms one of the main trunk sewers in the city drainage system. The original river had come down towards Harold's Cross, where it was spanned by Clandaube Bridge, crossed the present Leinster Road West, Grosvenor Place, St. Louis Convent before turning down the western side of Lower Rathmines Road.

The stream flowed under Wynnefield Avenue, where there is a public convenience



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over the river. Swanville Road is named after the stream and the modern swimming pool is also built over the ancient stream. Its course then reaches the front field of St. Mary's College and a close look at the wall of the College on the Military Road shows an air vent. Then the stream takes a direct right hand turn under the field to cross Lower Rathmines Road, where there is a tall pole on the pavement as a vent, flows under Richmond Hill, under Mount Pleasant Square, skirts the grounds of the Carmelite Convent in Ranelagh, crosses Clyde Road at the Church to continue past the I.R.F.U. grounds at Landsdowne Road where it enters the Dodder. The Swan was a stream linking two of the main watercourses of the city, the Poddle and the Dodder.

Mention of water brings us to the Grand Canal. As it was the boundary of the Township of Rathmines and served to cut off Rathmines from the city, it is interesting to look at some details about the Canal itself, Portobello House, the Ever Ready factory and the houses beyond it.

The Grand Canal was built in 1756 to link Dublin with the country providing an alternative mode of transport to that linked with the horse along the existing roads; the boats and barges were pulled by horses. The canal suffered the disadvantage that its Dublin terminus was St. James's Gate and was not linked to the port of Dublin at Ringsend. Thus the "Circular Line", following the South Circular Road was built connecting the 10th lock with the port. The Circular Line literally formed the barrier between the city and the country.

The canal reached Rathmines in 1790 and in

*The sign on the present Portobello Bridge over the Grand Canal which establishes the year it was built and its original name*



1791 La Touche, now Portobello Bridge, was built to connect the city with the country. On April 23rd 1796 the Circular Line was officially opened. As the canal was used for passenger as well as goods transport, the company decided to build five hotels along the canal and one of them was Portobello Hotel which opened on July 13th, 1807. But the days of the canal were numbered. The Kingstown (Dun Laoghaire) railway line was opened in 1834 and the main lines were built rapidly. The canals went into decline and so did Portobello Hotel.

From 1858 to 1867 it was occupied by the Irish Sisters of Charity with the first female Blind Asylum in Ireland. They moved to their present premises in Merrion and eventually in 1896 the hotel was leased to a Miss Hampson for £110 a year for use as a private nursing home. It closed in 1971 and interior alterations were made without interfering with the exterior. It now houses Cara Data Processing Ltd. a computer service which is a subsidiary of Aer Lingus. So the former hotel has once more become associated with travel.

The car space beside Portobello House was once Portobello Harbour. The Ever Ready factory site was also a harbour and two dry docks, also filled in, to become the centre of the A & B Taxis, Dublin's first taxi service, until being taken over in 1930 by Armstrong Siddley before being bought by Ever Ready in 1935. The houses beyond the Ever Ready factory are on the site of the City Basin, built in 1806 to help the city water supply but unused after 1870. The Basin was then filled in by the Artisan Dwelling Company and the present houses were built.

Back in time we must go from 1870 to the Rathmines of the early 1800's. And cross from the city side of the canal to the area that was going to be the fashionable suburb of the city of Dublin. As yet there were no signs that such a suburb would grow but the Act of Union had been passed in 1800 and this was to have a profound influence on the Inner City and the development of Rathmines.

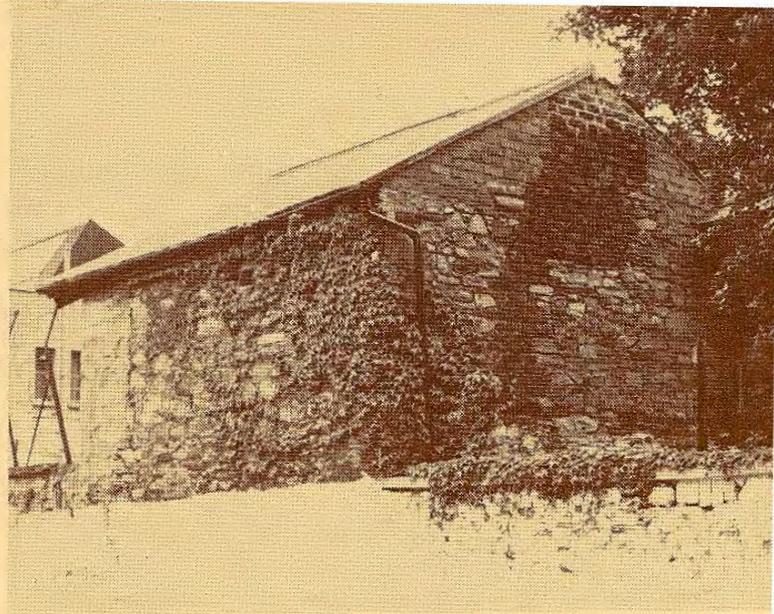
There already had been bloodshed in Rathmines in 1209 and in 1649 so it was felt that there was need for a Military Barracks on the edge of the country area, separated from the city by the canal especially as some of the activists of the 1798 Rebellion had been connected with the locality. Major Henry Charles Sirr, who became Dublin's Town Major, had captured Lord Edward FitzGerald

and lived in a house on Castlewood Avenue. He had bought the land stretching from the canal from the Fee family who owned the farm.

He was happy to receive £330 for the site so work began on the 12th of October 1810 on the present Cathal Brugha Barracks, then known as Portobello Barracks, and the work was completed by 1815. In his scholarly work on the history of the Barracks, Comdt. P. D. O'Donnell, gives a very interesting account of how the name "Portobello" came into use in the area.

The original Portobello was a village 18 miles northeast of Colon in Panama. Way back in 1505, Christopher Columbus named it "Portobello", which in Spanish means "Beautiful Harbour". Very rapidly it became not only very busy but also very rich. This attracted the English buccaneers, one of whom was Sir Francis Drake. He died in the original Portobello in 1596 and in 1696, the centenary of his death, many places in Britain were given the name Portobello. A century later the name was again remembered with the Barracks being called Portobello and just across the canal was the Portobello Hotel.

The only entrance to the barracks was along Blackberry Lane. This cul de sac, now occupied by several firms including Daly's Quality Cars, is lined by buildings that were originally stabling for the horses of the cavalry that occupied the barracks. On the lane is the former gun emplacement and further down a warning notice that one should keep five feet away from the wall of the barracks.



*The gun turret on Blackberry Lane, the original entrance to Cathal Brugha Barracks*

The name Blackberry Lane reflects how rural Rathmines was then and a writer of the time thus describes the scene:

"The first object worthy of notice in this course is Portobello, where on the outskirts of the city an excellent hotel has been constructed at that part of the Grand Canal whence the passage boats start to the various parts of the country. The margins of the water are regularly planted with trees. At the southern side of the bridge are cavalry barracks beyond which, by the villas of the citizens, lies the 'rus in urbe', village of Rathmines.

The writer mentions the villas of the citizens, the first of which was built by a man called



*Sign on the wall of Cathal Brugha Barracks on Blackberry Lane*

Clavell and it was called "Mount Anthony". Another writer, W. F. Wakeman in his book "Old Dublin" thus described Clavell and Rathmines.

"The first house built on this line still exists. It is known as Mount Anthony and was built about seventy years ago by a gentleman of foreign extraction called Clavell. Mr. Clavell with whom I had the pleasure of being well acquainted, though virtually a Frenchman, was one of Her Majesty's subjects, having been born in Minorca at a time when that island was temporarily a British possession. While yet a youth he and his parents went to reside in Paris. This was just before the breaking out of the Great Revolution many circumstances of which he vividly remembered to the last and used to speak of as an eyewitness to his friends. In course of time he came to Ireland just as the rising of 1798 was about to commence. Many recollections of that unhappy period in the history of Ireland remained as it were graven in his memory. He used to describe the tavern long called "The Bleeding Horse" situated at the top of Camden Street as having been within his memory quite a country hostelry. In '98 it was used as a military post for the defence of the neighbouring canal bridge then known as



*Williams Park, the first terraced housing in Rathmines*

La Touche Bridge against any force by which a surprise on Dublin might be attempted from the south. The buildings called Williams Park situated to the right of Rathmines Road were the first forming a terrace which the road represented. They are about fifty years old". The extract shows us that Rathmines was developing into a suburb and the same W. F. Wakeman gave the following reason for the growth of the suburb:

"A desire for house accommodation at a still greater distance from the smoke, noise and other disagreements of the Capital seems steadily to have spread into country districts with a rapidity truly marvellous".

The reason for the movement of population is obvious but before we have a look at the buildings of Rathmines, we have to go back to look at the centre of Dublin as Rathmines became a reflection of the life style and architecture of Grafton Street, Merrion Square, St. Stephen's Green, Gardiner Street and Mountjoy Square.



*The present "Mount Anthony" on the site of the original Mount Anthony built by Clavell in the late 1790's*

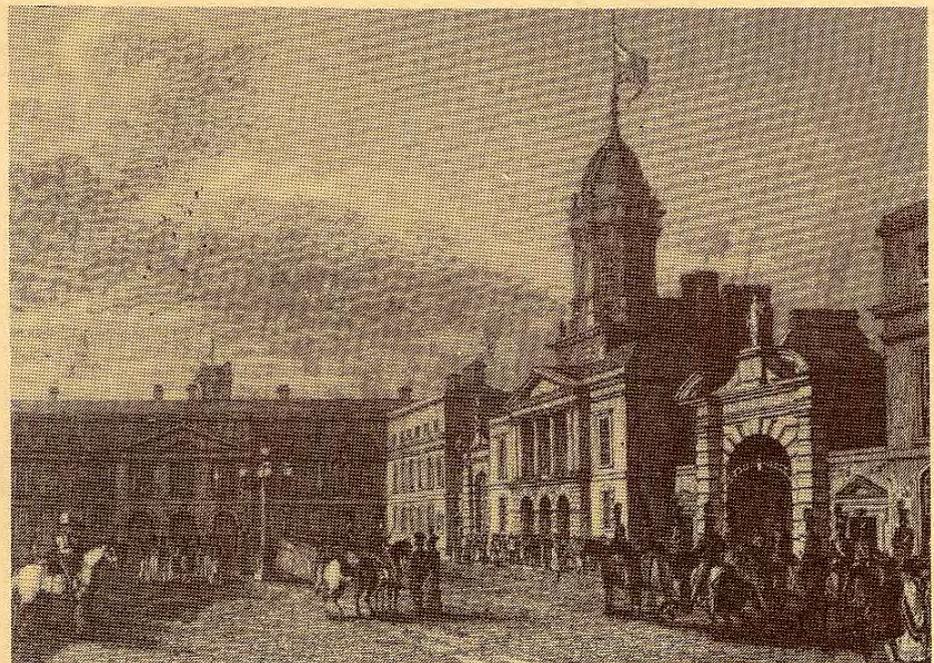
## OLD DUBLIN AGROWING

Before continuing with the history of Rathmines, it is necessary to have a quick look at the growth of Dublin as a city because many features of the inner city were repeated in Rathmines when it began to grow as a suburb in the 1820's. Mount Pleasant Square, Belgrave Square and Grosvenor Square are but mirrors of Mountjoy Square, Rutland (now Parnell) Square on the north and St. Stephen's Green, Merrion Square and Fitzwilliam Square on the south side of the city. Likewise the tall, terraced houses on Williams Park and on much of Lower and part of Upper Rathmines Road are reflections of Gardiner Street and Fitzwilliam Street.

There is no evidence that the site chosen by the Norsemen in the 9th century, with their seafaring experience, had ever been a centre of population for the people of Ireland as Dublin is today. The invaders sought safe anchorage, fresh water and a defensible campsite. They also knew the first ford above tidal water would be a river crossing involving trade — and plunder perhaps. So they settled and called their site "The Dark Pool" (Dubhlinn), the deep pool where the Poddle meets the Liffey. The Irish had called it Baile Atha Cliath after the ford, floored with hurdles, which spanned the Liffey. So the little town on the south bank huddled by the Liffey.

When the Normans took Dublin in 1170, they organised, as was their custom, a Royal Charter, similar to that of Bristol in England. From that stemmed "Bloody Monday" in Cullenswood. Likewise the Norman, John Comyn, who became Archbishop of Dublin, sited St. Patrick's Cathedral in 1190 on a meadow south of the hill of Christ Church. Through the land flowed the Poddle and there was also a well associated with the National Apostle. Christ Church, within the walls was the city Cathedral and the meeting place of Parliament. St. Patrick's was closer to the Irish people. From the building of St. Patrick's, came the ecclesiastical land of St. Sepulchre's part of which was to become Rathmines. Dublin Castle was built on the site of an old Norse Fortress in the early 1200's and completed by 1220. We have already seen that the roads running south to the country one of them Rathmines Road, were linked to the Castle.

Then came the Reformation which did not affect Dublin as a city very much. There was the confiscation or destruction of the Catholic monasteries and convents. The then Archbishop of Dublin, called Browne, was the first person in Ireland to embrace the reformed religion. The famous All Hallows Convent at the end of Dame Street was levelled to become Trinity College. Queen Elizabeth I granted a



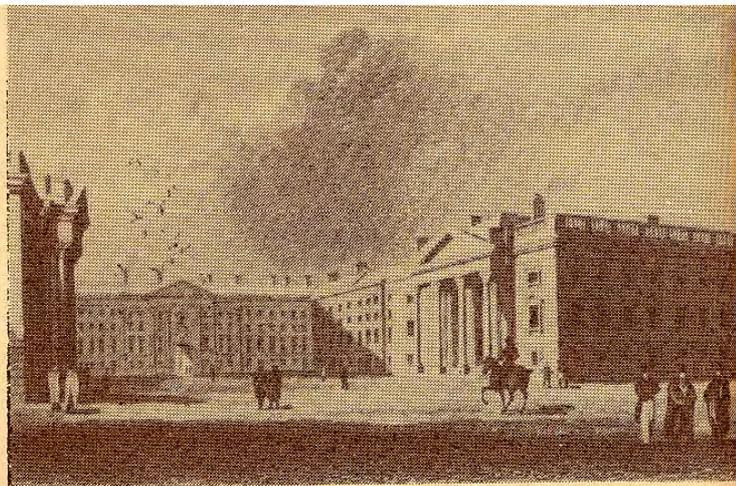
*Great Court Yard, Dublin Castle*

Charter in 1591 to set up a University with the title, "The College of the Holy and Undivided Trinity near Dublin". This just goes to show how small Dublin was as the site was outside the city walls.

During the middle 1500's, two important quays were built on the south bank of the Liffey, Merchants' Quay and Wood Quay which was on the site of an old Viking settlement. Some streets were also built but only leading to or from the Castle. All the development of the town of Dublin, now a city, was on the south bank of the Liffey. The north bank had St. Michan's Church, St. Mary's Abbey, and giving its name to Abbey Street, and there was also the old Norse settlement of Oxmanstown.

Then came the 1600's and the development of the north bank of the Liffey. Two men had enormous influence. One was Sir Humphrey Jervis, who owned a lot of ships, and saw an advantage in developing the north bank for his own use. The other was a man called Ormonde, now Lord Ormonde who had been in the Battle of Rathmines in 1649 and now came to Dublin, as Viceroy, having lived in Paris and seen the grandeur of that city. His fine taste ensured that the north bank of the Liffey and part of the southern city was constructed with style and panache.

New bridges were built to cross the Liffey while Jervis built a fine road to link his residence with one of the bridges. To him we owe also Jervis Street which bears his name. Ormonde had the sense to lay out the Phoenix Park, now



*Parliament Square, Trinity College*

the largest enclosed city park in the world. He was also responsible for the King's Hospital School, the "Blue Coat School", also on the north side while he masterminded the Royal Hospital in Kilmainham.

Dublin was agrowing. Capel Street, Jervis Street, and Mary Street were built while Dame Street on the south was laid out and a Francis Aungier built a street, still bearing his name, to connect Dame Street with the country. We are beginning to pick up names of important people whose names still live in the city of Dublin but not one of those names is found in Rathmines. It was still in the country away from the rapid development that was to come north of the Liffey; development which was later to be repeated in Rathmines.

By 1689 the city of Dublin had a population of 60,000 and to come was the Battle of the Boyne and the enactment of the Penal Laws. Dublin just developed with poverty being served by such institutions as Steven's Hospital or the hospital on Thomas Street, now occupied by the Augustinian Church. But there were men who were developers.

Mention has been made of Jervis and the building of the new bridges and the Norsemen and the Normans whose descendants lived around the Castle and Cathedrals. Jervis was on the north bank of the Liffey while most of the rich and poor were still living on the south bank. All that changed very quickly as the rich people moved over the five bridges of the Liffey to a "new", very "chic" area which was in the country across the Liffey. They did need some assurance to move but Jervis had provided it and Ormonde had been brilliant about the Phoenix Park.

Three other factors entered into the movement of the rich from the south to the north side

*DUBLIN, from Phoenix Park*



of the Liffey. One was the discovery of wells for water as there was no river on the north side, such as the Poddle or the Dodder on the south, flowing into the Liffey. A second factor was that the five bridges spanning the Liffey gave the rich residents on the north side easy access to their business on the south bank. Thirdly, conditions in the area around the Castle and Cathedrals were cramped, crowded, noisy and in parts squalid.

A new style of residence emerged — the tall terraced house with a basement and a servants' entry. Successive developers followed the pattern and gave their names to one of the streets they built. Following Jervis were Gardiner, Eccles, Dominick and Beresford. The most dynamic was Gardiner who developed Henry Street, Moore Street, Earl Street and of course Gardiner Street. He also laid out Gardiner's Mall, later Drogheda Street, now Upper O'Connell Street and later we find Rathmines Mall on Lower Rathmines Road and the tall terraced house with a basement and servants' entry.

Then came the second movement of the rich southwards over the Liffey. Sackville, now O'Connell Street, had been lengthened from its former length from Rutland, now Parnell Square, to Abbey Street and Carlisle, now O'Connell Bridge was built in 1794 while both D'Olier and Westmoreland Street had been laid down. But the real "death blow" to the north side came with the building of the Custom House which architect, James Gandon began in 1781. Earlier in the century, the North Wall had been completed by 1715. All this meant that the

residences of the rich, close to the quays and the Custom House, were in a noisy, boisterous area with a lot of horse drawn vehicles and hand carts cluttering the roads. So the rich people moved southwards again but this time around the Parliament then housed in the present Bank of Ireland on College Green while some of the poorer people from the Liberties moved northwards into the houses vacated by the rich.

Already there had been some development of the area near the Parliament. The town house of Lord Leinster, called Leinster House, had its foundation stone laid in 1745. It was to become the headquarters of the R.D.S. and is presently Dáil Eireann. Lord Leinster, at the time prophetically said, that the aristocracy would follow him. He was not alone in his thoughts. Joshua Dawson, Molesworth and Lord Fitzwilliam thought likewise. Familiar names of some streets near St. Stephen's Green spring to mind. Roads named after their developers and copying the type of residence built by Gardiner and others and repeated in part of Rathmines.

Then came the Act of Union in 1800 and the aristocracy and members of Parliament needed a town house not in Dublin but London. For a while the rich, professional families lived in Merrion Square, St. Stephen's Green, Grafton Street, Dawson Street. But in the 1820's came the "flight to the country", a repeat of the move to the country on the northside. The rich people wanted their houses outside the city (on the south side) so they moved across the Grand Canal to Ballsbridge and Rathmines. Their early building of houses in Rathmines was just a reflection of the terrace home their predecessors had built in the inner city both north and south of the Liffey.

Another dimension emerged as Maurice Craig points out in his scholarly book, "Dublin 1660-1860". He stresses that the new leaders, O'Connell and Parnell were not born in Dublin. On page 304 he writes, "Dublin rejected this type of building, cold and passionless and grandiose as it is, in favour of something warmer and subtler". Another telling sentence is, "Though O'Connell lived in Merrion Square and Parnell under the shadow of St. George's Spire, O'Connell remained to the end a Kerryman and Parnell, though his great grandfather had been Chancellor of the Exchequer, was more at home on the bedrizzled hustings of the County Cork than in the drawing rooms of North Great George's Street". Against all that background Rathmines as a suburb developed.

IRISH PARLIAMENT (now Bank of Ireland, College Green)



## THE BIRTH OF A SUBURB

In the early 1800's Rathmines was still a country district cut off from the city by the Grand Canal. Rathmines Castle was no longer a school but a convalescent home beginning to fall into disrepair. There was also the village of Rathmines, probably near the Castle while Anthony Clavell lived in Mount Anthony, where the present day Ardee Road is found. There was also the military barracks and those were the only buildings in rustic Rathmines.

The barracks had been built on land which Major Sirr had bought from the Fee family who farmed the area. Leinster Road was part of the Mould farm while Grimwood's Nursery was on the present day Grosvenor Road. All the land from the Grand Canal to the Church of Ireland Training College was owned by the Earl of Meath while the Temple (Lord Palmerston) family owned the land from the Training College to Dartry. Rathgar Road was built in 1815 and shortly afterwards came the building of part of present day Rathmines with the flight of the professional classes from the city.

When they moved from Grafton Street, St. Stephen's Green, Merrion Square and Fitzwilliam Square, they left a large tract of land almost completely unbuilt on between the top of Harcourt Street and the Grand Canal. The South Circular Road did exist but there were only a few detached houses built on it at wide intervals. Hatch Street and Earlsfort Terrace were part of Coburg Gardens. The Zoological Gardens were on the city side of the Grand Canal between Bloomfield Avenue and the City Basin on the Canal.

Further evidence of the large tract of open land between Harcourt Street and the Canal comes from the foundation of Harrington Street Church in 1856. St. Nicholas Outside the Walls had earlier been the mother parish of the Catholic parish in Rathmines. In 1856 Canon McCabe was appointed Parish Priest of St. Nicholas and immediately set about founding the parish on Harrington Street. A good sized market field came up for sale at the top of Heytesbury Street. There were a few thatched cottages on the site. The owners of the cottages were market gardeners who grew vegetables on the site for sale in the city and also in the prosperous suburb of Rathmines.

The immediate question is "Why did the

professional class leave the city?" and "Why move to rural Rathmines, ignoring a large area between Harcourt Street and the Canal, an area which stretched from Harcourt Street to Dolphin's Barn right to the Liffey?" Much earlier in Dublin's history, the rich moved from the south bank of the Liffey to the north side and then moved back to the southern area near the House of Parliament now the Bank of Ireland on College Green. They wanted to get away from the annoyances of living near the bustle of the north bank and the squalor of the original site of the city.

The move to the country area of Rathmines was for the same reason. The professional classes wanted to get away from the city and live in the country. Another factor was that the land there was relatively cheap. We have seen that Major Sirr sold the land for the military barracks and received £330. The site of the Catholic Church on Lower Rathmines Road and the National School on Richmond Hill was leased from the Earl of Meath at an annual rent of thirty guineas.

The new suburb had to have a country air and yet reflect the buildings of the inner city which many of the new residents of Rathmines had vacated. This was done with admirable success with the lines of terraced housing mirroring the inner city and the numerous villas emphasising the country aspect of Rathmines.

The first move was made in 1820 by Colonel Wynne when he built the new Rathmines Castle where the Church of Ireland Training College stands on Upper Rathmines Road. Suddenly Rathmines was agrowing as terrace after terrace and villa after villa were built along most of Lower Rathmines Road and part of the Upper road.

By 1838 much had been accomplished. Over the Grand Canal and Portobello Bridge, coming from the city, there was no road parallel with the Canal as exists today. The Canal was lined with trees and grass verges. The first building on the right hand side of Lower Rathmines Road was Grove School which stood on its own grounds with lawns and trees and presently occupied by the E.W.L. Group. Beside it, part of Grove Park existed but then it was a cul-de-sac as it was the avenue of a villa

called Grove House. As the name suggests, the villa was surrounded by many trees.

Just before Blackberry Lane there were five terraced houses which still exist as numbers 31, 33, 35, 37 and 39 Lower Rathmines Road. Blackberry Lane was still the only entrance to the military barracks. On its left hand side coming from Lower Rathmines Road, stood the gun turret guarding the entrance to the barracks. That building still stands on the lane. On the opposite side of the gun turret there were three detached buildings and a ruin.

From Blackberry Lane to Leinster Road stretched a line of villas and only two of them remain today, Lissen Field House and St. Mary's College. The line of villas began with Lissen Field House and beside it was Lark Hill House, the home of the Wilson family, later sold in 1886 to the Walker family and bought by the Holy Ghost Fathers in 1890. Beside Lark Hill House there were five other villas, Hilton Lodge, Hilton Ville, Arbuth, Beverston and Mount Anthony. Then came Williams Park, the oldest terrace in Rathmines.

Just beyond Williams Park on the site of St. Louis National School today stood Bernard Ville and beyond it was Leinster Villa the grounds of which stretched to Leinster Road. There was another villa much closer to Lower Rathmines Road called Tourville on the land in front of Williams Park and Mount Anthony. All these villas have since been destroyed to make way mostly for commercial buildings.

The villas were owned by very rich people. Each house stood on its own ground and in front was a long lawn sweeping down to Lower Rathmines Road. An avenue led from the road to the house and there was a gate lodge at the entrance from the road. Behind the house there were stables for the horses and various outhouses for the carriage, farm implements and to store vegetables and fruit grown on the large garden.

The best example of what the villas looked like in 1838 is St. Mary's College. The lodge has been removed, there is an avenue but originally it was pear shaped. The original Lark Hill is the rectangular part of the College beside the Chapel. The stables and outhouses were converted to become classrooms and concert hall while the area between the College and the military wall was known until recently as "the back field".

We also know that in 1838 the Swan river flowed over ground through the front lawns of



*The hook in the wall on Leinster Road opposite the Library which was part of the support of the gate making Leinster Road a private road*

the villas from Leinster Road to St. Mary's College where it turned at right angles to flow down the lawn to Lower Rathmines Road. There it went underground but reappeared along the left hand side of Richmond Hill before going underground again at Mount Pleasant Avenue. This further emphasised the rural setting of Rathmines.

Very few houses had been built on Leinster Road but it is interesting to note that where the Public Library is today stood the lodge on the avenue leading to Leinster Villa. The avenue was parallel with today's Leinster Road. Then came a repetition of the many squares of the inner city. What we call Leinster Square today had three sides in 1838 each with a different name. The terrace bordering Leinster Road was known as Connaught Terrace. Leinster Terrace faced Lower Rathmines Road and Ulster Terrace completed the Square.

The entrances to both Leinster Road and Square give us a clue to the privileged class who lived in Rathmines. Both the road and the square were private roads with a gate across them and only householders had a key to open the gate. On the wall opposite the Public Library on Leinster Road there is a hook embedded in the wall which held the hinge of the gate. At the entrance to Leinster Square there are two pillars and in both are embedded two bars of iron which served to hold the gate.

Just beyond Leinster Square came another villa. It was called Rockville and a Mrs. Codd lived there. Its span of life like that of Leinster Villa was to be short. Rockville was bought by a speculator who built Ormonde Terrace which stretches today from the Bank of Ireland to the



*Street sign on house beside Bank of Ireland, Lr. Rathmines Road, showing original name of the terrace between the Bank and Swanville Place*

Copenhagen Restaurant. On the house behind the restaurant and also on the house beside the bank there are plaques bearing the name Ormonde Terrace. The name Ormonde returned to Rathmines.

The restaurant is beside Swanville Place and a man called Duggan built a terrace between Swanville Place and today's Slattery's public house. The terrace bore no resemblance to what we see there today. The houses had front gardens and were known as Duggan's Place. Behind Duggan Place there was another villa called Stream Ville and its avenue is the present-day Wynnefield Road and Duggan lived in the villa which is still standing but unoccupied and soon to be demolished. Here the Swan was again overground and flowed in front of Stream Ville, behind the houses on

*The street sign showing that the Swan river flowed through Rathmines*



*The only remaining column of "The Chains" on the pavement between the Allied Irish Bank and Rathmines Travel and opposite Madigan's Pub*

Duggan Place, through the front lawn of Rockville before going underground again at the then Ulster Terrace.

Beyond Duggan Place was known as "The Chains". This was a shanty, delapidated area around the Swan surrounded by small columns linked with iron chains to enclose the area and prevent the inhabitants crossing to the other side of Rathgar Road which was then open country. One of the columns of "The Chains" still stands on the pavement between the Allied Irish Bank and Rathmines Travel and is directly opposite Madigan's public house. Again the inhabitants were copying the inner city. A similar type of column is found on the pavement around St. Stephen's Green and they were originally linked by chains to keep people out of the park which was exclusively used by the residents of the houses around the Green. The columns and chains around the Green were to keep people out while those in Rathmines were to keep people in.

That was the right hand side of Lower Rathmines Road as it developed between 1820

and 1838 and it had its rural aspect with the villas and the river and an urban affinity with the terraces and the square. The left hand side reflected the terraced housing of the inner city. There were four distinct rows of terraces. Fortescue Terrace stretched from near the Grand Canal to the Catholic Church. From the Church to Richmond Hill was Berry's Terrace with Mr. Berry living in No. 1 beside the Church. Like Dawson, Gardiner and others, he gave his name to what he built.

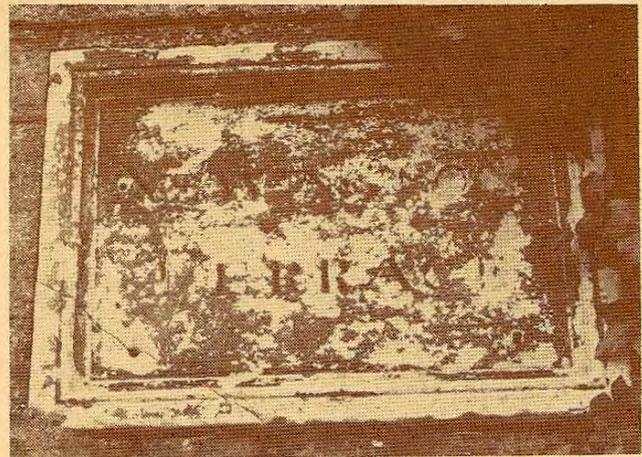
From Richmond Hill to the entrance to Homeville just beyond the present Town Hall there was Rathmines Mall. Again the inner city repeated as Upper O'Connell Street was originally Gardiner's Mall. Rathmines Mall was not a continuous line as it was broken by two small roads which still exist. Observatory Lane at the end of which stood a lone building and Parker Hill which is still named on a small wall at the entrance to the car park of the modern shopping complex. Most of the houses had front

gardens but those near the entrance to Homeville had no front garden.

The entrance to Homeville is not very evident today. It is between the Sunset Cafe and the Delph Centre numbered respectively as 210 and 212 Lower Rathmines Road. There are seven terraced houses in Homeville but instead of having front gardens there is a triangular, grassy area which was a modest attempt at having an open space in front of the houses as in the squares of the inner city.

Then came Newington Terrace. There is a plaque on a pillar on the pavement between numbers 210 and 212 and a weather beaten plaque with "Newington Terrace" inscribed on it. The terrace showed a departure from the three other blocks of terraced housing on the road. The front gardens were much longer. Originally there were only nine houses with Thomas Monck living in number 1 and Miss Keogh in number 9. Between number 9 and

*Time and weather have almost obliterated "Newington Terrace" but the sign still exists on a pillar between the Sunset Cafe and the Delph Centre on Lr. Rathmines Road. The view of the former Newington Terrace from Homeville which shows that there were large gardens in front of the original terrace and the back of the present business premises built on the front gardens of the Terrace. The present view of the business premises in front of Newington Terrace. Just over the second car on the left is the plaque "Newington Terrace"*



Castlewood Avenue were two areas of open country one of which was surrounded by trees. So the original terrace stopped at the present day number 228 where we find Allied Irish Banks today.

The terraced houses had many similarities. The front garden was separated from Lower Rathmines Road and from the adjacent houses by a small wall topped with an iron railing. Very close to the house there was a manhole in the garden under which was the coal shed. Then came two separate sets of steps. One led up to the hall door which was imitation Georgian and only the family or guests used that door to enter or leave the house. At the side of the top step there was a shoe wiper on which those entering the house could clean the mud off their boots or shoes. Many of them are still on the top step at the entrance of the houses today.

The servants or tradesmen used the other flight of steps which led down to the basement. At the bottom of the steps there were two doors, one leading into the basement and the other into the coal house. Servants and manual workers were literally kept in their places. The servants cooked the meals for their employers in the basement and also ate and slept in the basement.

Behind each house there was a garden at the end of which were a stable and an outhouse. There was a laneway behind the stable and outhouse leading to an intersecting road of Lower Rathmines. This was to enable the coachmen to bring the carriage round to the front of the house for the owner or a member of his family to get into the coach on the main road. This also explains the low archway with two gates leading to it between numbers 42 and 44 Lower Rathmines Road. As there was no road alongside the Canal, the nearest road linking the laneway behind the house with Lower Rathmines Road was Richmond Hill which was a distance from the houses stretching from the archway to the grassy verge of the Canal.

Part of Upper Rathmines Road was developed but not to the same extent as the part we have seen. One reason was that the smaller, villa type detached houses were being built on Rathgar Road, remember O'Connell and Parnell. Another reason was that the top part of Upper Rathmines Road was just too far in the country. All the way from Castlewood Avenue to Church Avenue had a terrace and only some of them had front gardens. The first eight

houses of the terrace had front gardens but numbers 9 and 10 opposite Rathgar Road had their fronts right on the road. From there on there were houses at intervals also without front gardens. The last six houses before Church Avenue were known as Carlton Terrace and all had front gardens. All the houses had very large gardens behind them and stables and outhouses and alongside them the narrow lane giving access to Church Avenue or Castlewood Avenue.

The Church of Ireland church stood in splendid isolation on Church Avenue with no house on the avenue. Beyond the avenue there was an eight house terrace of the usual pattern. Beyond them was an avenue leading to Summer Villa House followed by another avenue leading to a detached house followed by some small houses with no gardens. Beside them stood the recently built new Rathmines Castle on its spacious grounds with an avenue leading from Upper Rathmines to the Castle and in the corner of the grounds there was a pond.

Adjoining the Castle was Tranquilla also standing on extensive grounds and between Tranquilla and Highfield Road there was only one villa called Fortfield standing on its own grounds and entered by an avenue from Upper Rathmines Road. On Dartry Road, then thought of as part of Rathmines, there were two small groupings of houses, one called Diamond Place and the other Beddyville. The Dye Works stood at the end of Dartry Road and the sole occupant of South Hill was a Mr. Lambert.

But we must return to the other side of Upper Rathmines Road and see what was built there. Between Rathgar Road and Rathmines Avenue there were the usual terraced houses with two gardens and was known as Barry's Terrace. There were four houses on Rathmines Avenue and the Police station was also there. From Rathmines Avenue came more terracing with 18 houses the last four being called Berry's Terrace. Then came another villa called Rathmines House standing on its own grounds and the usual avenue leading from the road. Beside it was another villa called Greene Ville.

Then the usual type terraced houses but they were intersected by a road called Wynnefield Parade. After an interval came more terracing called Wynnefield Place opposite the New Rathmines Castle. From there on to Highfield Road there was more or less open contry with no continuous building apart from an isolated

short terrace near the entrance to Frankfurt Avenue.

Still further there were some small detached houses but not in the "villa" style but they did have pretentious names such as Rathgar Mansion, Rathgar Villa and Gortnasheela. There were very small gardens in front of them and fields behind them. After them there was just open country before another terrace, very similar to the terraces on Lower Rathmines Road but they were not numbered as each of the five houses had its own name. John Ville, Rose Air, Woodview, Holly Lodge and Nithsoleile. More open country beyond them and Frankfurt Cottage was on the corner of Upper Rathmines Road and Highfield Road.

This gives us the suburb of Rathmines but only along Lower and Upper Rathmines Road. There were other houses in the area but not as prolific as those already mentioned. Facing the Canal there was a neat row of four cottages still called Cheltenham Place but the cottages have disappeared. Still on the bank of the Canal, beyond the entrance to Mount Pleasant Avenue there were 14 houses on Ontario Terrace. Behind the terrace was Banna Villa and beyond that Mount Pleasant Cottages.

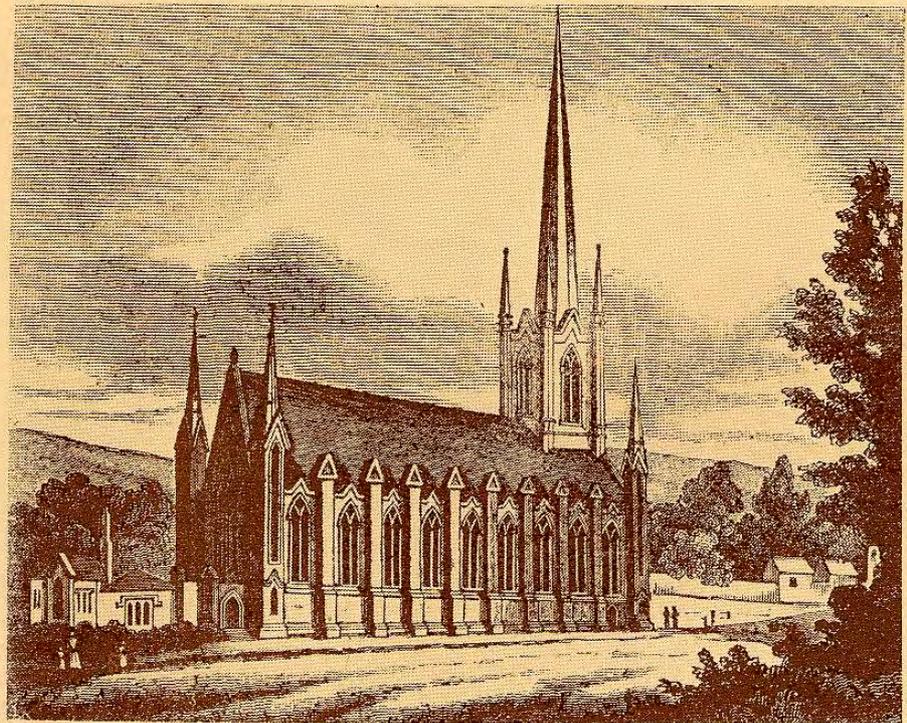
Mount Pleasant Avenue had been built on both sides as far as Richmond Hill and then some terraced houses on the left hand side as far

as Castlewood Avenue. Richmond Hill had houses on the left hand side coming from Mount Pleasant Avenue as the opposite side still had the Swan river flowing overground.

Mount Pleasant Square is the oldest square in Rathmines and is really a crescent not a square. This is borne out by the old names of the three terraces there. The one which borders Mount Pleasant Avenue was known as Mount Pleasant Terrace. The other two terraces running towards Ranelagh Road were known as Mount Pleasant Crescent North and South. Just beyond Mount Pleasant Crescent South, there was Old Mount Pleasant and just beyond it, facing Ranelagh Road was Manders Terrace.

Castlewood Avenue stretched all the way to Ranelagh but had only three houses near Lower Rathmines Road. On the left hand side were Castlewood House and Castlewood Cottage and opposite them was another Castlewood Cottage, a very large residence standing on its own grounds. There were a few houses on Leinster Road and also on Rathgar Road but that completes the description of Rathmines in its early days between 1820 and 1838 apart from the two Churches.

A really magnificent suburb had been born with its terraces and villas, very much different from the Rathmines we know today. For the moment let a man called Lewis who



RATHMINES CHURCH

published "The Topographical Dictionary of Ireland" in 1837 describe the suburb:

"Rathmines a considerable village and suburb of Dublin, in that part of the United Diocese of St. Peter and St. Kevin which is in the barony of Uppercross, Co. Dublin on the old road to Milltown, two miles from the G.P.O. containing 1,600 inhabitants.

At the corner of Rathmines is a station of the city police. There is a small woollen factory belonging to Messrs Wilans. Twelve years since, Rathmines was only known as an obscure village. It now forms a fine suburb, commencing at Portobello Bridge and continuing in a line of handsome houses, with some pretty detached villas, about one mile and a half".

Two very important buildings have been mentioned but not described. One is the Catholic Church on Lower Rathmines Road and the Church of Ireland church on Church Avenue. There is a very good history of the Church of Ireland church titled "Holy Trinity Church and its History 1828-1928" by Rev. E. C. Hodges. The Church was consecrated on Trinity Sunday, June 1st, 1828 by Archbishop Magee. The cost of building the Church was £2,600 which was defrayed by the Board of First Fruits. It was for many years a Chapel of Ease to the united parishes of St. Peter and St. Kevin with the Parish Church on Aungier Street.

The Dublin Penny Journal of September 14th 1833 gives the following description of the Church:

"A handsome church in the Gothic style has been recently erected in the neighbourhood of Rathmines. The architecture is peculiar; and the dark colour of the stone used causes a rather heavy appearance, upon the whole it has a pleasing effect. The architect has built for posterity; and this edifice and other similar structures, although cavilled at by superficial observers, may justly claim precedence over the many gimcrack structures of modern times miscalled Gothic. In his design, he has approximated to the ancient roofed crypts, the roof being a solid arch, and the walls and ceiling in the interior a continued vault".

In 1832 the Church was enclosed with iron railings at the cost of £250. It remained a Chapel of Ease until 1883 when the Rev. Samuel Harris was appointed Rector on June 14th and instituted on June 16th. Way back in 1828 the

Church stood in the middle of Church Avenue as a symbol of Protestant Ascendancy. No houses were near it although Church Avenue was laid down and led to Dunville Avenue where some houses had been built. Belgrave Road was just fields.

The Catholic Archbishop of Dublin, Dr. Murray detached a large rural area from the Parish of St. Nicholas Without to be a new parish. On 12th December, 1823, he appointed Fr. Stafford as Parish Priest. It is interesting that the name of the Parish was "The Parish of St. Mary and St. Peter of Milltown and Harold's Cross" and not Rathmines Parish as we call it today. There had been a Catholic Chapel in Harold's Cross, where the National School now stands, since 1798, and one built in Milltown a few years later. There were also two convents in the new parish, the Poor Clares in Harold's Cross and the Carmelites in Ranelagh on the grounds of Ranelagh Gardens, once the home farm of the Archbishop of Dublin.

Fr. Stafford lived in Portobello Place on the city side of the Grand Canal. Fr. Barry was his first curate but he was soon replaced by Fr. McEvoy. On Sundays, Fr. Stafford celebrated Mass for his parishioners in his house at 8 a.m. and then went to Richmond prison for Mass at 9 a.m. Fr. McEvoy celebrated Mass in Harold's Cross at 10 a.m. and at 11 a.m. in Milltown. But the Parish badly needed a large central Church so a whole plot of land consisting of 2 acres, 2 roods and 58 perches was leased from the Earl of Meath at a yearly cost of thirty guineas. On that land the first Catholic Church in Rathmines was built on the site where the present Church is found but the present Church is the third one to be built on the site.

Work on the original Church began in 1824 when the first stone was laid by Lord Brabazon. The Church was gothic in style with a length of 90 feet, width was 37 feet and so was the height 37 feet. There was an offshoot on the eastern end wall which formed the sacristy and over it apartments for the sacristan.

The building was completed six years later in 1830 and on August 15th it was solemnly dedicated by Archbishop Murray with the homily given by the famous Dr. Doyle, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin. The cost of building was £5,000 and later when part of the land originally leased was sold to Mr. Berry, who built Berry's Terrace between the Church and Richmond Hill, the interior was completed.

The first Confirmations in the Church were in December 1830 when Fr. Stafford gave an account of the Parish to Archbishop Murray. The total population of the Parish which included Rathmines, Harold's Cross and Milltown was about 5,000 of whom 3,000 were Catholics and among them only 100 were householders. 2,900 Catholics were the servants, labourers and tradesmen employed by the Protestant families. There were four Catholic schools. Two schools for boys, one in Rathmines in the sacristy of the Catholic Church, the other in Harold's Cross while the girls' schools were in the Convents in Ranelagh and Harold's Cross. All four got no State Aid and were supported by private donations and charity sermons.

Thus was the suburb of Rathmines born. By 1838 it had been firmly established but it was to

grow at a further phenomenal rate as the land on either side of Upper and Lower Rathmines Roads was developed. By 1847 so much development had taken place that the area became a Township. Rathmines was becoming a very beautiful suburb of rich, professional people who lived in what we would now call "a satellite town of the city". It was a grandiose development reflecting the Georgian aspect of Dublin and in harmony with the centre city in a way that more recent developments in Drimnagh, Ballyfermot and Tallaght have failed to achieve. But that is another story. They grew from a different Dublin — the hungry 1930's. The roots of Rathmines are way back in ancient history.

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RATHMINES CASTLE

# Religious and Missionary Involvement

The Catholic school today must provide the means needed by the young to grow into adult Catholics. One means is "the teaching" of the Faith. Perhaps more crucial in these times when 'secular life' is more and more separated from 'religion', is that the practice of the Faith in liturgy, in missionary activities, in doing things for others, should be a daily impression on the young.

We were very pleased last September to learn that Gareth Byrne, School Captain 1977-78, had entered Clonliff College to study for the priesthood in the Dublin Diocese. Then came the news that Donal Davis, who left the College in 1973, had entered Mount Mellary. These two events gave us all great joy.

Last September every student in the Senior School did a Retreat and very significantly each Retreat was conducted by a Holy Ghost Father. Each Friday at 10.30 a.m. all the Junior School boys and staff gathered in the College Chapel for a celebration of the Liturgy, Mass, Benediction or Stations of the Cross. In the Senior School there were Class Masses and on occasions the entire Senior School attended Mass in the College Chapel. During Advent and Lent there was Mass in the Chapel at 8.30 a.m. which students and their parents were invited to attend. All through the year there was Mass every Wednesday morning at 8.30 a.m. for students and parents who wished to attend.

Midnight Mass at Christmas was thronged and the Senior School provided a very efficient group of altar servers and a tuneful folk group all under the direction of Fr. John Byrne, C.S.Sp. The Holy Week Ceremonies, while not as packed as Christmas, saw a large number of families attending together and the servers and folk group again gave a major contribution.

The other Sacraments were not neglected. All the boys in Forms 6 and 6<sup>1</sup> were prepared for Confirmation which they received in Rathmines Church on March 8th. Confession was available to all boys from 8.30 to 9 a.m. on Friday mornings while on the eve of each First Friday, the Senior School students had the opportunity of receiving the Sacrament during the day. Nor was prayer neglected. Apart from the prayers

said at various times during the day, there were monthly Prayer Meetings in the evening at 8 p.m. when parents had the opportunity of praying together.

All students in both the Senior and Junior School were taught Religion by members of the Holy Ghost Congregation. The Junior School used the "Children of God" series while the Senior School followed the prescribed texts for Secondary Schools. This formal teaching of Religion was allowed to express itself in the Liturgy and also in various activities in which both Senior and Junior School took part and very often these activities had a missionary orientation.

The Folk Group participated in the Concert for the Missions on December 18th. The Junior School performed a Christmas Pageant for Fr. Willie Maher, C.S.Sp., a Past Pupil in the Papua New Guinea Mission, and forwarded £250 to him. On December 21st members of 4th and 5th Years did a 24 hour fast for lepers in India while on the following day members of 6th Year did a similar fast which realised £600 for Fr. Jim Lynch, C.S.Sp. in Mombasa Diocese,



East Africa. In the meantime some older boys in the Junior School had joined a group from the Holy Ghost Missionary College, Kimmage Manor, singing carols outside the G.P.O. Meanwhile Mr. Oliver Dunne, our P.E. teacher had asked the boys to contribute hampers for the very needy in the Dun Laoghaire area for Christmas and he was very pleased with the response.

Come March 25th, students from the Senior and Junior Schools joined with other neighbouring schools in the sponsored walk for the Holy Ghost Missions. We were very pleased that the organisers from Kimmage Manor chose St. Mary's as the centre where all the walkers gathered and to which they returned to finish the walk. Then the Senior School helped during the flag day for Cancer Research in Hume Street Hospital while all during Lent the boys

were constantly reminded about Trocaire and the Family Fast and many of them brought their boxes back to the College either just before or after Easter.

The Junior School presented an operetta called "Zurika" on May 11th, 12th and 13th for Fr. David Darcy's Mission in Brazil and were able to present him with £500. All during the year the Junior School classes had been subscribing to the Holy Childhood and at the end of the School year had contributed over £250.

Another article by Mrs. Gloria Leahy gives an account of the Missionary Activity by the parents and were it not for the parents of all the boys in the College, the prayer life, religious practice and missionary activity of the students would not have been as fruitful as it has been during the past year.



ALTAR SERVERS

A. Byrne, J. Dwan, J. Keogh, S. Yendole, D. O'Sullivan, M. Watts, R. Moran, C. Russell, T. McTiernan, A. McEvoy.

# Parents Missionary Involvement

“Go ye afar, go teach all nations, bear witness unto Me,  
on earth in every clime: and I with you shall be,  
Until the end of time”.

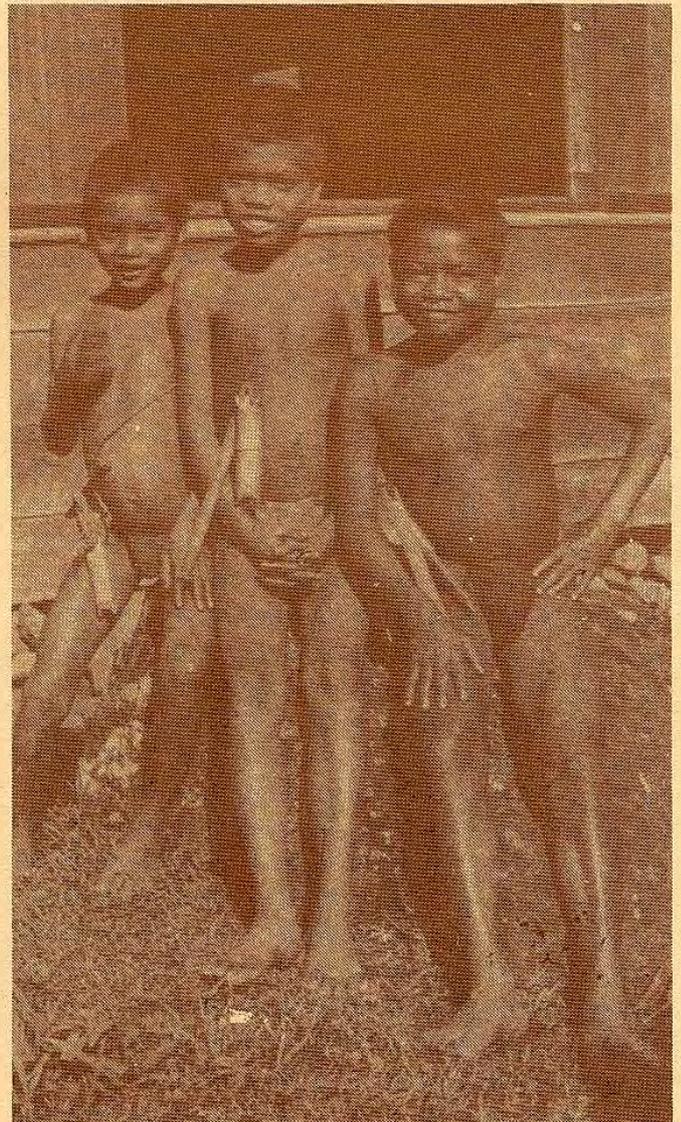
At the close of the Missionary Congress in Knock on 29th April '79 these words were sung as missionaries present who were returning to mission fields this year, or going on their first tour stood around the altar. It was a very touching conclusion to a very missionary Eucharist. All who helped in one way or another to further mission life were prayed for throughout the Congress and that of course included all our wonderful supporters in St. Mary's.

Because of faithful and ongoing support we once again last September set upon our task of raising money for the Holy Ghost Missions. In all £714 was raised by the parents of St. Mary's. In September and January two Cake Sales were held by two parents in their homes which between them realised £365. This money was given to Fr. Henry Moloney, C.S.Sp., Bo, Sierra Leone, who once more undertook to direct it to the educational and medical needs of African youth. In December as promised, Miss Jacqueline Pomeroy brought her choir “The Dublin Chorale” once again to St. Mary's to give a concert of Christmas Carols to raise money for Sierra Leone — the large attendance certainly appreciated the talented choir — our sincere thanks to Miss Pomeroy and her choir and also to the St. Mary's/St. Louis Folk Group under the direction of Fr. John Byrne, C.S.Sp., who did a very inspiring and enjoyable Christmas story in verse and song. As a result of this concert £121 was sent to Fr. Peter Casey, C.S.Sp., Mattru Jong, Sierra Leone to help in the building of his new church. Fr. Casey wrote a very grateful letter of appreciation to the organisers and Miss Pomeroy. With Fr. D. Darcy, C.S.Sp., assigned to Brazil in the coming year how could we come to the end of the year without doing something for that Mission? In April a Cake Sale was held and as a result £230 was handed to Fr. Darcy for his new mission.

For your continued support we thank you, and when you receive your calendar for the coming year we know that you will put a mark on — November 17th — Cake Sale in aid of Brazil — and 16th December — Concert of Christmas Carols by the Dublin Chorale — in aid of Sierra Leone.

In Knock on that Sunday in April we were told “Freely I got, freely I gave” and that can surely be said of the parents of St. Mary's.

Gloria Leahy



# ST. MARY'S COLLEGE PAST PUPILS' UNION

COMMITTEE 1979-80

*President:* PATRICK FUNGE

*Vice-President:* DESMOND WHITE

*Hon. Secretary:* DAVID A. FANAGAN

*Hon. Treasurer:* BERNARD SOMERS

*Members:*

Very Rev. W. Nugent, C.S.Sp., D. Thornton, J. Bowden, D. Fair, R. Doyle, T. Lynch,  
J. Horne, W. Byrne, R. Redmond, J. Hughes, P. Fearon, E. Fitzgerald, F. Cogley, D. White.

*All Past Presidents of the Union are ex-officio members of the Committee*



When *Paddy Funge* was elected President of the College Union, it was just a tribute to his loyalty to the College, Union and Club over the years. After leaving the College, Paddy became a member of the Union and was very much involved in the Dramatic Society. He produced many of its successful productions and it was there that he met Josephine McGrath whom he married. His three sons are in the Junior School. With Paddy as President, the College Union is in safe, devoted hands.

## Hon. Secretary's Report, 1978-79

Annual Mass for deceased Past Pupils and Professors of the College was held in the College chapel on Sunday 5th November and was very well attended by members and their families.

Annual Dinner was again held in the College Concert Hall on November 24th. There was an attendance of 137 members and guests.

Annual Dance was rearranged this year because of the postal dispute. It was held in the Gresham Hotel on Friday, March 23rd and 126 members and guests attended.

Sports Day usually a very popular function, was abandoned due to inclement weather much to the disappointment of many sportsmen both young and old.

Golf Society had a new Secretary, David Fair, and he, assisted by Gerry Fanning, organised two most enjoyable functions in Milltown and the Grange Golf Clubs.

Career Guidance talks for the senior pupils were provided between October and March under the direction of the College Career Guidance Teacher, Kevin Lewis. He was helped by the Union sub-committee comprising Fred Cogley, Tom Lynch, Paddy Fearon and Reggie Redmond.

Marian Boys Club continues to serve the purpose of a Community Centre for Gardiner St.

St. Mary's College R.F.C. had Tim Brooder as President and Ciaran Fitzgerald as captain and enjoyed a very successful season.

Five members of the Club were selected on the Irish Squad touring Australia, R. O'Donnell, J. Moloney, T. Kennedy, P. Andreucetti and C. Fitzgerald.

St. Mary's College continued to thrive with many students successful in the Leaving Certificate Examination. Brian O'Moore won the Edmund Burke Debating Competition in Trinity College.

Finally I would like to express my thanks to Fr. Nugent and the Community of St. Mary's for their help in the past year. Also a word of thanks to the lay staff, especially Paul McMurrrough and Kevin Lewis, the two members with whom we have most contact.

Attendances at this year's functions, despite all the difficulties of communication by the protracted postal strike, speak volumes for the enthusiasm and energy of our President, Fred Cogley.

Eamonn Fitzgerald  
*Hon Secretary*



J.C.T. 1970

(Players include R. O'Donnell, T. Kennedy and A. Ward)

*Standing:* C. Davis, D. Bennett, D. Davis, J. Keogh, E. O'Cofaigh, J. Oliver, M. Creedon, D. Hooper, P. Opperman.

*Seated:* D. Howard, D. Quinlan, D. Greene, W. Ryan (*Captain*), R. O'Donnell, H. O'Neill, C. Hefferon.

*Front:*

T. Kennedy,

A. Ward.

*Photo:* C.S.Sp.

## NEWS OF THE PAST

*Paddy Bolger* was elected president of the Leinster Branch of the I.R.F.U. during the centenary year of the Branch. He played on the first St. Mary's S.C.T. ever to play in the Leinster Final in 1943. The following year he was selected on the Leinster Schoolboys Inter-provincial team. He played with St. Mary's R.F.C. from 1944 until 1952 and captained the First XV in 1949. Most of the time he played in the centre but occasionally at out half. In 1952



Michael O'Brien



Paddy Bolger

he became involved in the administration of the Club and was Treasurer for six years in the late 1950's and early 1960's. He was President of the Club from 1969 to 1972, having three terms of office. He has been the Club Representative on the Leinster Branch for the past two years.

*Michael O'Brien (1914)* at the age of 84 is one of the oldest of our past pupils and has the distinction of being the Master of the Bray Hunt since 1943 and is the oldest Master of a Hunt in the British Isles. There are elderly masters but they are in an honorary capacity and do not actually "break the country" during the hunt for others to follow. He first rode in the Dublin Horse Show in 1909. He recalls hunting as a visitor with the Meath Hunt at Summerhill, Co. Meath during the 1st World War and hacking back through the Phoenix Park, along the Quays, up Grafton Street and Stephen's Green

to Harcourt Street where he put his horse on a train to go home to Cabinteely.

He also remembers his days in St. Mary's when Fr. O'Hanlon was President and the Staff included Fr. O'Reilly, Fr. O'Shea, Fr. English, Fr. Kingston, Bro. Cusach. Some of his class mates were Michael Flanagan, a nephew of the "Bird Flanagan", Desmond Murphy, later principal of St. Gerard's Bray and brother of Oswald Murphy the surgeon, Arthur Spadacine, later Treasurer of the Past Pupils' Union, the Clarke brothers of Dundrum, Willie Armstrong, Willie Noble, Michael McCabe, Harry Fenning, Walter Murphy, Albert Culhane, Frank Culhane, John Shiels.

He now lives in Lehaunstown, Cabinteely, Co. Dublin where the hounds of the Bray Hunt are kennelled. He married Agnes Delany of Monkstown in 1937 and has four daughters, one of whom, Carolann, is married to Willie Bolger a past pupil of St. Mary's.

*Matt Gilsenan* was recently appointed a Director of Murray Eurocar Ltd. He has been Marketing Manager of the Murray Group for some years. Matt was also President of the Rugby Club from 1975 to 1977 and was Tour President of the recent tour of California by the Club. His two sons, Brian and John, are in the Senior School.

*Tony Ward* was voted "Rugby Footballer of the Year" by the sporting correspondents of Europe. This was all the more commendable as because of the postal strike the rugby correspondents here did not vote. Tony had a brilliant season as out half for Ireland in the Five Nations Competition. He was also with the Irish touring party in Australia.

*Seamus Deering* had the honour of captaining Ireland against the All Blacks in Lansdowne Road on November 4th, 1978. He was gaining his 7th Cap. Shay was the third successive member of the Rugby Club to captain Ireland. He took over from Johnny Moloney who succeeded Tom Grace.

*Terry Kennedy* suddenly emerged on the Rugby International scene when he won his first Cap against New Zealand. He also played in the games against France and Wales and played in both the Tests against Australia.



Matt Gilsenan

*Johnny Moloney* was in the Irish squad for the Five Nations Competition and was selected for the tour of Australia. Although originally picked for the scrum half position, he played on the wing in both Tests.

*Paul Andreucetti* played for Leinster during the season and was a member of the Irish touring party in Australia.

*Andy O'Shea* received his Commission in the Air Corps at the end of 1978.

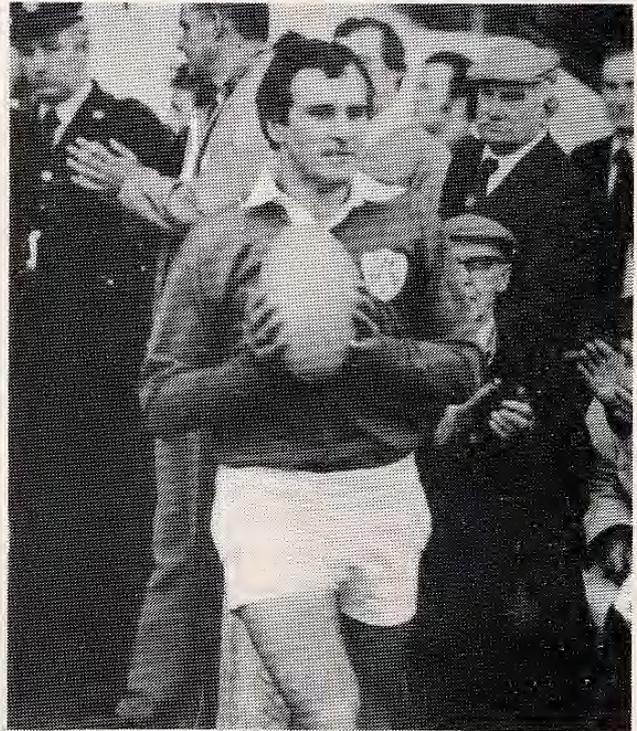
*Michael Cronin* was awarded the Croix de L'Ordre National du Merite by the French Government at a ceremony in France in April 1979. The honour was given for services to agricultural science and industry and for fostering Franco-Irish trade relations. He is joint managing director of Potash and Continental Limited and director of the Creation Group of shops in Dublin, London and Beverly Hills.

*Rodney O'Donnell* was a last minute selection for the Irish touring party of Australia. He played in both Tests.

*Frank Brady* (1959) has just returned to Ireland to take up a newly created post in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at three Dublin Hospitals, St. Vincent's, Dr. Steevens and the Richmond while he has also received a Lectureship in the College of Surgeons. Frank qualified as a dentist in U.C.D. in 1965, as a doctor in 1969 and obtained his F.R.C.S.I. in 1973, went to London and obtained his F.D.S. in 1975. Then moved to the University of California, Los Angeles where he was eventually Associate Professor in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and did clinical surgery, research and taught in the University.

*Don O'Connell*, as Managing Director of Doherty Advertising Ltd., was recently presented with the Premier Award at the Irish Advertising Awards Festival for a forty-five second Television Commercial on Bovine T.B. for the Department of Agriculture.

*Joe O'Byrne* has opened an Advertising Firm — O'Byrne Associates Ltd., at 91 St. Stephen's Green.



Shay Deering as captain of Ireland  
Photo: James G. Maguire, A.F.I.A.P.



The five players from St. Mary's College R.F.C. who toured Australia with the Irish Squad.  
J. Moloney, C. Fitzgerald, T. Kennedy, R. O'Donnell, P. Andreucetti.

Photo: James G. Maguire, A.F.I.A.P.

## SIXTH YEAR 1953

*Ciaran Ardiff* joined the family printing works in Yarnhall St., a subsidiary of Ardiff Co. where he is presently Director. He also looks after the Kilmainham office, W. King Ltd., Eustace St. and is a Director of Curtis Printers Ltd. He married Ann Parsons, has two daughters, Aishling and Karen. When he gets away from printing, Ciaran plays golf.

*Noel Banahan* joined the Holy Ghost Fathers in September 1953, doing his Novitiate in Kilshane, Co. Tipperary. He then went to Kimmage Manor and did his B.A. in U.C.D., qualifying in 1957. For the next two years he was a Prefect in Willow Park, Blackrock College before returning to his theological studies at Kimmage Manor and was ordained in 1962. In October of that year he went to Fribourg, Switzerland where he finished his course in Theology. From 1963 until 1973, he was a missionary in Brazil before going to Rome to study for a year at the Institute of Spirituality, Gregorian University. He returned to Ireland in 1974 and since then has been Novice Master in the Holy Ghost Novitiate, Kilshane, Co. Tipperary.

*William Bolger* joined the family building firm, W. & J. Bolger and is still there with his brother Paddy. He married Carolann O'Brien and has two sons, Michael and Morgan. He lives in Killiney, likes to play a game of golf and ride with the hunt.

*Desmond Brady* qualified in the college of Pharmacy and also qualified in Chiropody and Ophthalmic Optics. He is practising at 12 Upper Camden St. alongside his brothers, Colm, Fergus and Gerard. He married Rosemarie O'Donohue. His son Stuart is in St. Mary's and he hopes Darragh will soon be in the College too. Sandra is his daughter. Desmond loves the outdoor life especially swimming and photography.

*Colm Brennan* spent a while as a member of C.S.Sp. before joining the Irish Press group in 1960. For a time he was based in the Irish Press, Fleet St., London office. In 1968 he joined R.T.E. as a radio news sub-editor. Subsequently he went to the B.B.C., London for training in television news production and on

his return to R.T.E. became television news sub-editor. Since 1973 he has also been on the radio announcing staff of R.T.E. In 1978 he was appointed Deputy Chief sub-editor of R.T.E.'s television news and this year became assistant News Editor, Radio/T.V. Colm retains a great interest in rugby and is an "all the year round" swimmer at the Forty Foot in Sandycove.

*Peter Byrne* entered the Augustinian Fathers. He obtained an S.T.L. at the Gregorian University, Rome and was ordained in 1959. Then he studied in London before teaching for five years in Carlisle. In 1969 he returned to Rome where he was Director of Students in the Augustinian House on Via Piemonte. During that time he obtained a Licence in psychology at the Gregorian University. He is now back in John's Lane, Dublin where he runs a counselling Service for priests and religious. Peter has time for an occasional game of golf.

*Brendan Carroll* qualified as a B.A. in Trinity College and then studied Marketing Management in Columbia University, New York. He joined G.E.C. in 1963 before owning E. C. Handcock Domestic Appliances Ltd. and Krups sales in Ireland. He was seriously injured in a car accident near Shannon Airport in 1967. He is now Managing Director of Contract Marketing and Management Ltd., Marketing Director of C.B.C. Systems (Ireland) Ltd. and Consultant for Ireland for A. T. Kearney Ltd., Management Consultants. He married Doris Helwig, has two daughters and is an ardent photographer.

*Stan Conroy* joined Nicholson Brothers, the clothing firm and became a representative for them in the West of Ireland. In 1972 he became Sales Manager for Leethams Ireland until its merger with Glen Abbey. He is now Sales Manager for Glen Abbey in England. He lives in Blackrock, married Rita Gaskin. His son, Ian is in 'Rock and Gillian in Sion Hill.

*David P. Corrigan* worked in England before returning to Ireland where he started his own import business, A.P.P. Co. dealing in chemicals and process equipment. He works in association with Peter Thornton and Joseph O'Brien of his own year. He married Ann

Fitzgerald and has three daughters. David plays squash for exercise.

*Fergus Cousins* qualified from the Veterinary College in 1958. He spent five years in practice before joining the Dept. of Agriculture as Veterinary Officer. Presently he is in the Dublin Veterinary Office working in Co. Dublin and Wicklow. He married Maura Lynch, his son Brian is in 3rd Year in St. Mary's and his daughter is in St. Louis. Fergus is keenly interested in dog breeding.

*Myles Cullen* qualified as a B.Comm. from U.C.D. before going on to become an accountant. He then went to Zambia in Africa where he worked with Coopers & Lybrand in Lusaka and Livingstone. He returned to Ireland in 1974 and is now Financial Controller with J.

Mallon & Sons, Meat Wholesalers, Castleblayney and Dublin. In 1968 he married Patricia Leyne. His son Thomas is in the Junior School. He also has a younger son and two daughters. Ornithology, music and gardening are in main interests.

*Matt Doolan* went into the family textile business in Cork before spending four years in Scotland studying textile design. He returned to Cork but then moved to work with Magee's in Donegal before eventually going to Drogheda to take over the running of Irish Tapestry Company in 1963. Three years earlier he married Pat O'Kane and has two sons and three daughters. Matt plays golf and squash, was an active member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and is presently involved in fund raising for a local hospital.



SIXTH YEAR 1953

R. Fahy, M. Cullen, D. Corrigan, C. Muldoon, T. Kelly, M. Moore, D. O'Brien, K. Murphy, S. Conroy.  
F. Loughrey, J. Dowling, D. Geoghegan, J. O'Brien, S. O'Brien, I. Lyons, F. Cousins, C. Ardif, J. Roche, J. McGuinn.  
R. Tallon, D. Brady, W. Bolger, B. O'Neill, C. Brennan, P. Byrne, M. Doolan, N. Banahan, P. Thornton, B. Carroll, T. Garvey.

*James Dowling* qualified with a B.E. from U.C.D. For two years he worked in Manchester before returning to Dublin and joining the E.S.B. For most of the time he has been working in Dublin but did spend a while in Lanesboro, Co. Longford. Presently he is Operation Engineer for Dublin city. He married Ethna Boden. His two sons John and Tommie are in the Junior School. One of his hobbies is golf.

*Patrick Drennan* is a salesman in Melbourne, Australia. He is married and has three children.

*Richard Fahy* qualified in College of Surgeons before specialising in psychiatry at The Institute of Living, Hartford, Connecticut, U.S.A. where he is now Head of the Institute. He is an internationally recognised authority in Family Therapy, lectures extensively in the U.S.A. and has contributed many articles to medical journals. He married June Staunton from Belgrave Square and his two children are called Mark and Angelique. He enjoys listening to classical music and is a keen portrait photographer.

*Thomas Garvey* graduated in Economics from U.C.D. and after a year in market research, joined the staff of Coras Trachtala in 1959. Within ten years, he was Chief Executive and in 1966 was appointed to the C.T.T. Board by the Minister for Industry and Commerce. In 1967 he was appointed E.E.C. delegate to Nigeria, the equivalent of Ambassador from the Common Market nations. Before leaving for Nigeria, Tom's sons were in St. Michael's.

*Donoch Geoghegan* joined the National Bank on leaving school and spent some time in various centres around the country with the National and then the Bank of Ireland. He is now attached to the Cash Control Department, Bank of Ireland, College Green. He is a member of the Parish Centre Committee in Rathgar and assists in running the Youth Club. He is a fervent St. Mary's rugby supporter.

*Timothy Kelly* was articled to James A. Joy & Co. for five years and qualified as an accountant in 1959. He spent some years in practice and is presently accountant for B.M.G. Enterprises Ltd. He married Margaret Cleary, lives in Ranelagh and likes a round of golf to relax.

*Frank Loughrey* joined Bastow Charleton & Co., Chartered Accountants before going to Silver Levine & Co., Certified Accountants in London. On his return to Dublin, he joined Domas Ltd. Advertising, moved to other advertising agencies before joining Brian Cronin Associates & Co. where he is now Company Secretary. He married Dymphna Monaghan, has two sons and loves both fresh water and sea fishing.

*Ignatius Lyons* joined the Bank of Ireland at College Green in 1954. He has held various positions in the Bank including corporate accounts manager with the Corporate and International Division and 18 months between 1974-76 in the International Department. Currently he is Deputy Manager of the College Green Branch. He married Fidelma Boden and his hobbies include photography, boating and fishing.

*John McQuinn* joined an insurance firm in Dublin after leaving St. Mary's before emigrating to London where he is presently with Lloyds Insurance. He lives at 242 Longbanks, Harlow, Essex, married Jean Wilson and has one daughter. His hobbies are reading and a round of golf.

*Maurice Moore* was internal auditor for the Rank Film Organisation until 1967. He then went to Talbots Hotel, Wexford as accountant and is now Financial Director of the hotel. He married Mary Crowley, has two sons and a daughter, likes to play tennis and squash and is a member of the Wexford Lions Club.

*Cathal Muldoon* qualified as a dentist and also as a doctor. He lived for a while in Ranelagh and it is suggested that he is now in Zimbabwe-Rhodesia.

*Kevin Murphy* joined the Royal Insurance Group where he became Surveyor and today is the Chief Surveyor of the Group. He married Catherine Pope, has a son and two daughters, lives in Delgany, likes to play a round of golf and is very interested in cars.

*Daniel O'Brien* is now in Montreal, Canada where is Export Sales Manager for Corb's Wine and Spirit Merchants, one of the main distillers in the city. He married a French Canadian girl called Denise and has a son and two daughters. For him to relax is to ski.

*Joseph O'Brien* lives in Sydney, Australia where he runs a chemical distribution company. He is very much in contact with David Corrigan and Peter Thornton of his own year. He married a charming Dutch girl called Annalese, has two lovely children and likes to play a round of golf.

*Stan O'Brien* is one of the two members of the group who has passed to his eternal reward. He was tragically killed in an accident in England very soon after he left St. Mary's. R.I.P.

*Brian O'Neill* joined Mathers Mulcahy & Sutherland before moving to Caledonian Insurance as an Inspector. In 1966 he re-joined Mathers Mulcahy & Sutherland where he is now a Director. Brian lives in Blackrock, married Eileen O'Neill, has two daughters and two sons, is connected with Mercy, Booterstown and likes to play tennis and go to the theatre.

*James Roche* qualified as a dentist and went to work in London. Recently he returned to Ireland and is presently in Antrim town.

*Richard Tallon* spent a while with the Irish Independent before joining the International Publishing Corporation. He then moved to

Hamelyn Books and is their sole representative for the whole of Ireland. He married Barbara Larkin and his two daughters are in St. Louis Convent. Richard just loves music.

*Peter Thornton* qualified as a B.Sc. before obtaining his Ph.D. in Chemistry. He joined I.C.I. in England before returning to Erin Foods and was later Marketing Director of Bord Baine. He then branched out on his own and is now Managing Director of Worne Biochemicals which has a strong anti-pollution bias. He works with close contacts with Joseph O'Brien in Australia and David Corrigan in Dublin so he is very much a man who has to travel extensively in business. Peter lives in Sutton, married Eleanor Caulfield, has four children and to recover from "jet lag" turns to rugby, golf and some squash.

*Charles Walker* worked with an engineering firm in Galway for some years before returning to Dublin where he was with several major central heating companies. In 1966 he joined E. C. Handcock Domestic Appliances Ltd., owned by Brendan Carroll. He married Geraldine Brerton from Thurles. On June 18th 1968 he died. R.I.P.



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P. Thornton, W. Woodhouse, P. Byrne, J. Lee, R. Tallon, J. Bagnall, M. Doolan, F. Montague.

J. Roche, D. White, T. Garvey, C. Brennan, G. Davy, B. Murphy, S. Cooke.

Absent: N. Banahan, B. Carroll, R. Fahy.

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## Obituary

### Brendan Lynch

In the last days of April, death removed from our midst one who by his life and action, embodied the living tradition of St. Mary's. After a protracted illness, Benny Lynch made his exit from this life to the great sorrow of his wife, Freda, his family and many friends. Characteristic of the man, he fought to the very end and he treasured every moment of the span of life allotted to him. In face of the inevitable, he remained calm and courageous and maintained an interest in all that was happening right to the end. With much courage and deep simplicity he surrendered his soul to his Creator on 29th April while the freshness of the Easter Paschal mystery was still present in our minds.

Benny gave much of his time and energy in promoting the interests of St. Mary's. Always intensely loyal to his alma mater, he wanted the school to maintain a fidelity to its tradition of Christian education while allowing ample scope for the development of skills in sport and athletics. He was a man of straight and direct language for whom words meant what they said. But he was not merely a man of words. His actions, as a member of the Past Pupils Union and more specifically as an executive member of the St. Mary's R.F.C. speak louder than words. He gave of himself unstintingly and with the responsibility of Treasurer, he had the heavy burden of monitoring the transfer of the Club to the new grounds at Templeville as well as supervising the financial implication of such a move. All this he undertook with the expertise



of the true professional. The Club owes much to his earnest dedication and provident organisation.

The esteem in which he was held by his friends, his professional colleagues, his associates both in St. Mary's R.F.C. and Milltown Golf Club was amply evident at his obsequies when the church in Milltown was scarcely able to contain the attendance. The sense of personal loss, which all felt, could only be strengthened by faith in the re-union of the Resurrection of which the Mass was a pledge and a foretaste.

To his dear wife, Freda, to Leonard, his son, Barbara and Marion, his daughters, as well as to his brothers and sister, we tender our deepest sympathy as well as the assurance of our prayers for the repose of his soul. We pray that Benny Rests In Peace.

# ST. MARY'S COLLEGE, R.F.C.

1978-79

This time last year, the Club was looking back on a most successful season and many were surely wondering whether it was possible for the impetus to be maintained in the season just completed. It is pleasant to report that it was maintained. Last May, the Committee decided to accept an invitation from Bridgend R.F.C. to play in their international sevens on September 2nd and we were only beaten by the eventual winners.

In July we received approval from the Department of Education, Sport and Youth Section for the Club's application under the Temporary Grant Scheme for youth employment. A major scheme for grounds improvement was then implemented by the Grounds Committee comprising of Bill Gray, ably assisted by John Carvill and Dermot Duffy, who spent many hours planning and supervising the scheme. The benefits of this can be seen with the improved drainage of the pitches, additional car parking facilities and the overall improved appearance of the grounds as a result of tree planting and ditch reclamation.

At the start of the season, the senior team went to Sradbrook to defend the Castle Trophy and were unfortunate to lose their section despite winning all their matches. This was repeated in the Senior League when the team was undefeated but did not score as many tries as the winners of the section. In the Senior Cup, there were convincing wins against Drogheda and Greystones but in a match that could have gone either way, the team lost to Blackrock.

The Junior One XV lost to Wanderers who won the Section of the League while in the Cup, Terenure won when it appeared that the team was starting to come together. The Junior Two XV had what could be described as a frustrating season being beaten by Lansdowne in the League Final and by Ashbourne in the Cup Final.

The Junior Three XV carved a niche for themselves in the history of the Club. For the first time they achieved the double of the Moran Cup, last won by the Club in 1950, and the

Junior III League which had eluded the Club since its foundation.

The team's record speaks for itself.

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points		Tries
				For	Against	
26	23	—	3	697	156	117

The team played in the true St. Mary's spirit playing open, attacking rugby with a will to win second to none and are an object lesson to all players in the Club of the meaning of "never say die" which was typified in their second round Cup match against Wanderers in which they recovered from being 14-0 down at half time, to win 15-14.

The Junior Four XV reached the semi-final of the League and were beaten in the Cup. The Junior Five XV in beating Bective in the Final won the James O'Connor Memorial Cup for the third time in four years, having lost the Final last year. This is a tremendous record and our congratulations are due to Brian Swift and his team. The Junior Six XV did not win any trophy but the Junior Seven XV, captained by Joe Gallagher, retained the Greenlea Cup beating Monkstown in the Final. Last year the Junior Eight and Nine teams shared the Guilfoyle Cup but this year it was won outright by the Junior Eight XV who beat Blackrock in the Final.

The Under 21's were beaten in the first round while the Under 19's had a good season and reached the quarter final of the McCorry Cup. Philip McDonnell was selected as Captain of the Leinster Under 19 Team and Paul Dean was also selected for the Team. In seven-a-side competitions we continued to be as successful as in previous years, winning the Galwegians, Belvedere International and North Kildare and reaching the Final in the C.Y.M. and Gala International Sevens in Los Angeles.

The standard of rugby played inevitably led to representative honours. Seamus Deering created history by being the third Irish Captain in a row provided by the Club, succeeding John Moloney and Tom Grace. Terry Kennedy was capped for the first time for Leinster and Ireland. John Moloney captained Leinster and was

a substitute for Ireland. Paul Andreucetti was capped for Leinster. During his brief stay with the Club, Tony Ward was capped for Ireland. Then, at the end of the season, when the Team to tour Australia was announced, we were delighted that Paul Andreucetti, Ciaran Fitzgerald, Terry Kennedy, John Moloney and Rodney O'Donnell were included in the party. We congratulate them and wish them every success on the tour and know that they will represent their Club and country with distinction.

Also at the end of the season, after months of preparation, the Club undertook a two week tour of California. A party of 37, with Matt Gilsenan as Tour President and Nicky Corrigan as Tour Manager and Frank Kennedy as Tour Captain organised a self-financing tour in approximately four months and set off for California on May 4th. Within two days of arrival, the party entered two teams in the Gala International Sevens with one team reaching the semi-final and the other contesting the final. Three matches were played on the Tour, the first being narrowly lost to Southern California Representative XV. The second match against Bats was a comfortable win while the third against South Bay Representative XV was a

narrow win. Reports from California confirm that the members of the Tour Party, both on and off the field, were excellent ambassadors for the Club and Ireland.

Immediately prior to the departure of the Tour Party, the Club suffered the great loss of the death of Benny Lynch. Few people will ever appreciate the enormous work that he did in his seven years as Hon. Treasurer of the Club which covered one of the most difficult periods in the Club's history, covering the move from Fortfield to Templeville. To his wife, Freda, and his family we extend our condolences.

The Management Committee, ably chaired by Bill Fagan, met at least monthly and continued to unobtrusively manage the day to day running of the Club. The grounds continue to be looked after by Bill Gray as mentioned earlier in this report. The Bar Committee is experiencing difficulty in obtaining members to volunteer to work in the bar. The small increase in bar profit is due to the cost of employing professional barmen.

The Social Committee, led by Frank Kennedy, ran successful and enjoyable functions monthly during the season. The Ladies Sub-Committee, with Betty White in the Chair, deserve our thanks for the cheerful way



### JUNIOR THREE

Winners of Junior Three League and Moran Cup

*From Top:*

J. Carvill (Manager), P. Dean, G. O'Hagan, E. Wigglesworth, K. O'Doherty, J. O'Connor, C. Shanley, B. Largey, T. Kennedy, P. Moran (Coach)  
P. McCarthy, P. Opperman, M. Joyce, N. Woodcock (Capt), T. W. Brooder (President), F. O'Donnell, T. O'Rourke, L. Naughton.

*Sixtyeight*

they catered for hungry teams during the year. The Dance Sub-Committee, headed by Gerry Ebbs and his small band of stewards, again were the financial mainstay of the Club. Finally the Match Committee continues to evolve and this year, for the first time, we had a Rugby Council consisting of Tim Harrington, Vinno McGovern and Steve Tracey. The success of teams at Junior level is indicative that the Council is a step in the right direction.

We must also thank the College for continuing to supply the Club with players who have enjoyed the finest training in the skills and the spirit of the game. While we have not been victorious at Under 19 level since 1970, the constant flow of talented players from the College has, in no small measure, contributed to our wins in recent years. We were also happy that many Club members have helped train the teams in the Junior School on Saturday mornings.

At representative level, G. K. Boyd continued as Hon. Treasurer of the Leinster Branch and also as a nominated representative of the Branch to the Committee of the I.R.F.U., while Paddy Bolger, our representative on the Leinster Branch is President of the Branch during the centenary

year. Tommy Kearns, Paddy Farrell, Mervyn Johnson and Denis Nagle all served with distinction with the Association of Referees.

This is the end of Tim Brooder's two year term as President. During those two years the Club won eleven trophies in 1978 and eight in 1979. The Club made two memorable tours, Russia in 1978 and California in 1979. The Club provided two Irish captains in a row, with many other representative and international caps in addition to supplying five players for the Irish Tour to Australia. We owe a great debt to Tim for taking the helm through the last two difficult years as we found our feet in our new grounds and tried to reduce our large debts. Tim has devoted an amount of his time and energy and given of himself freely and willingly to bring the Club to its present position. We trust that the success of the Club over the past two years is partial recompense for his unstinting work.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Joe Finucane for all the help he has given me in my year of office. Without his help and experience, I would never have managed. My thanks also to Frank Reddy for all the work he has done on the Club administration and the thanks of all of us to our Groundsman, Frank Doyle, for all the work he does so willingly and so well.



JUNIOR FIVE  
Winners of James O'Connor Cup

From Top:

T. Browne (Manager), J. Curran, B. Foley, J. Murphy, J. O'Connor, J. Murray, B. Spring, J. Reid, M. Hogan (Coach).  
C. O'Donnell, P. Maguire, I. Brady, T. W. Brooder (President), B. Swift (Capt), P. Thornton, H. Bolger.



#### JUNIOR 6 AND 6<sup>1</sup>

*From Top:*

D. O'Donovan, M. Nolan, I. McCulloch, C. Farrell, V. Cunningham, P. Roantree, G. Winston, M. Tynan, D. Reilly, L. Shanahan, K. Naughton, B. Dunne, J. Condren, C. Foley, M. Stapleton, J. Fitzgerald, K. Murray, E. Browne, C. Tee, P. McSharry, G. Keogh, C. Ward, P. Keogh, G. Quigley, A. Kelly, K. Conway, S. Brady, M. Montague, B. Kennedy, N. Sweeney, D. Doyle, C. Funge, B. McDonald, W. Kearney, R. McNulty, J. Kennedy, P. Gilligan, W. Mulvihill, P. Rahilly, N. Corish, D. Kerrigan, P. Kearney, E. Donnelly, E. Flood, D. Fee, F. O'Connor, J. Ronaldson, T. Pierce, A. Moore, Miss S. McGrath, Mr. J. Crowley, W. Crowe, D. Kilmartin, B. McGreen, J. O'Kelly, D. Doyle, R. Traynor, B. Smith, T. Keane, P. Cross, B. McDevitt, M. Reid, P. J. Harty, E. Murphy, C. Maher, P. Gannon.

# JUNIOR SCHOOL PRIZEWINNERS 1979

*General Excellence*  
Peter Cross

*Fr. Gilmore Art Trophy*  
Blaise Smith

*Fr. Hurley Languages Trophy*  
Edward Browne

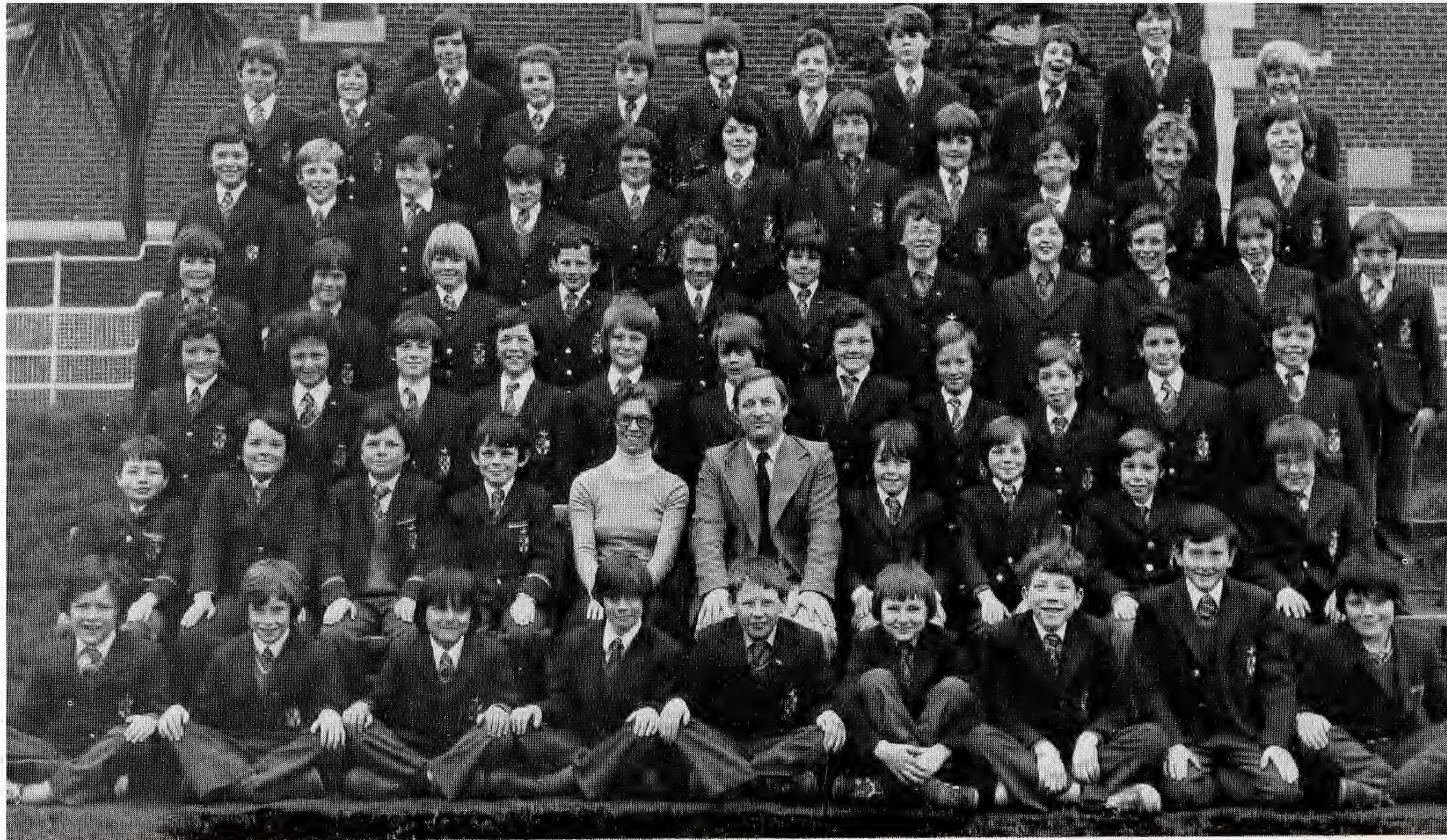
*Fr. Hourigan Religion Trophy*  
Niall Corish

*Sportsman of the Year*  
Barry McDevitt



General Excellence Medal for Peter Cross

*Photo: James G. Maguire, A.F.I.A.P.*



#### JUNIOR 5 AND 5<sup>1</sup>

*From Top:*

S. Tracey, K. Twoomey, J. Flynn, P. Ruane, G. Raymond, E. Ryan, J. O'Brien, T. Stuart, D. Ryan, M. Higgins, B. Kelly.  
J. Deasy, S. Byrne, B. O'Brien, A. Gogan, D. Gannon, G. McCann, A. McGovern, A. Montague, N. McDonnell, P. Kilmurray, M. Lowry.  
N. Turley, D. Rice, J. Russell, P. Reeves, A. Sweeney, R. Kennedy, K. Hickey, R. O'Donoghue, D. A. Kelleher, S. Purcell, B. O'Hora.  
N. Lucas, J. Massey, D. Fitzsimons, L. O'Donoghue, D. Conlon, P. Murray, D. Lucas, C. Byrne, J. Kennedy, R. Morton, B. McEniff.  
N. Peare, J. Watts, N. Tracey, A. Maguire, Sr. Doherty, Mr. R. Hughes, P. Finn, J. Wright, D. Kennedy, J. Cosgrave.  
D. Byers, J. Scanlon, E. McSweeney, D. Rennick, P. Roche, J. Donovan, A. Hoey, P. Whelan, B. McCarthy.

**CLASS PRIZEWINNERS**

**FORM 6**

- 1 Edward Browne
- 2 Peter Cross
- 3 Ronan McNulty

**FORM 6<sup>1</sup>**

- 1 Niall Corish
- 2 William Crowe
- 3 Conor Tee

**FORM 5**

- 1 James Scanlon
- 2 Noel Peare
- 3 Alan Maguire

**FORM 5<sup>1</sup>**

- 1 Paul Ruane
- 2 Stephen Tracey
- Kevin Twoomey
- 3 Aaron Sweeney

**FORM 4**

- 1 Norman Byrne
- 2 Robert Daly
- 3 Ciaran Budds

**FORM 4<sup>1</sup>**

- 1 Ciaran Keogh
- 2 Derek Lyons
- 3 Declan McGuinness

**FORM 3**

- 1 Mark Thorne
- 2 Lawrence Doddy
- 3 Declan Condren

**FORM 3<sup>1</sup>**

- 1 Simon Joyce
- 2 Killian O'Beirne
- 3 Cathal Harratty

**FORM 2**

- 1 Edward Wall
- 2 John McNally
- 3 Peter Fitzgerald



**Sportsman of the Year,  
Barry McDevitt, receives his medal**

*Photo: James G. Maguire, A.F.I.A.P.*



**Niall Corish receives the Fr. Hourigan Religion Trophy**

*Photo: James G. Maguire, A.F.I.A.P.*



**Fr. Hurley Languages Trophy presented to Edward Browne**

*Photo: James G. Maguire, A.F.I.A.P.*

**EXCELLENT LIST**

**FORM 6**

- James Fitzgerald
- Dara Kilmartin

**FORM 6<sup>1</sup>**

- Mark Bevan
- Cormac Funge

**FORM 5**

- David Byers
- Cormac Byrne
- John Cosgrave
- John Deasy
- Jonathan Donovan

- David Lucas
- Niall Lucas
- Brendan McCarthy
- John Massey
- Liam O'Donoghue
- Declan Rennick

**FORM 5<sup>1</sup>**

- James Flynn
- Neil McDonnell
- Philip Reeves

**FORM 4**

- Kieran Carvill
- Niall Funge

- Roland Keogh
- Ronan Murphy
- Cormac Purcell

**FORM 4<sup>1</sup>**

- James Kelly
- Troy Lavin

**FORM 3**

- David Brabazon
- Padraic Funge
- Gregory Gannon
- Conor Lucey
- Darragh Maher
- John Marron

- Liam McEniff
- Paul McNally
- Barry O'Donoghue
- Donal Ruane
- Aidan Shanahan
- Eamonn Whelan

**FORM 3<sup>1</sup>**

- James Finnegan
- Niall O'Kelly

**FORM 2**

- Desmond Doyle
- Maithiu McCarthy
- Gareth Thorne



#### JUNIOR 4 AND 4<sup>1</sup>

*From Top:*

C. Rice, M. Dwan, B. Herriot, D. Fogarty, C. McDermott, D. McKenna, J. Boland, C. O Cofaigh, R. Daly, J. Higgins, P. Crowe, N. Funge.  
J. Beirne, N. Fox, D. Wall, C. Purcell, J. Dromey, C. Kissane, K. Carvill, D. Byrne, R. Murphy, R. Smyth, D. Flood, C. Budds.  
J. Dowling, M. Keenan, N. Byrne, F. McNulty, G. Ryan, S. Rossi, F. Roantree, R. Keogh, B. McAvinnie, D. Lyons.  
J. Clerkin, W. Coman, P. Kennedy, F. Dolan, G. Traynor, P. Lee, D. McGuinness, T. Dillon, B. Hartigan, J. Kelly, D. Fogarty, T. Cullen.  
E. Lynam, J. Dwyer, T. Hogan, B. Linnane, Miss M. Trundle, Mrs. E. Ryan, J. Healy, E. Kelly, J. O'Kane, R. Cowley.  
H. Bruce, T. Lavin, B. Brennan, A. O'Donovan, C. Keogh, M. McGill, P. Byrne, J. Moloney, P. Traynor.

# JUNIOR SCHOOL ROLL 1978-1979

## SIX

Brady, Stuart  
Browne, Edward  
Condren, John  
Conway, Kevin  
Cross, Peter  
Cunningham, Vincent  
Donnelly, Gary  
Doyle, David  
Dunne, Oliver

Farrell, Cathal  
Fee, Declan  
Fitzgerald, Jim  
Flood, Eoin  
Gannon, Paul  
Kennedy, John  
Keogh, Gerard  
Kerrigan, Desmond  
Kilmartin, Dara

McDonald, Bernard  
McGreen, Brendan  
McNulty, Ronan  
Maher, Cormac  
Montague, Mark  
Moore, Anthony  
Mulvihill, William  
Murray, Killian  
O'Connor, Frank

O'Donovan, David  
Quigley, Garrett  
Reilly, David  
Roantree, Paul  
Ronaldson, Jody  
Shanahan, Liam  
Tynan, Mark

## SIX<sup>1</sup>

Bevan, Mark  
Corish, Niall  
Crowe, William  
Donnelly, Eoghan  
Doyle, Declan  
Dunne, Brian  
Foley, Conor  
Funge, Cormac  
Gilligan, Peter

Harty, P. J.  
Keane, Timothy  
Kearney, Pdraic  
Kearney, Waldemar  
Kelly, Andrew  
Kennedy, Brendan  
Keogan, Paul  
Murphy, Eoin  
McCulloch, Ian

MacDevitt, Barry  
McSharry, Paul  
Naughton, Kevin  
Nolan, Morgan  
O'Kelly, James  
Pierce, Tristan  
Rahilly, Paul  
Reid, Michael  
Smith, Blaise

Stapleton, Mark  
Sweeney, Niall  
Tee, Conor  
Traynor, Ronan  
Ward, Cormac  
Winston, Gerard

## FIVE

Byers, David  
Byrne, Cormac  
Conlon, Dermot  
Cosgrave, John  
Deasy, John  
Donovan, Jonathan  
Finn, Paul  
Fitzsimons, David  
Hoey, Andrew

Kennedy, Declan  
Kennedy, John  
Loughrey, Donal  
Lucas, David  
Lucas, Niall  
Massey, John  
Maguire, Alan  
Morton, Richard  
Murray, Peter

McCarthy, Brendan  
McEniff, Brian  
McSweeney, Eamonn  
O'Donoghue, Liam  
O'Hora, Brendan  
O'Keefe, Conor  
Peare, Noel  
Purcell, Sean  
Rennick, Declan

Roche, Paul  
Scanlon, James  
Tracey, Niall  
Watts, James  
Whelan, Paul  
Wright, Jeremy

## FIVE<sup>1</sup>

Byrne, Seamus  
Flynn, James  
Gannon, David  
Gogan, Alexander  
Hickey, Kenneth  
Higgins, Michael  
Hughes, Norman  
Kelleher, David A.  
Kelleher, David P.  
Kelly, Brian  
Kennedy, Robert  
Kilmurray, Paul  
Montague, Aidan  
Lowry, Mark  
MacDonnell, Neil  
McGann, Gerrard

McGovern, Arthur  
O'Brien, Barry  
O'Brien, John  
O'Donoghue, Raphael  
Raymond, Gary  
Reeves, Philip  
Rice, Darragh  
Ruane, Paul  
Russell, John  
Ryan, David  
Ryan, Edmund  
Stuart, Thomas  
Sweeney, Aaron  
Tracey, Steven  
Turley, Niall  
Twomey, Kevin



Blaise Smith receives the Fr. Gilmore Art Trophy

Photo: James G. Maguire, A.F.I.A.P.



JUNIOR 3 AND 3<sup>1</sup>

*From Top:*

M. Leo, J. Marron, C. Callinan, D. Condren, P. McNally, M. Regan, R. Byrne, C. Lucey, R. Tighe, A. Naughton, D. Delaney,  
B. McCarthy, J. Fitzsimon, P. Funge, D. Ruane, R. Kilmartin, G. Gannon, D. Brabazon, M. Thorne, L. McEniff, L. Doddy, A. Shanahan.  
E. Whelan, D. Condren, B. O'Donoghue, D. Maher, R. Ward, A. Cooke, F. Rice, B. Mulvihill, J. Condon, J. Finnegan.  
M. Stapleton, C. Moloney, D. Perry, F. Cunnane, D. Davis, G. Halpin, J. O'Reilly, J. Salmon, M. Foley, S. Joyce.  
M. Stuart, P. Whelan, F. Savino, M. Roche, Miss E. McCallig, Mrs. T. White, K. O'Beirne, D. Ryan, P. Dwyer, F. Durkan.  
J. Moran, N. O'Kelly, C. Hanratty, S. Graham, P. Shaffrey, D. Flanagan, D. Keegan, P. Lynch.

## FOUR

Beirne, Joseph  
Boland, John  
Budds, Ciaran  
Byrne, Derek  
Byrne, Norman  
Carvill, Kieran  
Crowe, Patrick  
Daly, Robert

Dowling, John  
Dromey, John  
Dwan, Martin  
Flood, Dara  
Fogarty, David  
Fox, Neil  
Funge, Niall  
Herriot, Bernard

Higgins, John  
Keenan, Mark  
Keogh, Roland  
Kissane, Cormac  
Murphy, Ronan  
McDermot, Corrie  
McKenna, Dermot  
McNulty, Fergal

O'Cofaigh, Colm  
Purcell, Cormac  
Rice, Columbanus  
Roantree, Fergus  
Rossi, Stephen  
Ryan, Geoffrey  
Smyth, Ronan  
Wall, David

## FOUR<sup>1</sup>

Brennan, Barry  
Bruce, Henry  
Byrne, Pearse  
Clarkin, Justin  
Coman, William  
Cowley, Robert  
Cullen, Thomas  
Dillon, Thomas  
Dolan, Fergus

Dwyer, John  
Fogarty, David  
Hartigan, Brian  
Healy, James  
Hogan, Thomas  
Hussey, Andrew  
Kelly, Eoin  
Kelly, James  
Kennedy, Paul

Keogh, Ciaran  
Lavin, Troy  
Lee, Paul  
Linnane, Barry  
Lynam, Eoin  
Lyons, Derek  
Moloney, Joseph  
McAvinne, Brendan  
McGill, Michael

McGuinness, Declan  
O'Donovan, Andrew  
O'Flaherty, Cian  
O'Kane, John  
Traynor, Gregory  
Traynor, Paul



Paddy Funge, President of the P.P.U. with his three sons, Padraic, Niall and Cormac.

All three received their awards from dad.

Photo: James G. Maguire, A.F.I.A.P.



JUNIOR 2

*From Top:*

E. Brabazon, D. Dromey, M. McCarthy, O. Deasy, S. Gogan, A. Hoey.  
M. Whelan, S. Byrne, P. Fitzgerald, J. McNally, T. Dowling, D. O'Shea, M. O'Toole, P. Dolan.  
N. Keenan, B. McNamara, S. Peare, E. Wall, D. Keogan, P. Mooney, E. Long, J. Whelan.  
M. Collins, C. Maher, S. Lavin, J. Costello, Mrs. U. Wall, J. Watts, G. Thorne, D. Doyle.  
C. Twomey, A. Glynn.                      B. Casey, J. Farrell.

### THREE

Brabazon, David  
Byrne, Rory  
Callinan, Conor  
Condren, Darragh  
Condren, Declan  
Condon, John  
Cooke, Alan  
Delaney, Donal

Doddy, Lawrence  
Fitzsimon, John  
Funge, Padraic  
Gannon, Gregory  
Kilmartin, Ronan  
Leo, Maurice  
Lucey, Conor  
Maher, Darragh

Maguire, Breffni  
Marron, John  
Mulvihill, Brian  
McCarthy, Brian  
McEniff, Liam  
McNally, Paul  
Naughton, Alan  
O'Donoghue, Barry

Regan, Mark  
Rice, Fergus  
Ruane, Donal  
Shanahan, Aidan  
Thorne, Mark  
Tighe, Robert  
Ward, Rossa  
Whelan, Eamonn

### THREE<sup>1</sup>

Bradley, Andrew  
Costello, Ivor  
Cunnane, Francis  
Davis, Donal  
Durkan, Frank  
Dwyer, Philip  
Finegan, James  
Flanagan, Derek

Foley, Michael  
Graham, Stephen  
Halpin, Gareth  
Hanratty, Cathal  
Simon, Joyce  
Keegan, David  
Keelan, David  
Lynch, Philip

Moloney, Conor  
Moran, John  
O'Beirne, Killian  
O'Gorman, John  
O'Kelly, Niall  
O'Reilly, Jerome  
Perry, Declan  
Roche, Michael

Ryan, Derek  
Salmon, John  
Savino, Franz  
Shaffrey, Peter  
Stapleton, Maurice  
Stuart, Martin  
Trenaman, Freddie  
Whelan, Paul

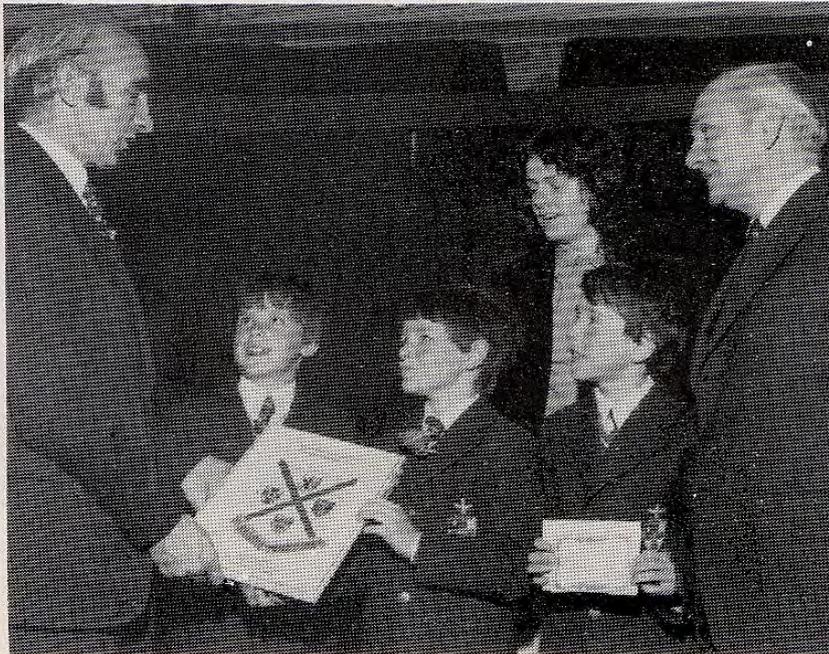
### TWO

Brabazon, Eamonn  
Byrne, Stephen  
Casey, Brian  
Collins, Matthew  
Costello, John  
Deasy, Olivier  
Dolan, Paul  
Dowling, Thomas  
Doyle, Desmond

Dromey, David  
Farrell, Justin  
Fitzgerald, Peter  
Glynn, Adam  
Gogan, Sean  
Hoey, Adrian  
Keenan, Niall  
Keogan, Daniel  
Lavin, Simon

Long, Evan  
McCarthy, Maitiu  
MacNally, John  
McNamara, Bruce  
Maher, Conor  
Mooney, Paul  
O'Shea, David  
O'Toole, Mark  
Peare, Simon

Thorne, Gareth  
Twomey, Conor  
Wall, Edward  
Watts, Gary  
Whelan, John  
Whelan, Mark



#### ST. MARY'S COLLEGE WIN FOLLOW THE FLEET GROUP AWARD

Mr. J. Tunney, Minister of State  
for Education, Norman Byrne,  
Patrick Crowe, Mark Keenan,  
Miss Mary Trundle and  
Mr. P. H. Greer, Chairman  
of Irish Shipping Ltd.

## JUNIOR SCHOOL RUGBY

It was a year of many frustrations in Junior School Rugby. First we had the weather and it was a miracle that when the last game was played on Sunday, April 8th by the under 11s against Navan that the front field was still playable. It had been soaked with rain during December, covered by snow, ice and frost in January/February to become again saturated with rain in February and March. To add to the difficulty of not having a playable field both Mr. Hughes and Mr. Mallon were in hospital at the same time which meant the under 10s and 9s were without their principal coaches and the two people who ran their leagues were not in school.

Were it not for Dr. Brendan Deasy and Michael Begley along with parents of boys in the Junior School, rugby would have come to a halt. Helping Brendan Deasy with the under 12s was John Carvill. Both John Cunningham and Christy Maguire looked after the under 11s with Michael Begley while Milo Lynch, Michael McSweeney, Frank Montague, Billie Byrne, Don Purcell and Ray Joyce trained the under 10s and 9s along with Richard Hughes and Tom Mallon and when they were in hospital, the parents not only trained the teams but also helped in running the leagues.

The Holy Childhood League for Forms 6, 6<sup>1</sup>, 5 and 5<sup>1</sup> was won by All Blacks, captained by



### HOLY CHILDHOOD CUP WINNERS

J. Ronaldson, M. Higgins, P. Roantree, G. Keogh, J. Condren.  
D. Gannon, G. Quigley, V. Cunningham (Capt), D. Doyle, B. O'Brien.  
S. Tracey. D. Ryan.

Vincent Cunningham who had gone through to the final without a single defeat. In the semi-final they beat France, captained by Killian Murray and met England, captained by Conor Foley in the final. England had beaten Barbarians, captained by Jim Fitzgerald in the other semi-final. Michael Begley refereed the final and Vincent Cunningham had a comfortable victory.

The final of the Forms 3, 3<sup>1</sup> and 2 league was a cliff hanger with Billie Byrne as referee. The lead changed several times until at the final whistle Scotland captained by Gregory Gannon had 28 points to the 20 points of Wales with Andrew Bradley as captain. Don Purcell was referee of the Forms 4 and 4<sup>1</sup> league final with Norman Byrne's team scoring 16 points while Fergus Dolan's team failed to score. Thus on

Saturday, April 7th the three cups were presented by the mothers of the winning captains. The leagues had started on Wednesday, September 6th with games each Wednesday when the front field was playable.

Saturday was reserved for training the under 9, 10, 11 and 12 teams and for playing other Colleges. The under 11s and 12s travelled quite an amount with trips to Navan and Longford before going to Bridgend in Wales on Friday, March 30th and played very well against a Bridgend Selection from 37 schools in the Bridgend area. The trip was very successful and the boys enjoyed the hospitality of Bridgend with each one staying with a family over the week-end.

The under 12s was made up of boys from both Senior and Junior Schools and they blended



#### UNDER 12's

J. Loughrey, O. White, C. McArdle, N. Budds, R. Murphy.  
 B. McGreen, C. Farrell, J. Condren, P. Roantree, G. Keogh, M. Montague, J. Byrne.  
 K. Murray, V. Cunningham, P. Kearney, G. Byrne (Capt), G. Quigley, J. Fitzgerald, C. Foley.  
 J. Ronaldson. F. O'Connor.

into a useful side. The under 11s had only three defeats all year by Willow park, St. Michael's and Bridgend Selection. They became the first team ever to defeat St. Michael's 11s in the return game as the Michael's team had been undefeated as under 9s, 10s and 11s until Saturday, March 24th. Under the captaincy of Peter Cross the under 11s developed into a team of much skill, determination and panache.

The under 10s had a very useful season and the fact that they drew 10-10 with Willow away on Saturday, November 25th and also 10-10 in the return game on Saturday, March 31st is an indication of the strength and character of the team. The under 9s were the most successful of

all four teams. They went through the season undefeated which is no mean feat seeing they took on the might of Willow Park, St. Michael's, Belvedere and Terenure.

So a successful season despite the fact that 12 games had to be cancelled because of unplayable pitches and that both Mr. Hughes and Mr. Mallon were in hospital for long periods. To them, Dr. Brendan Deasy, Michael Begley, C.S.Sp. and to the parents already mentioned, St. Mary's owes a deep debt of gratitude for devoting their time to pass on the skill and technique of rugby to the boys in the Junior School.



UNDER 11's .

S. Purcell, B. McCarthy, E. McSweeney, J. Flynn, D. O'Donovan, B. O'Brien.  
A. Maguire, P. Rahilly, P. McSharry, D. Doyle, A. Hoey, D. Lucas, J. Deasy, J. Donovan.  
R. Morton, R. Traynor, A. Moore, P. Cross (Capt), B. McDevitt, E. Ryan, P. Whelan.



UNDER 10's

P. Murray, P. Lee, R. Smyth, N. Byrne, D. Flood, J. Dromey,  
 D. Rennick, P. Kilmurray, A. Montague, H. Bruce (Capt), T. Dillon, A. Gogan, C. Purcell,  
 D. Byers, A. Sweeney. R. McNulty, S. Tracey.



UNDER 9's

J. Finnegan, C. Keogh, A. Cooke, M. Thorne, R. Ward, P. McNally,  
 M. Stapleton, D. Lyons, B. Hartigan, S. Rossi, C. Kissane, M. McGill, L. McEniff,  
 J. Fitzsimons, A. Naughton, K. Carvill, C. Budds (Capt), J. Kelly, J. Dowling, R. Murphy,  
 D. Brabazon, T. Hogan, P. Lynch, R. Kilmartin, F. Rice, G. Gannon.



## Junior School Cricket

The cricket season this year was very short as Easter was so late. The first ball was bowled on Wednesday, April 25th and the final one on Saturday, May 19th. In between that time we had to contend with a weather cycle more suited to rugby than cricket. It is often said the 'rain stopped play' but we had the unusual circumstance of at times 'hailstones stopped play'. Another departure from the ordinary was that for the first time, at least in the 1970s, a lady both organised and umpired the League for Forms 2, 3 and 3<sup>1</sup>. Sr. Dorothy Molloy, who was working as substitute for Mr. T. Mallon, efficiently undertook her duties. Mr. R. Hughes looked after the Form 4 and 4<sup>1</sup> League. Rev. Mr. Begley, C.S.Sp. organised the Form 5 and 5<sup>1</sup> League while Dr. B. Deasy was in charge of the Form 6 and 6<sup>1</sup> League.

That League produced some good games. We had two exciting semi-finals. Paul Rahilly's team

scored 46 to narrowly defeat Paul Roantree's team hitting 43 which included a knock of 25 by Gerald Keogh. In the other semi-final Padraic Kearney's team reached a respectable 58 but David Doyle's team hit the necessary 59 to reach the final. In the final his team reached 114 thanks mainly to an innings of 62 by Vincent Cunningham and although Eoin Flood scored 27 and Tony Moore reached 11, Australia, captained by David Doyle were worthy winners.

In the Form 5 and 5<sup>1</sup> final Sean Purcell's team met Andrew Hoey's. There was much sympathy for Sean as he had already captained teams in four finals of rugby or cricket but had never won. But it was runs on the board and not just sympathy that won the day so Andrew Hoey's team won and we all wondered when would the tide of fortune and good luck turn Sean's way. Meanwhile the final of the Form 4 and 4<sup>1</sup> League was between John Dowling's team and that captained by Troy Lavin. John's team won the day. That left the Form 2, 3 and 3<sup>1</sup> League where Cathal Hanratty's team met Philip Lynch's. Cathal hit 68 and Ruan Kilmartin 26 which tilted the game in their favour.

As the various Leagues progressed, there was coaching either on the playground or in the gymnasium. This was organised by the members of Leinster Cricket Club and the coordinator was Murrough McDevitt. He and other members of Leinster C.C. spent Saturday mornings initiating the boys into the thrill of the powerful drive, the well held catch, the truly bowled ball. All was done with the minimum of fuss but with a lot of expertise and the boys certainly gained benefit from the generosity of the Leinster C.C. members devoting their Saturday mornings to coaching.

Such was the very short season of 1979 curtailed as it was by time and also by the weather. After some of the games, it was difficult to imagine that they had been playing cricket not rugby such was the amount of mud that had accumulated on their gear. It was a "mini-miracle" how Mums coped from Wednesday to Saturday to Wednesday. But cope they did as indeed did the members of Leinster C.C. and the four people who so efficiently ran the Leagues. The real winners were the boys as they enjoyed what could this year be dubbed "Arctic-Monsoon" Cricket. Despite all the weather complications they are better cricketers this year than they were last year as they grow into the game.



## JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS

Buzzing excitement during the week before the sports as the heats had to be run off in various events. The weather was the main concern as May continued to be a very wet and cold month. Looking at the rain streaming down window panes of classrooms, made one think that every moment of sunshine had to be availed of to get the heats run off. With a little bit of luck, everything was ready for the Sports on Saturday, May 26th on the front field.

Centre of interest was who would win the Victor Ludorum. From the list of finalists in the 100, 150, 220 yards, it was quite clear that only three boys were involved in each race, Peter Cross, Brendan McGreen and Paul McSharry. One of them was to be the winner. Which one was not quite clear as there was very little between them. Also how would each one fare as we progressed from the 100 to the 150 to the 220 as stamina would tell.

As we saw the first race come up the "straight" at 3 p.m., there was a bank of black cloud over the gymnasium. The cloud wheeled northwards and in cool but dry conditions we saw great feats of superb, balanced running. The "battle" for the Victor Ludorum began with the 100 Yards. Brendan McGreen just inched his way in front of Peter Cross, with Mark Bevan third. The next race was to be the crucial one — the 150 Yards. Again Brendan McGreen just edged in front of Peter Cross with Barry McDevitt third. So we thought all depended on the 220 Yards. Brendan had six points and Peter had four. Then came the upset in the 220 as neither of them were in the first three with Waldemar Kearney winning from

Paul McSharry and Frank O'Connor. So Brendan McGreen was Victor Ludorum.

Looking forward to next year's Victor Ludorum, there should be a most interesting situation. Both Eamonn McSweeney and Sean Purcell and James Flynn dominated the main events. But last year Brendan McGreen did not win a medal in any of the three Victor Ludorum races. Yet he won the cup this year. There may well be a boy presently in Form 5 or 5<sup>1</sup> who will develop and issue a winning challenge to Eamonn, Sean and James.

The stars in Forms 4 and 4<sup>1</sup> were David Wall



Mrs. P. Funge presents Victor Ludorum Cup to Brendan McGreen watched by Fr. Nugent.

and Fergus McNulty and their victories were just a repetition of last year's results. Both are fine athletes with lots of speed. In forms 3 and 3<sup>1</sup> we saw two new names emerge. Jimmy Finnegan and Simon Joyce. They seriously challenged Alan Naughton, David Brabazon and Fergus Rice for honours. While in Form 2 the "champions of the future" would seem to be Eamonn Brabazon, Rory Byrne and David O'Shea.

Such was the sports 1979 but without the help of a galaxy of teachers, scouts and venturers the day would not have clicked into a day of enjoyment for the boys and their parents. Our thanks to Mr. O. Dunne and Mr. R. Hughes for the efficient way each race was started. The judges, Mr. M. Begley, C.S.Sp. and Mr. J. Crowley, were the essence of integrity. Our recorders, Miss M. Trundle and Mrs. U. Wall very ably kept the records. Our invigilators, Sr. Dorothy Molloy, Miss P. Crowley, Miss E. McCallig and Mrs. T. White kept control of the various situations on the track whether it was the relay race, the egg and spoon race or the obstacle race.

The loudspeaker system was set up and controlled by Gary Lennon of the Senior School. To him our sincere thanks. Yet another "hero" was Garret Quigley of Form 6 who was our "Announcer". We had already appreciated his clarity of diction when he was "Elsbeth" in "Zurika, The Gypsy Maid". Add to Garret the scouts, they did wonders just setting up all the benches along the Avenue, not to mention the blackboard for the obstacle race. And when all was over, the "clean up" operation was done very efficiently by the scouts.



Alan Naughton and Robert Tighe  
winning Three Legged Race.

Way behind the scene were the venturers who provided tea during the interval and also doled out ice cream, sweets and crisps to the boys. A very onerous task was theirs but they repeated their success of last year. It is no mean task to deal with 300 boys and their parents. Finally our thanks to Mrs. P. Funge who so graciously presented the medals and the Victor Ludorum. Her warmth in meeting and giving a medal to each boy was just a reflection of her own and her husband's contribution to what St. Mary's is today.

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- 1 Michael Power, Derek Sweeney and Ultan Stephenson in the Venturers shop.
  - 2 Liam McEniff leads at the change-over in Form 3 Relay.
  - 3 Form 3 line up for Obstacle Race.
  - 4 Gary Lennon at the controls.
  - 5 Starter, Mr. O. Dunne, makes a point with Fr. Little.
  - 6 Form 2 emerge from under the net in Obstacle Race.
  - 7 Form 2 line up for Obstacle Race.
  - 8 Eamonn McSweeney wins Form 5 Relay followed by James Flynn and Aaron Sweeney.
  - 9 Start of Form 2 Obstacle Race.



# JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS PRIZEWINNERS



VICTOR LUDORUM

Brendan McGreen

## 100 YARDS

### FORM 2

- 1 E. Brabazon
- 2 D. O'Shea

### FORMS 3 & 3<sup>1</sup>

- 1 J. Finnegan
- 2 S. Joyce

### FORMS 4 & 4<sup>1</sup>

- 1 D. Wall
- 2 F. McNulty

### FORMS 5 & 5<sup>1</sup>

- 1 E. McSweeney
- 2 S. Purcell

### FORMS 6 & 6<sup>1</sup>

- 1 B. McGreen
- 2 P. Cross

### FORM 4<sup>1</sup>

- 1 P. Kennedy, B. McAvinnue
- 2 T. Lavin, D. McGuinness

### FORM 5

- 1 P. Whelan, R. Morton
- 2 S. Purcell, D. Loughrey

### FORM 5<sup>1</sup>

- 1 T. Stuart, M. Lowry
- 2 J. Flynn, N. McDonnell

### FORM 6

- 1 P. Cross, D. Doyle
- 2 M. Tynan, K. Conway

### FORM 6<sup>1</sup>

- 1 M. Reid, M. Bevan
- 2 C. Foley, N. Sweeney

### FORM 4<sup>1</sup>

- 1 P. Kennedy
- 2 B. McAvinnue

## 150 YARDS

### FORM 2

- 1 E. Brabazon
- 2 S. Byrne

### FORMS 3 & 3<sup>1</sup>

- 1 A. Naughton
- 2 F. Rice

### FORMS 4 & 4<sup>1</sup>

- 1 D. Wall
- 2 F. McNulty

### FORMS 5 & 5<sup>1</sup>

- 1 E. McSweeney
- 2 S. Purcell

### FORMS 6 & 6<sup>1</sup>

- 1 B. McGreen
- 2 P. Cross

## THREE LEGGED RACE

### FORM 2

- 1 E. Wall, S. Peare
- 2 D. O'Shea, E. Long

### FORM 3

- 1 A. Naughton, R. Tighe
- 2 D. Brabazon, R. Byrne

### FORM 3<sup>1</sup>

- 1 F. Durkan, C. Moloney
- 2 N. O'Kelly, M. Stuart

### FORM 4

- 1 C. Purcell, N. Byrne
- 2 P. Crowe, F. McNulty

## OBSTACLE RACE

### FORM 2

- 1 J. Whelan
- 2 D. Keogan

### FORM 3

- 1 R. Tighe
- 2 R. Byrne

### FORM 3<sup>1</sup>

- 1 A. Bradley
- 2 J. Finnegan

### FORM 4

- 1 J. Dromey
- 2 R. Smyth

## EGG & SPOON RACE

### FORM 2

- 1 E. Brabazon
- 2 M. Collins

### FORM 3

- 1 D. Brabazon
- 2 L. Doddy

### FORM 3<sup>1</sup>

- 1 A. Bradley
- 2 J. Finnegan

FORM 4

- 1 J. Boland
- 2 D. Byrne

FORM 4<sup>1</sup>

- 1 P. Kennedy
- 2 J. Moloney

FORM 5

- 1 D. Rennick
- 2 C. Byrne

FORM 5<sup>1</sup>

- 1 A. McGovern
- 2 K. Twoomey

FORM 6

- 1 K. Conway
- 2 C. Maher

FORM 6<sup>1</sup>

- 1 W. Kearney
- 2 P. McSharry

220 YARDS

FORMS 5 & 5<sup>1</sup>

- 1 E. McSweeney
- 2 J. Flynn

FORMS 6 & 6<sup>1</sup>

- 1 W. Kearney
- 2 P. McSharry

MUSICAL CHAIRS

FORM 5

- 1 J. Scanlon
- 2 R. Morton

FORM 5<sup>1</sup>

- 1 M. Lowry
- 2 T. Stuart

FORM 6

- 1 J. Fitzgerald
- 2 V. Cunningham

FORM 6<sup>1</sup>

- 1 C. Foley
- 2 C. Tee

RELAYS

FORMS 3 & 3<sup>1</sup>

- 1 J. Finnegan, M. Stapleton, M. Stuart, M. Foley
- 2 M. Thorne, A. Naughton, L. McEnniff, M. Leo

FORMS 4 & 4<sup>1</sup>

- 1 N. Byrne, C. Purcell, J. Boland, C. McDermott
- 2 D. Flood, F. McNulty, B. Herriott, M. Keenan

FORMS 5 & 5<sup>1</sup>

- 1 E. McSweeney, A. Hoey, D. Lucas, P. Murray
- 2 J. Flynn, E. Ryan, G. McGann, D. P. Kelleher

FORMS 6 & 6<sup>1</sup>

- 1 B. McGreen, C. Maher, P. Roantree, J. Ronaldson
- 2 P. Cross, K. Murray, D. Kerrigan, O. Dunne



Various stages of progress in Form 3 Obstacle Race.

# ZURIKA

## DRAMATIS PERSONAE

His Majesty the King of Kola	<i>Jim Fitzgerald</i>
Prince Doneall	<i>Ronan McNulty</i>
	<i>John Deasy</i>
Jingles	<i>Paul Keoghan</i>
	<i>Andrew Kelly</i>
Dr. Clobule	<i>Alexander Gogan</i>
Zurika	<i>Kevin Twoomey</i>
Elspeth	<i>Gary Quigley</i>
Castro	<i>Mark Bevan</i>
Messenger	<i>Cathal Farrell</i>
	<i>Brian Dunne</i>
Court Lady	<i>Cormac Funge</i>
Gypsy Boys	<i>David Gannon</i>
	<i>Michael Higgins</i>
	<i>Edmund Ryan</i>

Men Gypsies, Girl Gypsies, Elves, Soldiers of the Bodyguard, Court Ladies and Gentlemen

### *Stage and Lighting:*

Eamonn Ambrose, Ultan Stephenson, Alan Wright

*Production:*  
Maire Cranny

*Musical Directress:*  
Maureen Valentine

*Choreography:*  
Rita English

Following the remarkable success last year of "A Royal Jester", it was decided to continue the tradition and produce "Zurika, the Gypsy Maid". The experience of including Forms 4, 4<sup>1</sup>, 5, 5<sup>1</sup>, 6 and 6<sup>1</sup> had proved that we were dealing with far too many boys on the limited space of the stage. So the cast was limited to the 128 boys in the Forms 5, 5<sup>1</sup>, 6 and 6<sup>1</sup> which still presented problems. Fortunately the Operetta allowed us to give Acts one and three to the 64 boys in Forms 6 and 6<sup>1</sup> while the boys in Forms 5 and 5<sup>1</sup> performed Act two as the gypsies and only at the end of Act three did they join the boys of Forms 6 and 6<sup>1</sup> who were members of the Royal House.

Their united efforts were very much appreciated on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 11th, 12th and 13th, in the Concert Hall. The singing was sweet, the dialogue was crisp, the movement on stage precise and controlled while the dancing was at the level that could be expected from boys of 11 and 12 who had never

as yet tripped merrily on the toe. Their enthusiasm fully made up for their lack of experience.

The audience loved every moment of it as the boys moved through the various scenes. It was very hard to remember that the Gypsy Maid was a rugby player. That the Court ladies and Gypsy ladies were more at home covered in mud on the rugby field. That the measured movements of the elves, the gypsy men, the Court gentlemen were the same boys who darted down the avenue once school ended at 2.40 p.m. Memories of who the boys really were and the situation and behaviour of their normal day only highlighted the excellence of their control and aplomb on the confined space of the stage.

Add to that the costumes, so willingly and efficiently supplied by the parents and you have again that element of disbelief that the cast of Zurika, The Gypsy Maid, were really the boys of Forms 5 and 6. The story of the Operetta is one of fantasy. So also was the presentation

made that much more enjoyable for the audiences because the cast were in a fantasy world themselves, far removed from everyday boyish behaviour.

To the cast we owe a real debt of thanks for their valid attempt to continue the tradition of music and drama in the Junior School. To their Mums and Dads, who loved every moment of it, our thanks too for their help and support. We must also thank Miss Rita English who worked wonders with the dancers and realised that "a pointed toe" would normally be a hooker's job in a scrum. Yet she very successfully weaned them into steps and movements that will help them on the dance floor in years to come.

The drama was very safely in the hands of Miss Maire Cranny. The tone of voice, the sudden pause, the dramatic moment all bore the hallmarks of her contribution to the success of

the Operetta. The "anchor" behind it all was Mrs. Maureen Valentine. She selected the Operetta herself from the collection of Librettos which Fr. J. Gilmore used and are still in the College. Fr. Gilmore was "the Operetta" in the years that spanned from 1934 to 1955. Mrs. Valentine's contribution to the production was one that will long be remembered by St. Mary's Mums and Dads and the boys themselves for her dedication and unswerving conviction that boys need to play but also to develop their personality in music, drama and dance.

Such was "Zurika, The Gypsy Maid" of 1979. A wonderful experience for the boys and for their parents and all the proceeds were for our Mission in Brazil. Long will memories last of these evenings when we enjoyed and relished "Zurika, The Gypsy Maid".

## JUNIOR SCHOOL PRIZEGIVING CONCERT

Monday 21st May, 1979

FORMS 2, 3<sup>1</sup>, 3, 4 & 4<sup>1</sup>

FORM 2	Action Songs:	Rendez-Vous ( <i>W. Aletter</i> ) Halfway Down the Stairs ( <i>H. Fraser-Sindon</i> )
	Verse Speaking:	The Flattered Flying Fish ( <i>E. V. Rien</i> )
FORM 3 <sup>1</sup>	Songs:	The Meadowlands ( <i>Czechoslovakian Folk Song</i> ) Mango Walk ( <i>West Indian Folk Song</i> )
	Play:	The Happy Man ( <i>A Folk Tale</i> ) G. H. Holroyd
FORM 3	Songs:	My Dog Spot ( <i>Clifford Curwins</i> ) Windmill Town ( <i>John Longmire</i> )
	Play:	Robin Hood
FORM 4 <sup>1</sup>	Songs:	Shadow March ( <i>Alec Rowley</i> ) As I was going to Market ( <i>Alec Rowley</i> )
FORM 4	Songs:	Joy ( <i>F. Schubert</i> ) Shut the Door ( <i>W. R. Pasfield</i> )

## S.C.T. RUGBY



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J. Ambrose, A. Cowman, J. McDonald, P. McGrath, J. Larney, J. McShane, D. Ellison, G. Kinsella.  
 P. Bennett, M. Cosgrove, D. Bennett, S. Muldoon, M. Heffernan, H. Delany, N. Martin.  
 M. Bowe. J. Gilsenan.

The record for the 'friendlies' this season stands as follows: played 21 games, won 11, lost 8, and drew 2. The season was obviously one of mixed fortunes with some notable victories and some very close defeats.

With regard to the latter, one must single out our second meeting of the season with Blackrock in January. This was our best game of the season. It had everything that one expects from schools football, speed, skill, wonderful team spirit, movement of the ball, and commitment by the participants. The end result was a narrow defeat by 13 points to 12.

Unfortunately, the season brought with it a series of injuries which left us depleted of key

players such as Capt. Steven Muldoon and Vice-Capt. David Bennett. Both of these boys were out of the game at the same time, so that the team lacked direction during this period.

Several of the team leave schools football behind them as they conclude their post-primary education this year. However, they have left much for the boys following them to live up to, by way of tradition and example. David Ellison gave enormous support to the team, Richard Byrne and John Larney, neither of whom previously played rugby seriously, turned out in several games and showed to the more experienced players the meaning of the word enthusiasm. Hugh Delaney is to be

- 
- 1 David Ellison collects the ball with good work being done by Geoffrey Kinsella, John McDonald, John Larney, Jim McShane, David Bennett and Michael Bowe.
  - 2 Andy Cowman on the tackle supported by John McDonald.
  - 3 The front row, Geoffrey Kinsella, Andy Cowman and John McDonald shape up for a scrum.
  - 4 Hugh Delany slips the tackle with Stephen Muldoon backing up.

Photos: James G. Maguire, A.F.I.A.P.



congratulated for receiving an international schools trial and for his best football season to date.

The cup record is as follows:

	F	A
Roscrea	6	0
De La Salle	0	3

The campaign ended at the quarter final stage when we were defeated by a strong De La Salle team. A very tight game saw the stale-mate broken with a dropped goal which was enough to clinch the match.

At the end of the season the 6th Year students played a selected team of past students from the Club. This game was arranged as an introduction to the Club for the boys. Tim Brooder, the Club President entertained us to an excellent meal after the match.

L.N.

## Second Senior XV

To look back over our season, with the partial forgetfulness of hindsight, is a great pleasure. With the changing of physique and temperament surprising, delightful and rewarding

changes came about — rugby unknowns blossom into key figures, yesterdays simple league players don the College colours and catch the eye of other teams' coaches, courage comes with confidence and as the season ends, we look back not on games won or lost or "pots" safely sideboarded but on the moral fibre grown and gathered; on men made nearer the ideal of christian manhood.

Early days, on September and October hard pitches, a deal of sweat and soreness, a fluid squad of players, scrappy play, last season's "knowns" tested — some found improved, some rested to let fresh recruits harden and show and the evenings shortening the practice time. November brought defections and interest went down in the rains and mud of December. By then of the 13 games played we had won 7, drawn one, scoring in all save one match. Tony Ward had been coach from September until he left at mid-term and had done sterling work on two fronts: one by insisting on fitness and campaigning against cigarettes; two, by coaching skills — the tackle, the pass and position for all fifteen and by motivating all to a commitment right from "off" to "full time".



SECOND SENIOR XV

S. Cooke, C. Cassidy, G. Fitzpatrick, P. Barnes, N. McEniff, K. Gannon, P. Blunden, D. Kelly.  
 J. Fitzgerald, S. Maguire, M. Cosgrove, N. Martin, B. Martin, J. Gilsean, J. Gallagher.  
 M.L. Lynch, D. Tallon. A. Farrell, T. Gray.

Declan Darby withdrew at the end of November — a loss because he had acted as captain and his experience and maturity had been appreciated by the younger players up from last year's J.C.T. From then until the end of the season in March Neil Martin undertook the chores of captaincy and served with great application. On the field he led by example, as his tally of tries bears witness, off by communicating and organising in the exasperating circumstances that are the perpetual lot of the Seconds.

At December, Tom Gray, an incredible passer of the ball, hard, heavy and fast, was settled in the threequarters with Alan Farrell flying on one wing and Paddy Blunden coping with a sick knee on the other. John Fitzgerald, brave and balanced, was at fly half and always gave 100% even if he never knew what inside half God would send him for the next game. The props were Gerry Fitzpatrick, joker in chief, and Mick L. Lynch, a wise worker in the tight, on either side of Neil Martin. Niall McEniff, the most promising player in the pack, and Conal Cassidy, until a long lay off through illness, were permanent in the second row. Shane Cook, Shane Maguire, Dara Kelly, Ken Gannon, Derek Egan and Paul Barnes had all played regularly. John Larney toggled out in early November. We had him for four matches before he went up to the S.C.T. and never came down!

Stocktaking in January was bleak as was the memorable weather, despite which Colin Keane came out of retirement and was there when we went down 0-53 to Terenure. Things HAD to improve from there! Johnny Gilshan appeared at full back and we won 10-6 against Templeogue. The snow came down then and from January 20th to February 21st, we had no game. It made it doubly hard to get ready for the League in which we had a very favourable draw.

The S.C.T. had completed their engagements by the time our first match came and we had John Gallagher, Richard Byrne and Mark Cosgrove available. It made everything come right. We went to the quarter final at the expense of Templeogue 19-0; Blackrock "C" 9-4; De La Salle 10-6. We let Clongowes come back at us in Kenilworth and drew 6-6. The replay in Clongowes, played in bright sun and snow, was quite different as we led 18-0 with five minutes to go. Concentration lapsed and Clongowes wing got in for two tries, one of them goaled to leave us waiting for that whistle. John

Hartigan had stepped in when Mick L. Lynch dislocated a shoulder against De La Salle.

We faced Roscrea in Kenilworth in the Semi Final on March 24th. It had been a long season and we were match fit and eager. Perhaps too eager and the price paid was high for fever gripped the team and as they ran out, nerves were stretched and tingling and anxiety led to scrambled errors within a moment of the start. Roscrea were first to settle and a line out in the corner yielded them an easy try — goaled for a perfect start. We were 6 down in three minutes and the anxiety was obvious. We never settled.

Mark Cosgrove, at scrum half, went into the game with a personal total of 35 points from the boot in five games. Now he did not falter as so much went wrong and the spectators suffered. Trailing all the way; kept alive by Mark Cosgrove's truly courageous kicking; six penalties that left us leading 18-16 in injury time. The tension led to an error; a penalty for Roscrea; goaled and "No Side" blown immediately. Shock and desolation for players and followers.

If the lessons we paid dearly for are remembered and valued, it is a benefit — a bargain even — for games, even Seconds Rugby, are but a training and a practice for life.

## Third Senior XV

The Thirds began the season with the traditional curtain raiser against Blackrock which resulted in a draw. We played a total of twelve matches during the first term and four good wins against De La Salle, Castleknock, High School and Belvedere. The results of the other games were always close. Our trip to Roscrea was very enjoyable with the game resulting in a hard fought win for the hosts with the score 19-12. At the end of the term our meeting with Terenure was a narrow defeat, 7-10, for us but we felt confident that we had a good side and would do well in the Thirds League after Christmas. It was the dedication and enthusiasm of Junius Horne, the captain, which captured the wholehearted support of the other players which made the Thirds a good, League side.

Our first League game was against Templeogue. We played very badly on the day and were beaten 19-7. In our next two matches we had run-away victories over C.U.S. (40-0)

and Belvedere (30-0). Having recovered our confidence, we then beat Clongowes by 13-10. Three wins and one defeat meant we were now faced with a three corner play off between ourselves, Clongowes and Templeogue to reach the semi final.

The draw did not suit us as we had to travel to Clongowes the following week. It was a bitterly cold day but the game itself was played with such wonderful spirit that spectators forgot the cold. The game went to extra time and in the dying seconds Clongowes snatched a score from a push over try leaving the final score 8-4 for Clongowes.

To the team I would like to say thank you for your effort and co-operation you gave throughout the season. Mark Lawler played with great skill and courage at full back. On the wings, Fergus Conway and David Tallon made the maximum use of every ball they got and got

some lovely scores. Dermot Gallagher always ran hard and tackled well with Shane Cooke supporting him. At outhalf, Stephen Donnelly's handling was always excellent while Junius Horne at scrum half played a captain's game in every outing.

Our hooker, Michael Power gave us good ball and never let us down. The props were Michael Sheerin and Eamonn Ambrose, the second row men were David Raftery and Paul Lucas while the back row was John Shiel, James Walsh and David Fleming. The entire pack showed much courage as again and again they held their own against heavier and stronger packs. Ian Farnan was always ready to turn out when we had an injury. Our thanks also to all the others who turned out during the season. A special word of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Raftery, Mr. and Mrs. Lawler who attended matches in all weathers to cheer us on.



#### THIRD SENIOR XV

M. Power, S. Cooke, F. Conway, S. Donnelly, D. Raftery, P. Lucas, K. Gannon, J. Walsh.  
D. Tallon, M. Crowe, D. Gallagher, J. Horne, I. Farnan, M. Lawlor, D. Gilligan.

## J.C.T. RUGBY

It is difficult to write about this year's juniors. There was no shortage of candidates for players but the better footballers were on the small side and the bigger boys made rather slower progress than usual in learning what was required of them. Nearly all lacked confidence in their own ability and even our bigger boys were extremely light compared to the opposition they came up against. In fact it remained the lightest junior team we fielded for a long time.

Still, we got off to an excellent start by beating Castleknock 16-0 at Kenilworth. Rising hopes were then dashed by a succession of eight defeats, admittedly by many of the stronger sides including Blackrock, Pres. Bray and Terenure. Funnily enough, the next four games yielded eighteen good tries in what was certainly the high point of the season. One of those games played at Kenilworth saw us run in some glorious tries in beating Newbridge 32-10, though we did not know at the time we should be meeting them again in the cup. When we fielded our strongest side during this part of the season we actually played very well and hopes flickered for a while that we might even make an impression in the cup campaign. Sickness seemed to dog the team however and a few injuries also saw to it that no player played in all or nearly all matches during the season and constant changes were the order of the day. Still we had managed seven wins to twelve losses by Christmas.

Sickness was still with us after Christmas and we lost to Blackrock, Terenure and Templeogue but managed a draw with eventual finalists Belvedere. We hoped for good weather in the cup encounter with Newbridge but an icy wind and snow blew down the pitch and we had to face them in the first half. The team played as well as it had any day during the season but a very bad defensive lapse early in the game left Newbridge six up at half time. Our backs handled extremely well across the line but the wind and cold slowed down the operation and we just couldn't make it over the line though there were many near misses. With wind advantage in the second half we thought we could do it but wrong options on several occasions cost us dearly. Besides our sure footed kicker C. Cooke awaited the inevitable chance of a kick at goal but not one came his



way. Eventually it was Newbridge that scored from a breakaway and we went away disappointed with the 10-0 defeat but pondering what might have happened if the weather had been kinder.

The team was captained by Killian Robins, the only survivor from last year's team. He encouraged the team as much as possible though it was a difficult task and he gave the

example of playing his heart out in every match. He still operated at the base of the scrum where his passing and spoiling were excellent and his strength secured 11 tries, a notable achievement for a scrum half. His assistant was Conor Cooke who was probably the strongest full back in the junior division. His handling and kicking are excellent and his timing of incursion into the line is also good. His accurate boot brought him



#### J.C.T. RUGBY

J. O'Connell, E. Byrne, D. Foley, I. Byrne, J. Keogh, J. Kildea, J. Nolan, P. Brooder.  
 P. Hartigan, M. McSweeney, C. Cooke, K. Robins, K. Regan, D. Quigley, P. McDonald.  
 J. Kennedy, P. MacGiolla-Riogh. C. Murphy, D. Kirk.

- 1 Killian Robins, Paul Hartigan, Kenneth Regan and Eddie Byrne close in.
- 2 Dermot Quigley and Paul McDonald in a maul with John Keogh, Eddie Byrne, John Nolan, Kenneth Regan and Mark McSweeney moving to help.
- 3 Killian Robins sets his backs in motion watched by Ian Byrne.
- 4 John Keogh wins possession watched by Kenneth Regan and Mark McSweeney.

*Photos: James G. Maguire, A.F.I.A.P.*



over the hundred points, more than one third of our total for the season.

We had no other outstanding back. D. Kirk and J. O'Connell were the centres. They were good tacklers and handled the ball well. C. Murphy was a dependable winger with tremendous courage making up for his lightness while P. Hartigan's speed made him joint top try scorer with Killian. V. Traynor seemed the obvious choice at out-half but injury kept him out on the side-line for half the games and so under 14 P. MacGiolla Riogh stepped in and actually took the place for the cup. J. Kennedy nearly made the three quarter line despite his lack of poundage with his great ability while P. Brooder and P.O'Neill played quite a few games each.

The forwards badly lacked a good leader for individually they had quite a lot of ability. M. McSweeney was way ahead on this score; all aspects of his game are good and his phenomenal speed over the field make him a great back row possibility if he can only

summon up enough self-assurance and determination. The front five had little real opposition. Front row J. Nolan, D. Quigley and E. Byrne were easily the best we had and they formed a good unit. P. McDonald and J. Keogh as locks and I. Byrne as number eight were very good at catching the ball in the lineout and useful round the field. The other wing forward position remained open to the end. J. Kildea and D. Foley played most games during the season but K. Regan's speed eventually got him the cup place. E. Quinn, R. Power, B. Cousins and F. Sheerin also got games in the forwards.

The seconds too got a few games and had a very enjoyable league section. After a big beating by Blackrock, they did much better against Masonic A and had two great games in Kenilworth with High School and Templeogue winning one and losing the other. P. O'Neill led the team extremely well while he got great support from all who nearly made the firsts. The league is certainly here to stay.

D.D.



UNDER 14 RUGBY

P. Naughton, G. Maher, C. Purcell, G. Morris, B. Cassidy, J. Goldrick, M. Wigglesworth, H. Mullan.  
P. MacGiolla-Riogh, T. Millar, A. McEvoy, B. O'Connor, B. Gilsean, A. Horne, R. Moran.

## Under 14's XV

The team settled down slowly. Apart from two early victories, against Castleknock and High School, the first part of the season saw a series of defeats. But three good wins against Clongowes, St. Gerard's and St. Paul's showed the team could give a fine performance under the right conditions. The final tally for the year, of five wins and seven defeats does not do justice to the steady improvement which took place in the boys as a unit.

The captain, Bobby O'Connor, and vice-captain, Pat Naughton gave inspiration and service and were very ably assisted by our regular players — Brian Gilsean at full back, Desmond McCarthy at scrum half and Raymond Power as hooker. Peter Byrne and Tom Millar on the wings gave great confidence by their speed and example. Brendan Cassidy and Martin Wigglesworth made valuable contributions ably supported by Roger Teevan and Gerald Morris in the second row. Hugh Mullan was our regular leader of the forwards, using both the carrot and the stick to move things along. Brian Roantree, Conor Purcell and Kevin Conlon filled the midfield positions at various times with ability.

The main outing of the year was to play away against Roscrea. Although we lost narrowly, we were very happy to see the fixture become part of the regular fixtures. The "B" team played gallantly and provided good opposition in practice games and against other sides. Proof of their spirit lies in their record against other Colleges — three won and four lost.

My thanks to all who gave help this season with a special thanks to James Graham for his assistance.

J. Gillespie

## Under 13's XV

P	W	D	L	F	A	T
24	16	1	7	395	138	78

Any account of the under 13 season is bound to be coloured by our success in the Provincial's Cup. However, my abiding memories of the season will be of the quality of rugby played by the boys and the many fine qualities shown by the team throughout the season. This was a very

fine group of lads and one with which it was a joy to work.

The early part of the season was very successful even though we did not arrive at any kind of a settled team. Such was the enthusiasm and dedication of the players that quite a few places remained to be won. At this stage of the season we were lucky to have quite a few of last year's under thirteens and these lads played a very important role in the shaping of the team. Captain and vice-captain Gerry Cross and Timmy Scanlon set a marvellous example to the other players. Gerry as well as being a very fine backrow forward proved a very useful utility player and filled in at scrum half and in the three quarter line when the need arose. Timmy's determination and work rate proved wonderful assets in gaining possession from ruck and maul as well as in setting up good movements. This period culminated in a very fine win over Terenure.

The period after Hallowe'en was something of a valley period for us. We continued to win most of our fixtures but were not playing with the same dash and flair shown at the beginning of the season. I think the boys found it hard to understand that winning a game did not necessarily mean we had played well. However they stuck manfully to their task and there was no diminution of enthusiasm or dedication in training. Their efforts were rewarded with good results and by the end of January we were at our best and ready for the cup. The team had at last been finalised. At this stage I want to say a special word of thanks to the subs who trained just as hard as those on the team and who proved their worth during the competition when all but one of them were required to play.

A combination of factors made the early rounds of the cup a very trying time. Our first three games were postponed due to unplayable conditions — a nasty reminder of early '79. This left the team without match practice and they seemed to lose their edge somewhat. To make matters worse a number of key players were side-lined due to injury or illness.

In our first match against Templeogue we established a 14 point lead in the first half but due to a strong fight back by the Templeogue boys and the factors mentioned above we conceded the same number of points in the second half. The real character of the team was amply displayed however when they picked themselves up and spent the last five minutes of the game camped on the Templeogue line.



Fr. D. Darcy speaks to G. Cross watched by Fr. A. Little and Gerry's mother

*Photo: James G. Maguire, A.F.I.A.P..*

Our second match against Blackrock was not one of our better performances. We seemed rather hesitant in much of our play but there was no lack of courage or determination. We lost this match 8-3.

The last four matches of the season saw us regain our very best form. The qualities of courage and determination evident throughout the season now blossomed out in full and we won all four games without conceding a single point.

Against St. Michael's we created a lot of good openings but did not make the most of our chances. We won this match 7-0. Against Willow we played champagne rugby. On a very bad day the handling of our backs was really superb and we ran in six tries. Peter Mahoney with his astute kicking tormented the Willow

defence while Stephen Tee with his strong running and excellent passing scored two tries and made a few others. All in all this was a fantastic display and we ran out convincing winners by 28-0.

The semi-final against Templeogue was won 10-0 and so we prepared to meet our arch rivals Blackrock in the final. Rock attacked from the kick-off and spent the first fifteen minutes camped inside our "22". We conceded a lot of five metre scrums but that was where the concessions ended. Time and time again our backrow of Gerry Cross, John Carvill and David Tynan made timely tackles to halt the Rock forwards. Finally the siege was lifted and before half time we were able to go on the offensive. In the second half we put in a lot of pressure and midway through the half we won a clever penalty in front of the Rock posts when our scrum caught the Rock scrum half off side. Gerry Cross duly landed the penalty. 3-0. The rest of the game was a real nail biting affair. Rock threw everything into attack and made many promising raids on our line. All came to naught however due in large measure to the excellence of the covering of both wingers Ian Ronayne and Seamus Yendole and especially to the crash tackling of fullback Paul Donovan. Paul Norris by his quick striking won some very valuable strikes against the head which helped ease the pressure which at times seemed as if it must prevail. The final whistle was sweet music indeed to our ears. The cup had been won!

Our B team had a very good season. Many of their matches were won or lost by a couple of points. This team was also the testing ground for quite a few of those who eventually gained places on the A team. Many of the players on this team will be pressing the more established players for places on future teams.

I would like to take this opportunity of

- 1 P. Naughton, P. Norris, P. Mahony, J. Carvill and G. Cross in happy mood.
- 2 G. Cross tackles, J. Carvill wins possession helped by P. Norris, I. Donnelly, T. Scanlon and D. Tynan.
- 3 I. Donnelly, J. Furlong and P. Naughton in line out play.
- 4 Mrs. B. Cross presents the cup to her son, Gerry.
- 5 P. Norris, J. Furlong, I. Donnelly, G. Cross, D. Tynan and J. Carvill protect J. Muldoon.
- 6 Controlled possession by J. Furlong.
- 7 S. Yendole, J. Carvill and G. Cross admire the cup. In the background are I. Donnelly, S. Tee, T. Scanlon and D. Tynan.
- 8 The kick that won the final. G. Cross kicks watched by I. Donnelly, J. Carville, S. Tee, J. Muldoon, P. Whelan and J. Furlong.
- 9 G. Cross says a few words watched by his mother, Fr. A. Little and Fr. D. Darcy.
- 10 G. Cross, I. Donnelly and J. Carville see J. Furlong win the ball.



thanking all those who by their presence at the many matches lent support and encouragement to the team. Finally I would like to thank very sincerely my co-trainer Noel Doyle. His help and encouragement throughout the season were invaluable and his shrewd comments on players and positions played no small part in the eventual success of the team.

And so another season has ended. I hope that the courage and determination which so characterised the team throughout the season will continue to be a hallmark of their play and that they will lead them to greater successes in the future.

Michael T. Leonard

## Junior League

Despite the weather, this was quite a successful league. Most matches of the two rounds were played and surprisingly B. Cassidy's team which included five of the successful U. 13 team was left at the bottom without a single point. P. Byrne's Lions, A. McEvoy's Springboks and R. O'Connor's Pumas finished the first round with four points apiece and there was still little between them as

the second round progressed. The surprising thing was that when a semi-final was arranged between Lions and Pumas, Lions finally really asserted their authority and won all too easily despite the efforts of R. Moran, P. Naughton and G. Hassett. We wondered if Springboks would fare any better in the final. Lions left no one in doubt very early in the match that the semi-final form was no flash in the pan. Forwards J. Goldrick, M. Wigglesworth, W. Black, I. Donnelly and J. Furlong really dominated affairs up front and T. Millar and P. Byrne saw to it that the possession was put to good use so that Lions ran out very easy winners. We thank Mr. Gillespie for refereeing the final and also several other games while we are lucky to be able to call on James Graham at a moment's notice to take the whistle.

## Intermediate League

As usual the inter league was the most successful though even here the weather was the real winner as we failed to finish off the league section and even the final had to be postponed till after Easter with the grounds unplayable the last few days of term. Since all seven teams had at least one victory, all were allowed into the



UNDER 13 XV

J. Muldoon, P. Naughton, P. Donovan, I. Donnelly, S. Tee, D. Tynan, M. Fearon, P. Whelan,  
N. Harnett, P. Norris, T. Scanlon, G. Cross (Capt), J. Carvill, I. Ronayne, S. Yendole,  
J. Bagnall, J. Thornton. D. McSweeney, O. R. O'Neill.

*Inset: J. Furlong.*

## Minor League

knock out section with the top team P. Cosgrove's getting a bye to the semi-final stage. Here he was beaten by a strong Bective side captained by David Kelly. In the other half, S. Byrne with M. L. Lynch and L. Branagan much to the fore accounted for J. Woods who had D. Raftery and M. Lawler in an exciting 56-40 win. Llanelli under M. Bowe easily accounted for M. Gueret in the remaining quarter and then handed out a surprising defeat to S. Byrne to reach the final.

The final certainly left a good taste in the mouth of everyone that was lucky enough to be there. It was tremendously competitive all the way through and the 18-16 win for Llanelli was just about right. J. Fitzgerald, Llanelli's best man couldn't play but his replacement D. Gallagher played superbly and actually scored all the points for the side. However, it was neck and neck all the way with a ten all scoreline at half time with K. O'Flanagan and D. Kelly scoring for Bective. After another Gallagher try, C. McSharry's try was converted and Bective were in front with a few minutes to go. K. Regan was outstanding in the Llanelli pack and with P. Lucas and T. Gogan in the thick of everything they were getting the better ball. D. O'Kane was a good full and it was he who set up the winning score just before the final whistle. N. McEniff did everything possible for Bective with good support from J. Hassett, B. Cousins and A. Breathnach but they weren't quite as strong all round as the winners. Congratulations to Mark who was a good captain who got the most out of his team.

With under thirteens and twelves included in this league, it was very difficult to get games organised. However, all first years were well catered for in the training sessions for the thirteens and twelves. One full round was played and the positions were J. Muldoon's New Zealand with six points on top, P. Whelan's France 3, P. Fleming's Ireland 2 and J. Gogan's Wales one point. New Zealand trounced Wales in the semi but the other one was closer but France eventually ran out 18-4 winners. The final was expected to be close. It was played in the front field after school and Mr. Leonard refereed. We were not disappointed with the standard of play and the issue remained in doubt to the final whistle. France had first use of the hill and after eight minutes P. O'Mahony went over for a nice try. They could not press home the early advantage however and New Zealand came more into the game. P. Norris, P. Naughton and R. Murphy were winning plenty of the ball in the lineout for New Zealand and they deservedly drew level after twenty minutes when a short free was taken by Naughton and slipped to Norris who barged over. With the hill it looked likely that J. Muldoon, P. Rennick or O. O'Neill would surely run in some tries. Great defence by France kept them at bay and it was only a few minutes from the end that Norris repeated his earlier score to give his side the 8-4 victory they just about deserved.



INTER RUGBY LEAGUE

R. McSharry, J. Burke-Moran, J. Fitzgerald.  
P. Lucas, K. Regan, M. Bowe, N. Gillese, D. O'Kane.



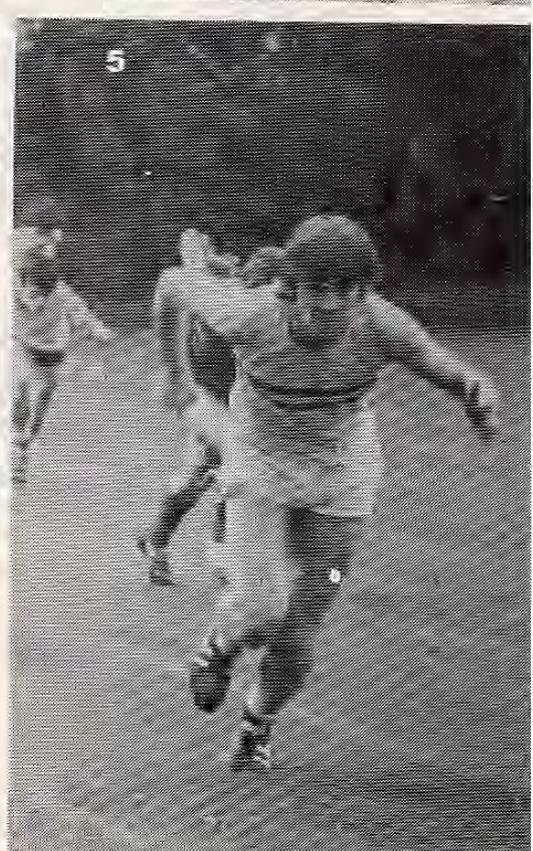
## ATHLETICS

Quite a few boys especially in the inter section took part in the Leinster sports this year. However only three survived the zone finals. These were Michael L. Lynch in the inter shot who was to set new figures in our own sports, Mark McSweeney who won the inter zone long jump and was second to an older boy in the finals thus getting a tilt at the All Ireland sports, and Pat Blunden who delighted everyone including himself by taking third place in the Leinster 100m senior. A leg strain in the zone finals prevented Tony McCormack from making it but Tony is having a good outside season on top of his good summer season last year.

Tony was certainly the outstanding athlete in our own sports at Kenilworth on the last Sunday

of the month. He took the 200m to go along with several seconds. The cups were well scattered as P. Blunden deservedly took the 100, P. McGrath lasted out well for the 400 and K. Hughes won the high jump. M. McSweeney was the outstanding inter athlete in the absence of the injured M. Redmond winning the 100, 200 and long jump, N. Cogley ran a grand 400, M. Lawler won an exciting 1500 while P. O'Neill came from behind to snatch the 800. T. Miller was very much the best junior with wins in the 100, 800 and 1500. O. White, G. Cross and P. McGann did well in the minor. Thanks to all who made the sports a success and especially to our loyal starter Maurice Hogan. Mrs. P. Funge, wife of the President of the Union, kindly presented the prizes.

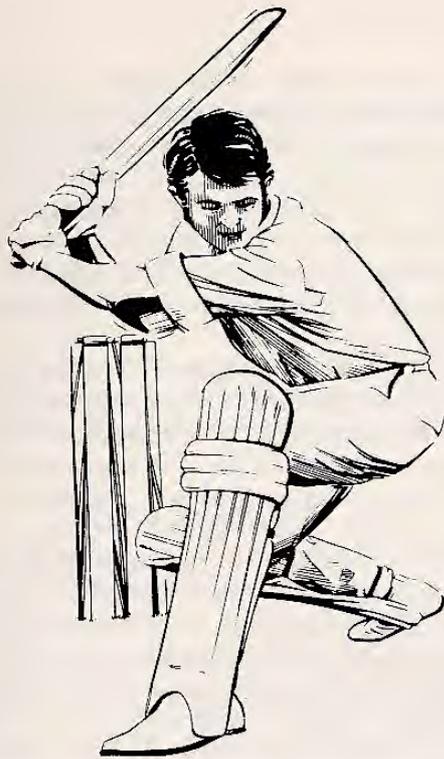
- 1 D. Ellison, J. Larney, K. Gannon, E. Robins and C. Cassidy in the tug o war.
- 2 Cormac Redahan clears the bar.
- 3 Paul Bennett awaits the baton in the relay.
- 4 John Ambrose transfers baton to Cormac Redahan.
- 5 Paul McGrath at the start of the 800 metres which he won.
- 6 There was a shower of rain on Sportsday.
- 7 Ken Gannon powers to victory for the second year in the bicycle race.



# SENIOR SCHOOL SPORTS WINNERS 1979

## Victor Ludorum Tony McCormack

SENIOR	INTERMEDIATE	JUNIOR	JUVENILE
<b>100m</b> 1 P. Blunden 2 A. McCormack	M. McSweeney P. Bennett	T. Millar D. McCarthy	O. White J. Byrne
<b>200m</b> 1 A. McCormack 2 P. Blunden	M. McSweeney P. Bennett	D. McCarthy T. Millar	O. White (150 Ch) S. Tee
<b>400m</b> 1 P. McGrath 2 A. McCormack	N. Cogley M. McSweeney		<b>Sack Race</b> T. Scanlon J. Fearon P. Norris
<b>800m</b> 1 P. McGrath 2 K. Gannon	P. O'Neill M. Lawler P. Hartigan	T. Millar D. McCarthy B. Cassidy	P. McGann G. Cross I. Ronayne
<b>1500m</b> 1 K. Gannon 2 A. McCormack 3 O. O'Sullivan	M. Lawler J. O'Connell P. O'Neill	T. Millar D. Delaney B. Cassidy	P. McGann G. Cross O. White
<b>Long Jump</b> 1 D. Bennett 2 F. Conway	M. McSweeney J. Fitzgerald	D. McCarthy S. Farnan	S. Cowley D. McSweeney
<b>High Jump</b> 1 K. Hughes 2 J. Gallagher	D. Quigley P. Hartigan	J. Nolan B. Roantree	G. Cross J. Furlong
<b>Shot</b> 1 D. Bennett 2 C. Keane	M. L. Lynch (40' record) J. O'Connell	K. Conlon B. Cassidy	T. Scanlon P. Donovan
<b>Relay</b> E. Robins D. Ellison S. Muldoon F. Kerrigan	M. L. Lynch P. O'Byrne E. Brophy S. Drumm	R. O'Connor A. McCulloch M. McGovern D. O'Hora	P. Mahony P. Norris P. Kennedy J. Bagnall
<b>Cycle</b> 1 K. Gannon 2 P. O'Reilly 3 A. Farrell	C. McSharry P. Barnes R. Murray	J. Thornton D. Tynan P. Whelan	<b>Slow Cycle</b> D. Culleton O. O'Neill E. Byrne
<b>Relay Past Team</b> K. Holland P. Maguire M. Feehan I. Dunn		<b>Musical Chairs</b> J. Fearon R. O'Connor A. McEvoy	P. Norris P. Whelan C. Gilligan
			<b>Consolation</b> S. Yendole P. Mahony R. Murphy



## CRICKET

The cricket season 1979 will go down in history as the worst season weatherwise, in living memory. The severe winter continued right up and into May. Heavy rain, sleet, snow were the constant expectation for our matches. Many had to be abandoned. Nevertheless we managed to get through a heavy programme of games and once again bring all the competitions to a successful issue.

A new competition for the under 12 group was initiated with a cup presented by Masonic School in honour of their deceased and well-know cricket enthusiast Dr. Harry Riske. It was won by St. Andrew's.

The under 13 Single Wicket Competition was held in Kenilworth on June 23rd. This is a keen competition in which two from each school take part. The magnificent trophy was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Raftery to commemorate their



S.C.T XI

M. Cosgrove, E. Coveney, S. Donnelly, D. Raftery, M. Lawler, B. Delany, F. Murray.  
A. Delany, J. Woods, H. Delany, F. McDonald, J. Gallagher.

son John who died so tragically a few years ago. Mrs. Raftery was there to present the trophy to J. McGrath of Belvedere College.

We would like to record our thanks to Mrs. Raftery, Mrs. Lawler and Mrs. Delany who attended so many of our matches and prepared so many nice cups of tea for us.

## Senior XI

Captain:  
H. Delany

Vice-Captain:  
J. Bennett

We joined the chorus of cricket-lovers who universally bewailed the school season of 1979. Nevertheless it was quite a satisfactory one. We played nine matches but alas! only managed to win two and draw one. Our team was worthy of greater success. We had several who played with considerable success in the Leinster C.C. during 1978 and had considerable match experience. In fact with seven of last year's team still with us we had a cup-winning side.

We opened the season with a good match against a strong Phoenix XI and made a total of

60 in reply to their score of 85. A defeat, but nevertheless an encouraging start. This was our second lowest score of the season. A visit to College Park saw us defeat a Trinity XI by four wickets — we made 114 for 6 against their 89. And we got off to a fine start in the league with an 8-wicket victory over Belvedere, passing their total of 53 for the loss of only three wickets.

Hugh Delany made a fine 53 in the following match against Sandford Park, supported by 29 from J. Bennett. We could only draw the match however making 113 for 7 in reply to their 120 for 7. The next match with St. Andrew's was a crucial one. They were surprised to be dismissed for only 77 runs when Brian Delany with 5 wickets for 37 and J. Bennett with 5 for 38 quickly ran through the side. Alas, our batting could not rise to the occasion despite a good score of 23 by Hugh Delany. We only made 58. Too many players made too few runs. St. Andrew's went on to win the cup against St. Columba's. They acknowledged sportingly that their hardest match was against us.

The examinations intervened to make us



SECOND SENIOR XI

M. Kearney, J. Ward, L. Branagan, F. Murray, J. Horne, E. Coveney, M. Crofts.  
A. Delany, M. Cosgrove, O. O'Sullivan, F. McDonald, J. Gallagher.

almost forget cricket before our final and very enjoyable match with Foyle College on June 25th. We made 92 in reply to their total of 158 for 4 after we had dismissed their two opening inter-provincial batsmen for a few runs. Hugh Delany captained the Leinster team which beat Munster and the Leprechauns. He was selected to play against Ulster also. Not a great season 1979 but a fine team which deserved to do better! We are very grateful to Mr. Raftery who willingly umpired so many of our matches.

## Second Senior XI

This year an unexpected boost to cricket in St. Mary's came from an unexpected quarter — the Second Eleven. In 1978 we had to withdraw from this competition due to too many defections. This year it was quite the contrary. Owen O'Sullivan captained the team and did what we could have been doing for years if sufficient enthusiasm could be found — reach the final of this league. The attraction of cricket

in this section is that matches are few and short — only twenty overs — just enough to suit even those spending long hours studying for examinations. We had the two ingredients necessary for a reasonable team — enthusiasm and a fairly good cricketing ability. Frank Murray, Mark Cosgrave, Alan Delany, Eamonn Coveney made up the backbone of the team; they were helped out by Junius Horne, Fintan McDonald, John Gallagher and several others.

In all we played six matches. A friendly against High School saw us lose by six wickets. Nothing daunted, we faced a second High School team in the opening match of the league and having dismissed them for 61 were well on the way to victory when rain and sleet made the match a draw. By far the best match of the season was against St. Columba's at Leinster. It was a day when everything went right for us and wrong for St. Columba's. We beat them by five wickets making 58 for 5 against their 57. Martin Crofts took 4 wickets for 16 runs.



J.C.T. XI

P. MacGiolla-Riogh, C. Murray, C. Tiernan, J. Keogh, K. Regan, D. Cantwell, J. Blunden.  
J. Nolan, L. Byrne, C. Murray, N. Harnett, P. Ronaldson.

We were in winning mood. We made 66 against 41 in the match with St. Gerard's. A. Delany made 41 and E. Coveney took 6 wickets for 6 runs. We beat King's Hospital easily in the next match — 121 against 44. F. Murray made 36 and Peter McGiolla Riogh 36. We were in the final!

The final was played at High School's ground, against Belvedere. We were missing Peter McGiolla Riogh, F. McDonald and John Gallagher, all of whom had gone on holidays. However we managed to make 54 after a very slow start. It was not enough. Belvedere made it not without difficulty just as the overs were petering out. Alan Delany made 23. It was a great ending to a successful season. Congratulations.

## Junior XI

Captain:                      Vice-Captain:  
 Conor Murphy              Con Tiernan  
 It was not the best of season for our Junior

team this year. We had to depend too much on under XIV players to make up the eleven. We therefore lacked that maturity that should give stability to a team of this age-group. We played seven matches in all, winning only two. Conor Murphy was our best batsman with outstanding of 87 and 53. P. McGiolla Riogh could always be depended on to produce 20's and 30's and C. Tiernan and D. Cantwell often produced double figures. But generally, our batting was weak, and if cricket 'accidents' happened to the above-mentioned, we had little else to send the score soaring.

We fared badly in the first league match against Sandford Park making only 32 which they passed quickly for the loss of only three wickets. By far our best match was against Wesley College. We had already beaten them in a friendly and when Conor Murphy made 87 out of a fine total of 110 we were all set to win. K. Bailey however made 61 for Wesley in reply and with better support from his team they won by five wickets. It was apparent at this stage that



UNDER 14 XI

N. Briddock, V. Merriman, T. Rice, S. Tee, B. Cassidy, J. Furlong, P. Donovan, S. Yendole, P. Kennedy.  
 H. Mulian, I. Burgess, P. MacGiolla-Riogh, N. Harnett, A. McEvoy.

our weakness lay more in our bowling. However we tried hard and we felt that we played good cricket.

## Under 14's XI

Captain:

P. McGiolla Riogh

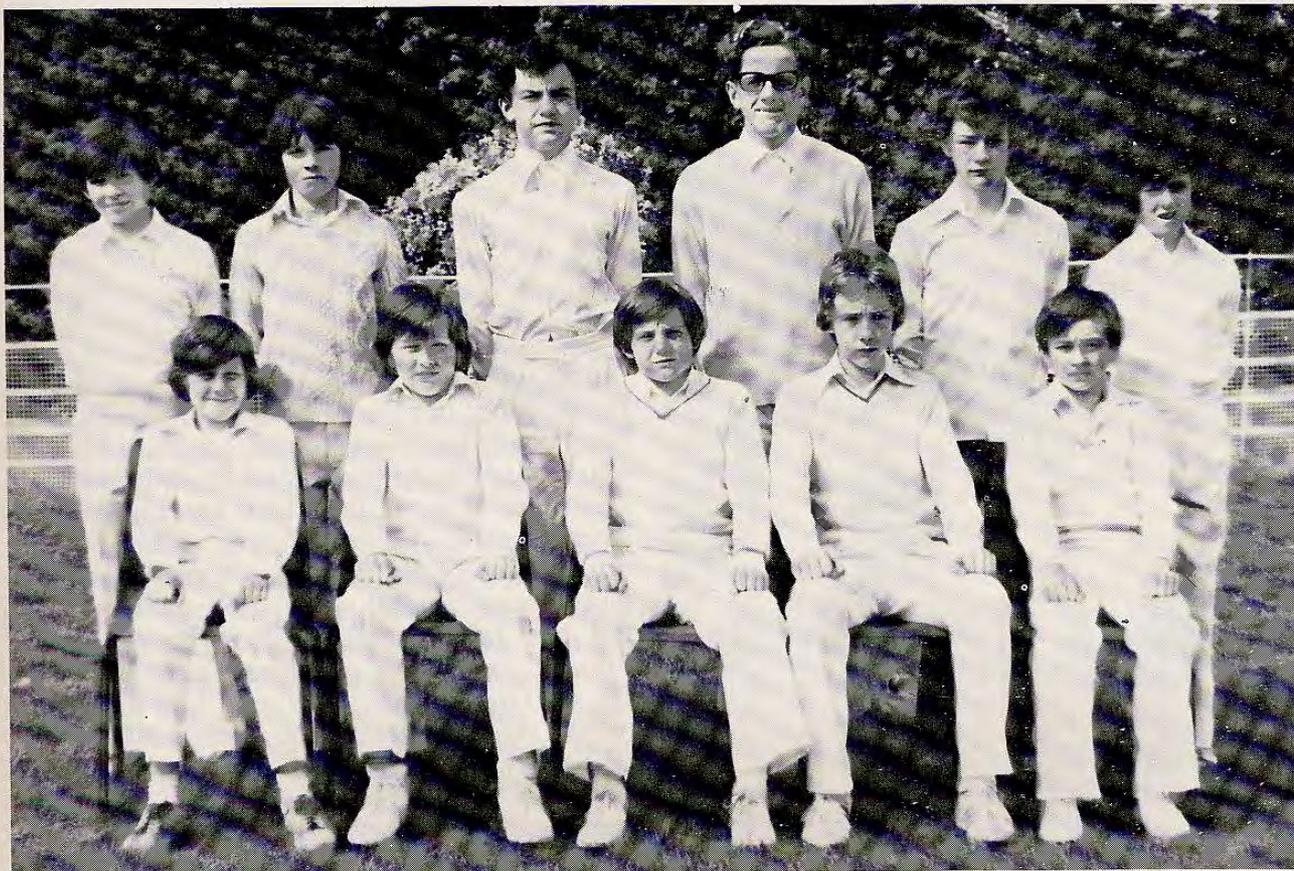
Vice-Captain:

I. Burgess

Of all our five teams this season, our under XIV eleven were the most unfortunate. Given a little bit of cricket luck we could have well have been in the final of this league. We had sufficient batsmen in our captain, Peter McGiolla Riogh, Ian Burgess, Gerry Cross, Stephen Tee and Ian Donnelly to make the runs and our bowling with Peter McGiolla Riogh, H. Mullen and Ian Donnelly was more than average. One fatal shortcoming was too many players having to play with the Junior XI also. This meant that in our friendlies at least, we had to field weak teams and our playing together as a unit suffered.

We played eight matches in all winning one friendly against Terenure and one league match, that against Wesley. We were unfortunate to lose against St. Andrew's. The match was played on a day of rain and sleet. We got St. Andrew's out for a total of 82. On going in to bat we were unfortunate to lose Peter McGiolla Riogh's wicket on a mis-timed shot in the first ball. We struggled on and made over 60, Hugh Mullen and L. Lynch keeping their end up in difficult conditions. It was of no avail however. St. Andrew's won and went on to win the cup.

Several of our team were eligible for the under 13 XI. This was a knock-out competition in which we went down before Brook House Bray. V. Cunningham of the Junior School made the highest score — 13. There is no doubt we would have won the match had Gerry Cross not been run out. He was batting very well. We lost by only six runs, making a total of 62. There are good hopes for a strong under 14 team next year.



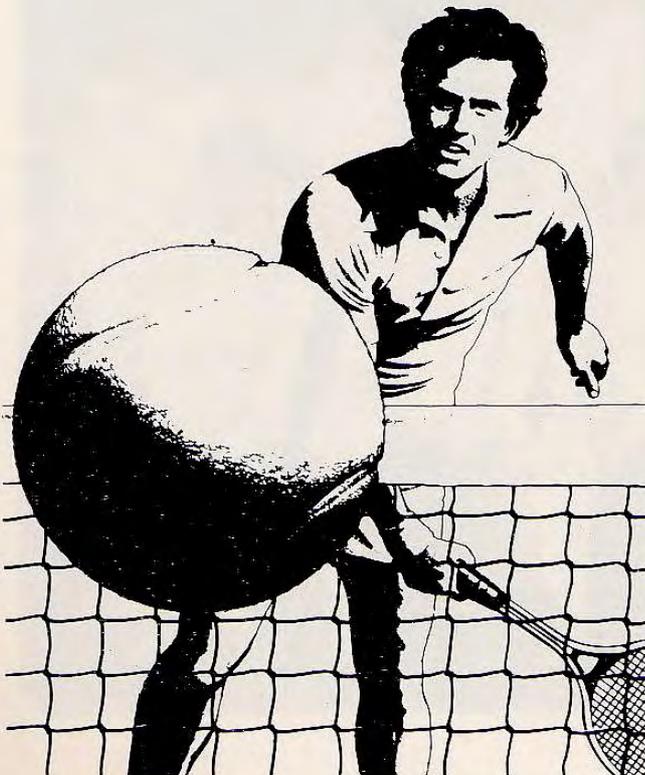
UNDER 13 XI

J. Loughrey, T. Rice, S. Tee, J. Furlong, P. Donovan, S. Yendole.  
N. Briddock, V. Merriman, I. Burgess, N. Harnett, P. Kennedy.

## Junior League

A disappointing entry of 50 from first and second years had a very successful cricket league on the side of the big field in Kenilworth on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings. Several of the big names in the league had commitments to the under 13 or under 14 teams and so it was just a little difficult to be at full strength all the time. Nevertheless all who wanted got plenty of cricket and there were many close and exciting matches. West Indies under M. Watts won their first three games and so were sure of a place in the final. The last game of the league saw the once beaten England (S. Yendole) and Australia (R. Moran) battle for the other final berth. It was a close enough encounter but England were good enough to pull through. The final was a bit of an

anticlimax. West Indies were put into bat and the opening batsmen wrapped up the game. G. Hassett made 32 and H. Mullen 47 and third man T. Rice 13. The fact that the rest of the team added only 10 between them didn't really matter as the 20 overs were nearly up anyway. L. Lynch and S. Yendole were the successful bowlers, but 113 was a huge total to overhaul. The writing was soon on the wall and the bowling of Mullen, G. Maher and T. Rice left little hope. Five of the team went for 'duck' and only H. Dennis and C. McArdle hit eight to follow V. Merriman's six and L. Lynch's five. Congratulations to M. Watts and his team and thanks to the second year boys who umpired the final and the other games too. Acknowledgement too to captains C. Russell and D. O'Sullivan as well as the other captains already mentioned as the cricket league depends very much on good leadership.



## TENNIS

The weather has been bad for tennis often in the past but this year has to be the worst ever. Our beautiful grass courts couldn't even be marked before school broke up. What a waste of a piece of ground! Ladders and tournaments were organised and it is a tribute to the enthusiasm of the boys for tennis that many games were actually played on the ladders on the two rarely available hard courts and on outside courts. An effort was made too to get through the tournaments.

All our representative games had to be played away too. It was a pity as we had great hopes of taking the Junior B tournament with most of last year's team available. Without practice we beat King's Hospital easily without losing a set. Our match with Clongowes took hours but we lost eventually 4-2 but we felt with a little practice and use of the home advantage we were entitled to, we could have won. Our



S.C.T. TENNIS

D. Bennett, M. Gowran, M. Bowe.  
D. Kelly, J. Ambrose, S. Cooke.



J.C.T. TENNIS

R. Power. D. Foley.  
J. Burke-Moran, P. Brooder, C. Cooke.

other opponents too, Gonzaga, had to be tackled away. They were exceptionally good with the same team that won the competition the previous year. We didn't manage a single set against them though one went to a tie break. It was disappointing but credit is due in particular to P. Brooder and C. Cooke for their hard earned wins against Clongowes and to J. Burke-Moran who was narrowly beaten in both singles and doubles.

Our Seniors lost their first round tie with C.B.C. Monkstown. J. Ambrose and M. Bowe our one and two had very close games and with a little more practice could have done well but we were a little weaker than usual in depth of talent. Our under 13s too were very weak. Only C. Maher was there from last year. The first years couldn't get enough tennis to make any impression but J. Thornton, P. Rennick, P. Whelan and P. Mahony tried very hard and could turn into good players. S. Yendole and C. Russell were the other second year boys who made the team. Sooner the better for tennis in St. Mary's that we have some more hard courts.



UNDER 13 TENNIS

C. Russell, P. Rennick, P. Whelan.  
J. Thornton, S. Yendole, P. O'Mahony.

## Gaelic

Once again we entered a junior gaelic team in the league for rugby playing schools. None of our boys have played gaelic in their younger days and so we are at a great disadvantage with the other schools who always have a nucleus of lads who played a little earlier on. There was very good response from the under 15 group and there was no difficulty in getting fifteen together. Templeogue beat us rather easily on the scoreline but everyone felt we had played well and Conor Cooke was an inspiring captain. Much to everyone's surprise we actually

recorded a win in our next match when we beat Terenure on their home ground and this was a great boost to all interested in gaelic in the school. Unfortunately we had to play our next game without some of our better players and the opponents were Pres. Bray who were to go on and take the nice trophy by beating St. Paul's in the final. Great enjoyment was derived by the many boys who had the opportunity to represent us in this code and they are grateful to Mr. Mahon who helped them in the coaching and refereed their games.



### JUNIOR GAELIC TEAM

B. Gilsenan, J. O'Connell, D. Quigley, P. McDonald, J. Kildea, C. Murphy, B. O'Connor, D. Kirk.  
P. O'Byrne, B. Hanratty, C. McSharry, C. Cooke, K. Regan, P. Donovan, P. Hartigan.  
J. Kennedy. L. Lynch.

# Basketball

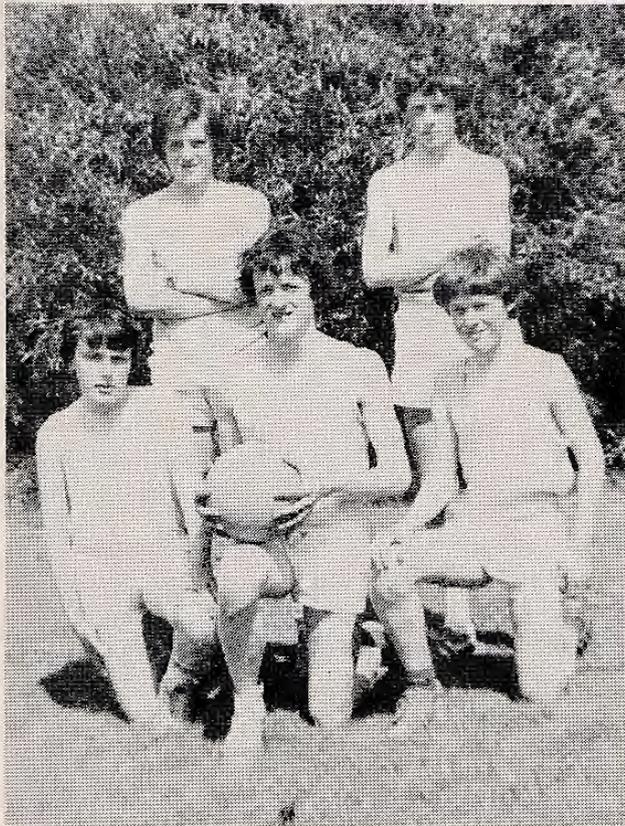
## Senior League

There was no particular interest in basketball in the school this year and no outside matches were played. Nevertheless, an interesting senior league took place in the last term. Five sixth and five fifth years picked teams and the two sections were more or less completed. The sharp shooting of John Ambrose on R. Byrne's team proved too much for the other teams in Section A and they ran out easy winners with S. Muldoon and C. Keane giving them most to do. Section B resolved itself into a duel between D. Bennett and C. Cassidy. In a low scoring semi-final, Cassidy emerged as worthy finalist. Having played many of the matches in rain and even sleet, it is nice to record that the sun actually shone for the final. Again it was an extremely lowscoring affair, M. Crowe and S.

Maguire got a basket each in the first half for Cassidy and he led four nil at half time. The second half likewise saw only two baskets, one for each side and so Cassidy was the 6-2 victor. His side with E. Ambrose and G. Lennon doing trojan work in defence used the better direct tactics and just about merited victory.

## Fourth Year League

There were just six teams in the fourth year league and even among the thirty volunteers there were several who didn't bother to turn up on many occasions without informing anyone. Those who did turn out had a very good league with four teams remaining in contention right to the last round of matches. E. Byrne's team finished on top with nine points, P. Brooder had



BASKÉTBALL TEAM

P. O'Byrne. C. Murphy.  
R. Power, K. Regan, L. Lynch.



BASKETBALL TEAM

P. Ronaldson. J. Blunden.  
F. Brown, M. Quinlan, D. O'Kane.

eight and D. Kelly seven so the latter two had a semi-final first with the winners to take on Byrne. This game between Brooder and Kelly was the best of the league and a few late baskets by Kelly and C. Cooke got Kelly through 18-14. The final too was quite good and S. Byrne, P. O'Neill and M. Gueret worked like beavers to provide enough ball for Kelly and Cooke to do the scoring. A. Horne, M. Bowe and M. Murphy did their best to do likewise for Byrne and N. McEniff but they were not as strong and eventually lost 20-10. We thank many of the sixth and fifth year boys for refereeing some of their own games and all the matches in the other leagues. A special word of thanks to James Graham who was available nearly every half day and to Paul Bennett who did the semi-final and final so very well.

## Third Year League

This league was delayed a bit at the start because many of the lads were playing Gaelic. However, once it got under way it turned out to be the best of the leagues and many of the boys

took to the game very well indeed and the scoring rate was a lot better than that seen for several years. Most of the seven teams got through five out of the possible six matches before the end of term caught up. At that stage the table read as follows: D. Quigley 4, K. Regan 10, G. Graham 3, M. Quinlan 10, M. McGovern 5 and J. Kildea and P. Hartigan had a point each. So there was no difficulty in deciding how to finish off proceedings. The natural final was played between Regan and Quinlan and what a cracker it proved to be. Regan looked the better side throughout but it was Quinlan who made the running. F. Browne shot several baskets in succession, D. O'Kane and P. Ronaldson along with M. Quinlan himself likewise basketed and J. Blunden defended stubbornly and so Quinlan went into half time with a 14-10 lead. From the first minute of the second half it was a different story though. Regan, P. O'Byrne and R. Power scored straight off and they never let up or again relinquished the lead. Indeed Power's scoring rate was quite significant and L. Lynch and C. Murphy did great back up work. The 30-18 victory was richly deserved but it was hard luck on Quinlan's team to meet such good opposition in the final.

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## Swimming



We continued more or less the same custom this year for swimming. On Fridays all the first year boys went to the nearby Rathmines pool. They were in the pool from 3.00 to 3.30 and non

swimmers got every help and encouragement to get used to the water and master the art of keeping afloat. The extra bad weather may have been responsible for the frequent absence of quite a few of the boys. All others in the school who were interested could come to the pool from 3.30 to 4.00. Many availed themselves of the facility right through the year especially the second years. On the last day of swimming we had a number of races especially a few relay races so that over twenty different boys went home with medals. We are grateful to Dublin Corporation for making the pool available to us and what a beautiful pool it is!

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## Volleyball

Eight teams contested this year's league which never really set the world alight. After three matches each, the top four were arranged in semi-finals. C. Cooke's hitherto unbeaten

side was beaten here by D. Quigley while P. Brooder accounted for J. Walsh. An exciting final gave victory to Quigley who had B. Hanratty, G. Clifford, R. Murray, M. McGovern and G. Graham on his side. Mr. E. Mahon refereed the final and many of the earlier games.

# Soccer

## Senior League

It was good to see many of the sixth years taking part in the leagues in the last term and the soccer was no exception. In fact all captains were sixth year. Section A saw D. Ellison make the running but S. Maguire too was always in contention. In fact two wins the last day of the league left Shane on top of the table with David filling the runner-up spot while A. Russell and D. Darby scored one win and a draw each. There were only four teams in the other section and it was clear that M. Ronayne and M. Crowe were going to qualify. Ronayne had a very surprising easy win over Ellison when he fired in seven goals. The other semi-final had to go to extra time before Crowe emerged the 3-2 winner.

So the final rested between the two qualifiers from section B. Once again victory went to Ronayne. He had managed to get a very good all-round team together with no real weakness. Mark himself, P. Bennett and J. Gilenan were good attackers while F. McDonald, C. Cregan, I. Farnan and B. O'Neill were not likely to give anything away easily. P. McGrath, M. Cosgrove and J. McDonald gave Morgan every assistance but really none of the teams was a match for Mark's team and no one begrudged it the victory.

## Intermediate League

Two groups of seven teams made up this year's league. Unfortunately the last term was very short and so a full programme of matches was not completed. However, each team did play at least four games. In section A, Dundalk, captain M. Lawler, made the running with 9 points out of a possible ten. Next came C. Cooke's Celtic and D. Foley's Thurles Town on 6 points from four games. D. Gallagher's Linfield had 5 points. Section B saw J. Fitzgerald's Rangers, N. Cogley's Ajax, K. Robins' Rovers top the table with 6 points while K. O'Flanagan's Anderlecht kept in contention with 5 points.

So play-offs were necessary in both sections for places in the semi-finals. In section A, Dundalk got a free qualify but Thurles and Celtic had to slog it out. In section B, the top four teams played for two places. Celtic after a

late controversial goal, beat the previously unbeaten Thurles in the section A play-off. In section B, Rovers and Anderlecht finally emerged. Rovers seemed to be waltzing their way into the final when 2-0 up at half-time but a great second half revival by Celtic, capped by a lightning header by M. Gueret meant a 3-2 win for Celtic. The other semi-final was not as close and a late goal by the busy J. Kennedy was not enough to conquer mighty Dundalk who won 3-1 this time.

On a hot afternoon at the end of May, the final took place. Both Celtic and Dundalk started apprehensively enough and a repeat of the 5-0 win for Dundalk earlier in the season seemed unlikely. Especially after R. McSharry gave Celtic the lead. But almost immediately from the kick-off, A. Byrne equalised with a far-post header. Before long Celtic were in a right pickle when A. Byrne scored again! At this stage Dundalk were really getting tuned up. They scored twice through J. Nolan and M. Lawler. The scoreline left Celtic in a quandary at the interval. In the second half they could make no headway against the Dundalk defence and this was due in no small way to the excellent work of B. Cousins and F. Sheeran and in particular B. Ward. Though D. Kelly, C. Cooke and R. McSharry tried hard, the match became more one-sided in Dundalk's favour as time wore on. They scored again through D. Quigley. This goal put the icing on the cake. Indeed there could have been more but for some fine goal-keeping by P. O'Byrne for Celtic. At the final whistle, Dundalk's 5-1 win gave them a very impressive record of 6 wins, 1 draw with 26 goals for and only 7 against. They were by far the most consistent team in the league. Fr. Godfrey kindly presented the medals and all the players would like to thank Fr. Darcy for organising the fine competition. Also thanks are due to the boys who volunteered to referee the games and once more . . . congratulations Dundalk!

Des Foley

## Junior League

On the first day of last term R. O'Connor's Q.P.R. beat G. Cross' Man. Utd with a score of 3-0. Little did anyone think then that we were seeing the finalists but such was in fact the case,

for though Man. Utd lost again to S. Yendole's Notts Forest they won all their other games and so earned themselves a play-off for the runner-up spot with G. Hassett's Liverpool. The latter lost only to Man. Utd but conceded 7 goals in the two encounters with them. Q.P.R. not only remained unbeaten but were the best attacking side with 18 goals in the five league games. In the other section Everton under P. Donovan were setting the pace and scored 24 goals in their five games though that included a 3-2 defeat by D. Tynan's Wigan. P. Naughton's Arsenal and B. Gilsean's Spurs were also doing well for while Arsenal had a narrow win over the latter, they went down 5-1 to Everton. A play-off between them was called for and again Arsenal showed their superiority with an identical 2-1 victory.

So the way was clear for the semi-finals. Q.P.R. had not too much difficulty in disposing of Arsenal with a 3-1 scoreline but Man. Utd surprised most by coming from behind twice to oust Everton 3-2. The final was played the same afternoon, the last afternoon of term and what a beautiful afternoon to finish! The match too

lived up to all expectations. Defences were on top in the early stages but after about ten minutes G. Cross split the Q.P.R. defence and his pin-point cross found B. Moore unmarked and the latter made no mistake. Just before half-time, Q.P.R. got a deserved equaliser when captain Bobby soloed through and gave P. Norris no chance with a brilliant goal. It was that man again early in the second half and it looked all over when G. Cross pulled it out of the fire. Neutrals were glad to see extra time for both sides were playing well with R. Moran and J. Muldoon great defenders for Utd and B. Moore giving fantastic attacking support to Cross. I. Ronayne, P. Rennick and P. Kennedy were really good players for Q.P.R. but great back up was coming from keeper R. Davitt, D. Naughton and P. Fleming while Bobby was a constant threat. Ronayne set up the leading score but once again Moore earned extra time with a last second goal. In the sudden death Q.P.R. were not to be denied and Kennedy slipped in the all important winner. Most of the opposing teams will readily agree they were the best team in the league and offer them congratulations.



SENIOR SOCCER TEAM

D. Ellison, J. Ambrose, K. Gannon, M. Gowran, J. Larney, C. Cassidy, J. Ward, J. Gallagher.  
P. Devlin, M. Ronayne, M. Crowe, D. Gilligan, S. Maguire, A. Farrell, Bro. Ignatius.