



SUNDAY SERVICES - September

Sunday	8.30a.m.	10.00am & 11.30am	6.30p.m.
Sept 4	Lord's Supper	Vision Sunday	vi. Summer Psalms Bless the Lord O my soul Psalm 103 (Hall)
Sept 11		<i>Series: The Way that Divides</i> i. Sent! Matthew 10.5-15 Lord's Supper @ 11.30am	Lord's Supper with friends from Saintfield Road PC (Church)
Sept 18	Lord's Supper	ii. The Sower Matthew 13.1-23 Family Service @ 10.00am	Great are the Lord's works Psalm 111 (Hall)
Sept 25		iii. The cost of mission Matthew 10.17-42 Lord's Supper @ 10.00am	Youth Service (Hall)
Oct 2	Lord's Supper	Harvest Thanksgiving	Harvest Thanksgiving (Church)

Prayer Fellowship - Knock Room

1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7.30p.m.

Ladies' Prayer Fellowship - Breda Room

2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 10.30a.m.

Baptisms

at any service other than Holy Communion and by arrangement with the Rector

Weddings

by arrangement with the Rector

Sunday School

Every Sunday (September – June) at 10.20 a.m. except 3rd Sunday of each month when children remain in church for Family Service.

Primary Sunday School – Age 3 - 6. Minor Hall
Superintendent: Judith Thompson Tel 028 90 701351

Junior Sunday School - Age 7 – 11. Main Hall
Superintendent: Mrs Jackie Mayes. Tel 028 90 799180

Senior Sunday School - Age 11 – 13. Main Hall
Superintendent: Mr Jack Mayes. Tel 028 90 799180

Pathfinders - Age 13 – 15. Main Hall

Crèche – for babies up to age 3 in Knock Room, Main Hall

X-Ray

Tel 028 90 694217

BREDA MESSENGER

September 2016



THE MAGAZINE OF KNOCKBREDAPARISH CHURCH



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BABIES and TODDLERS

Shake, Rattle and Rhyme - 2nd and 4th Thursdays - 10.00am to 11.00am in the Minor Hall
Mrs Jackie Mayes Tel 028 90 799180

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

GIRLS

Brownies Age 7—10
Tuesday 6.30p.m. to 8.00p.m. in the Minor Hall. Mrs Andrea McConnell Tel 07875557998

Guides (10 – 14)
Mondays 7.30p.m. to 9.00p.m. in the Minor Hall. Miss Amy Green Tel 028 90 793775

Senior Section (14—25)
Mondays 7.30p.m. to 9.00p.m. in the Minor Hall. Miss Amy Green Tel 028 90 793775

BOYS

Anchor Boys P1 to P4
Wednesday 6.30p.m. to 7.30p.m. in the Minor Hall. Michael Culbert Tel 07882723553

MIXED

Badminton Club Wednesday from 8.00p.m. in the Main Hall
September to March. Edward Godfrey Tel 028 90 701062

X-Ray Open to all young people of 3rd Form age and above.

ADULT ACTIVITIES

Ladies' Bowling Club Monday at 7.30p.m. in the Main Hall
Contact:- Maureen Coulter Tel 028 90 702246

Mothers' Union 1st Thursday at 8.00p.m. in the Main Hall.
Secretary:- Emily Hickey Tel 028 90 796477

Men's Club Tuesday 7.30p.m. in the Main Hall.
(Bowls form a major part of their programme.)
Contact:- Dennis Davison Tel 028 90 701704

Thursday Club 2nd Thursday at 2.30p.m. in the Minor Hall.
Contact:- Mina Kelso Tel 028 90 799109

GENERAL INFORMATION

Missionary interest is central to the life of our Parish. The following are the Secretaries from whom information, literature or boxes may be obtained.

Crosslinks – Brian Lloyd Tel 028 90 701099

C.M.S. Ireland – Vacant

Mid-Africa Ministry – Mrs Jackie Mayes Tel 028 90 799180

Leprosy Mission – Brian Mateer Tel 028 90 594985

Flowers for the church are always in demand.

You may donate flowers to the church on a particular Sunday by appending your name to the list in the Church Porch. The list for 2016 is in the porch. There are still a few Sundays available.

Breda Messenger The Editorial Team would appreciate if all contributions for the **October** edition of the magazine could be with them no later than **Saturday 10th September, 2016**

Contributions can be e-mailed to knbreda@hotmail.com or left in the Church Office..

Parish Website can be accessed at www.knockbredaparish.org

CRÈCHE ROTA - September

- 4th Sept - Ruby Moore & Heather Green
11th Sept - Pauline Crothers & Sandra Beattie
18th Sept - Family Service
25th Sept - Kathleen McIntyre & Wendy England
2nd Oct - Carole Sleator & Patricia McKee



If this does not suit please contact Pauline Crothers - 90 646022

KNOCKBRED A PARISH MEN'S CLUB

Once again, the end of the summer is approaching and as summer activities come to an end we are looking forward to the commencement of the new indoor bowling season.

The Club will recommence, on Tues 13th September 2016 at 7.30pm, in the Parish Hall

We hope to see a full attendance of our present members on the first evening of the new season. We would also extend a very warm welcome to any new members who would like to join us on a Tuesday evening.

The club has four mats and there are quite a number of club bowls available, so new members can come and have a try.

DON'T FORGET—BOWLING IS FOR ALL AGES

Dennis Davison (Hon. Sec.)

USED CLOTHING APPEAL 2016

This year's used clothing collection raised a total of £472. This was a great effort and our thanks go to all who donated.

Robert and Ann

JULY/AUGUST CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS: 1 Sabbatical; 7 Opinion; 8 Laing; 10 Olga; 11 Galilean; 13 Sardis; 15 Severe; 17 Adultery; 18 Flea; 21 Swazi; 22 Acetate; 23 Revelation.

DOWN: 1 Sling; 2 Brim; 3 Annual; 4 Ill-timed; 5 Abilene; 6 Colossians; 9 Gennesaret; 12 Diatribe; 14 Roulade; 16 Errata; 19 Learn; 20 Levi.

Rector's Letter

Dear Friends

The Peace of Christ

'My Father if it be possible let this cup pass from me; nevertheless not as I will but as you will.' Matthew 26.39.

One of the most shocking events over the summer was the murder of Fr Jacques Hamel, killed with a knife as he said Mass in the church of St Stephen at Saint-Etienne-du-Rouvray in France. It was a wicked act of violence against an innocent 85 year old priest, who was carrying out what he believed to be the most sacred act in his religion. We can only hope and pray that crimes like this can somehow be prevented in the future.

Protestants, of course, regard Holy Communion quite differently from the Mass. For us the emphasis in Communion is more on remembrance than it is on re-enactment, though we do feed in our hearts by faith on Christ. However, we have a holy table not an altar. We offer no sacrifice but remember the once and for all sacrifice of Christ on the cross for our sins. Our priest is not the presiding minister but the Lord Jesus Christ who is present with us by his Spirit. Our sacrament is the Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 11.20) not the Mass.

Despite these differences it is still extremely disturbing to think that this elderly man was targeted simply because of his religious beliefs and position. Sadly it is a reflection of the dangerous world in which we live.

The stoning to death of Stephen, who gave his name to the town in Normandy, was also brutally violent. Acts chapter 7 recounts how his murderers were enraged at his testimony and 'ground their teeth at him.' Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, just before his death described how he saw the heavens open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God (Acts 7.54-58). Like Stephen, every Christian, at the moment of death, goes to be with the Lord immediately. Stephen is the protomartyr of the church. There have been many others recognised as martyrs over the centuries. St Thomas Becket comes to mind. As Archbishop of Canterbury, he was famously murdered in Canterbury cathedral by knights who were apparently trying to please the king, Henry II.

In more recent times there have been many more martyrs though we rarely hear of them because their deaths occur in parts of the world far away from us in the West. Statistics show that, worldwide, there were more violent deaths on account of the victim's faith in the 20th century than in all the previous nineteen put together.

Jesus himself died a violent death on the cross. He did not court murder but by carrying on his just and truthful life he became the victim of evil men. He went willingly to Calvary knowing that he would be laying down his innocent life for the sake of others. There was no other way to open the gate of heaven. His death was unique. He suffered physically and spiritually in a way that no other martyr has, bearing the punishment for the sins of the world. As we trust in his death we find peace with God.

Sincerely in Christ

Bill



BETWEEN OURSELVES

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Services this year will be held on the **1st Sunday** of October – the 2nd. Our preacher at 10am and 11.30am is Archdeacon George Davison (St Nicholas Carrickfergus).

Home Group meetings for this season will be launched with a meal on Saturday evening 17th September in the Minor Hall. Home Groups are a great opportunity for increasing Christian friendship and growing in faith as we study the Bible in an informal setting. Please consider getting involved.

The Knockbreda Golf Society has an outing arranged for Monday 12th September at Belvoir Golf Club. To book please contact Ray McNeill on 07742470289 or mufcray@aol.com. Spaces are limited.

Sunday School resumes on Sunday 4th September. Please encourage any parents you know to bring the boys and girls along.

There are Postcards/invitations describing all the children's ministries at Knockbreda available in church. Please pass these on to any families you know.

Belfast Community Choir will be performing in Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock on Friday 21st October at 8.00pm. Tickets are £10 with proceeds going to Christian Aid.

Please let the Rector know of any parishioners who go into hospital. Thank you.

Follow Bill on Twitter @BillandClaire. Bill's blog is <http://bible-disciple.blogspot.co.uk>

Extracts from the Parish Registers

Burial

15th July Hugh Cleland 36 Beechill Park West

This month's Front Cover shows Knockbreda Parish Church bathed in splendid sunshine on one of the warmer days this summer!

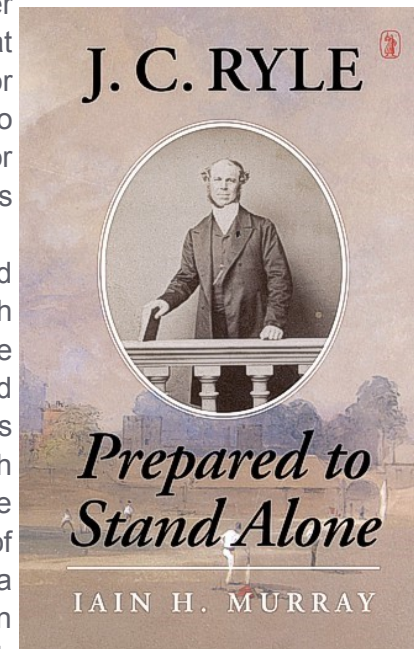
BOOK REVIEW

J.C. Ryle, Prepared to Stand Alone
by Iain Murray and published by Banner of Truth Trust.

The life of bishop J.C. Ryle has only to be heard once to be remembered. His 84 years (1816–1900) included remarkable contrasts—the promise of a fortune, then the poverty of a bankrupt; a Suffolk country pastor, then bishop of the leading seaport of the British Empire. But there was a still greater change—from the successful youth at Eton and Oxford, who did not pray or read his Bible till he was 21, to become a Christian 'bold as a lion for the truth of God's Word and his Gospel'.

Although one of the most widely read evangelical authors of the nineteenth century, Ryle's writings lost influence after his death. The world had moved on, as was supposed. Then, fifty years later a 'rediscovery' began. Research on his life was accomplished by able authors, and from a new wealth of material Iain Murray has put together a compelling biography. Ryle believed in definite doctrine, in a message which does not adjust to the times, in revival, and in the living Christ. He knew that all the great turning points of church history have been attended with controversy, and that 'there are times when controversy is not only a duty but a benefit'.

J.C. Ryle's life is convincing evidence that Christianity stands or falls depending on its relation to the word of God and to the Holy Spirit. That he is being read widely again at the present time gives hope of better days.



MEN'S BREAKFAST (Annual Report 2015-16)

The men of Knockbreda Parish, SRPC and others have been privileged to share Christian fellowship and to hear from many interesting speakers throughout the year.

In September our own Brian Monson gave us an insight into two challenging journeys; living with cancer and a troublesome sailing trip from Falmouth to Killyleagh. In both cases Brian was aware of the immense power of prayer. Being surrounded with healing prayer during his illness (Jesus still heals today!) and living in the presence of God in 'stormy seas' deepened his faith. In Mark Ch11 v24 Jesus tells us to pray in faith '...whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours'. In October with the rugby world cup in mind we had a rugby themed breakfast taking the form of a DVD presentation entitled 'Game of Life'. The DVD covered the origins of the game, its worldwide impact and a light hearted quiz. Most importantly the DVD included personal testimonies from well-known players. It was clear that their love for rugby was secondary to their love for God who was at the centre of all in their lives. In November, at the start of our weeklong mission, Revd Trevor Johnston spoke of the important role men must play in responding to God's call to be witnesses for the Faith. In January David Luckman, Crosslinks, continued this theme. David told us of his lack of interest during his early church life and as a member of the BB. At 15, whilst at RBAI, having received a tract from a teacher, he gave his life to the Lord and received Salvation. David referred to Ephesians Ch2 vs8-9 which tells us 'For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith ...not by works'. Verse 10 goes on to say that we are 'created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.' David told us that for Christian men saying 'no' to the Lord wasn't an option! In February, Mark Collier (Friends in Action) and Mark Gibson (Serving In Mission) gave us an introduction into their work in Burkina Faso with the Fulani, a semi-nomadic people. Their work aims to demonstrate the love of Christ by drilling water wells and telling the mostly Muslim people of Jesus' offer of life changing spiritual water. In this area it costs the equivalent of 10p to see a doctor – most people cannot afford this small amount! Their talk also touched on the recent killing of a close friend, Mike Riddering, in an Al Qaeda attack on a coffee bar frequently used by missionaries. In March, Revd Gerardo Gimpel gave us an insight into his upbringing and how he found true faith in an Anglican setting. Working with SAMS would lead to service in Co Tyrone, study back in Chile followed by an arduous period serving in a Chilean desert. A return to N Ireland as Pastoral Assistant at Knockbreda was followed by ordination in Chile and a return to Knockbreda as Curate Assistant. Gerardo has been greatly comforted by God's promise in Jeremiah Ch29 v11. In April, propped up by a Tom Maguire feast, a sizeable contingent paid a visit to the Kingspan Stadium, the home of Ulster Rugby. The Nevin Spence visitor centre is well worth a visit. Many thanks go to the Rector for his much appreciated support throughout the year, to Tom Maguire as head chef and to Tom Davies for his leadership.

THURSDAY CLUB

Our first meeting of the Thursday Club will be on
on Thursday 8th September
at 2.30p.m.

This meeting will commence with the **A.G.M.**
followed by our speaker

Mrs Vera Kelso MBE

'A Touch with Royalty'

Everyone very welcome - bring your friends

If transport is required please contact Vera or Mina

Phone Vera 90 799109 or Phone Mina 90 961729

Christian Aid Laganside Walk

Sunday 11th September 2016

Join us for the family-friendly walk along the Lagan towpath and help stamp out poverty

Registration from 3.00pm in the Ramada Hotel foyer
Shaw's Bridge, Belfast, Bt8 7XP

Suggested donation of £5 per adult or £10 per family

ALSO

**Christian Aid Strangford Sportive Cycle
Saturday 1st October, 2016
Delamont Country Park, Co Down
Cycle Routes to suit all abilities**

**To register or for more information about either event
Call: 028 9064 8133 or speak to Elizabeth or Jim Gowdy**

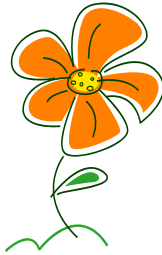
New Church AV Equipment

Knockbreda church is now equipped with a **Loop System** to help those with hearing difficulties. Please set your hearing aid to the "T" Setting.



FLOWER LIST - SEPTEMBER

- 4th September - Available
- 11th September - Doreen Ritchie
- 18th September - Available
- 25th September - Kay McGalie
- 2nd October - **HARVEST**



What you have in common with Kate Middleton?

Imagine trying to visit the Queen of England at Buckingham Palace in London. You're going to be asked, "Who are you? What gives you the right to be here?" Most of us aren't going to get past the front gate. But what about Kate Middleton? When she was 15 years old, she would have gone no further than we could. But now she can say, "I'm with him. I married the prince." Who is she now? She is Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cambridge. She gets that identity from her husband.

In the same way, Christians get their identity from Jesus their Husband. United to the Son, they're now family.

In the book of Exodus God describes Israel as his "firstborn son" (Ex. 4.22). In the New Testament, he gives that same assurance to those who receive him through Jesus: "To those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God" (John 1.12).



So, who am I now? Answer: One of God's royal children. A person defined by him. You may have just been a great employee, or you may have had a terrible day at work. You may have been a great parent or child, or a selfish one. You may have been praised, or mocked, or ignored. You may have been mainly obedient to God or horribly sinful. But if you have embraced Christ as your Lord and Saviour, then you are a child of the King—and nothing can change that identity. Today you can go out with confidence—not in what you can do, but in who is with you. And one day you will be welcomed into the heavenly palace because your identity is found in Jesus.

Who am I? As a Christian, I am a child of God. And today God speaks these wonderful words to you: "I am with you."

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

The new session will commence with the Area Service being held in Willowfield Parish Church at 8.00 pm on 15 September.

The first meeting in the hall will be Thursday 6 October.

More details in October magazine.

Emily Hickey

Branch Secretary

Messy Church

The next Messy Church will take place on Friday 9th September in the Main Hall starting at 3.30pm.

If you would be interested in helping with this fun church time activity please speak to Gerardo.

Food for Body and Soul

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday 17th September, 2016 at 8.30 am in the Minor Hall

Guest Speaker

To be Confirmed

CSSM Catering

Thank you to everyone who generously gave food or helped and to those who gave money. The team were eighty two strong. We managed to feed them each day, on time. It was a strange year, following the fires, but God provided all that was needed.

A special thank you goes to Kathleen Wood and Patricia McKee. Many thanks.

Cindy Patterson

(Kitchen Co-ordinator)

NEWTOWNBRED A

CSSM

CSSM this year had different surroundings – due to the fire damage at Cairnshill Methodist and Saintfield Road Presbyterian. The children and young people met in Breda Academy and Newtownbreda Baptist and the team once again used Knockbreda Parish halls for their devotions and meal times. Although the surroundings were different, the amazing message of the Good News of Jesus remained unchanged, and it’s a message we wanted to share with all the children and young people who came throughout the week – our goal at CSSM is that in all our teaching, in all our conversations, in all the games and fun, that the amazing message of the Good News of Jesus is right at the forefront.

So many good things happened during CSSM. God drew together a large team of people, God equipped us with everything we needed to know, God provided for us in terms of donations to cover the costs of the mission and the practicalities of feeding so many people, and God called lots of people to pray for us and encourage us. Seeing how God answered those prayers was amazing. We may have thought that we had the CSSM week planned out, but God reminded us this year that it’s not about our plans but about trusting in Him and His plans. Following the fires at Saintfield Road Presbyterian CSSM couldn’t happen there and there was just 24 hours to find another venue - God provided us with just that (Breda Academy) at the shortest of notice. He had good plans. There was no doubt in our minds that God was on our side.

God made sure that 380 children and young people showed up throughout the week, He kept them all safe, and He made sure that those who came along engaged with why we were there. Through the worship, talks, games, and time in small groups, children got to know God better, and it was an amazing privilege to be a part of that. Some of the children and young people committed their lives to God for the first time. Please keep praying for these folk as they start their journey as a Christian.

There are so many people that we as a team want to thank – those that prayed for us, those that cooked, or who gave food or money for the mission, the churches for all their support and the use of their buildings, the parents / grandparents/friends /neighbours for bringing kids and young people along, Scripture Union, but most of all we want to thank God for making it all work.

Neil and Helen



LADIES' BOWLING CLUB

Once again our new bowling season is about to start. If any ladies in the Parish would like an evening of fun and laughter please do feel free to come along on Monday 12th September at 7.30pm and join us.



We do hope that our ladies who were unable to come along at the end of the season are now feeling fit and well and we look forward to seeing them again, come September.

Looking forward to the new season and hopefully some new members.

Maureen Coulter

Secretary

F.W.O. Team for September

D. Johnston (Leader); B. Lloyd; C. Grant;
F. Montgomery; and B. Milford.

Anchor Boys

We have lots happening for children and young people at Knockbreda. There is Sunday School, Messy Church, crèche, X-ray, Shake, rattle and rhyme, Anchor Boys, Brownies and Guides. We long to share good news with boys and girls.

Last year 11 boys started attending Anchor Boys at Knockbreda. We are very grateful to the young leadership team which devotes Wednesday nights to looking after them. Anchor Boys meets every Wednesday at 6.30pm in the minor hall. We enjoy games, a Bible story, fun and friendship. There’s room for lots more! Registration night: Wednesday 7th September

Small Change Appeal

Soon, the Republic of Ireland will be phasing out all 1c and 2c coins. Christian Aid can help you do a clear out and put all that spare cash to good use! In lots of homes there are jam-jars, tins and boxes filled with small euro change from your last visit to the Republic of Ireland or holiday in Europe. You can help to make a difference so please have a rummage and give whatever coins you can find to Jim or Elizabeth Gowdy who will pass them on to Christian Aid.

KNOCKBREDA BADMINTON CLUB – 1937 to 2017

The 2016/17 season will mark more than 80 years of badminton at Knockbreda. The late Ernest Wood's book "Set on a Hill", which charts the life of Knockbreda Parish from its beginnings in 1737 up to and including 1987, records that our first Parochial Hall (now a residence in the Council Cemetery) was built in 1930. He further goes on to record that "..... Young people keen to play badminton found the new precinct allowed a court with space at side and rear, though the cross beams at ceiling height were somewhat of a hazard! ...". 1937 is the first formal record we have with the accounts showing 'cash to begin' at £3 – 0s – 5d. The Editor and the printers have done an excellent job in reproducing an extract from those accounts.

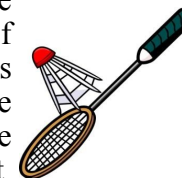
Badminton continued through the war years but not without its hazards as noted in this extract from the minutes. "The adjourned AGM of the Badminton Club was held in the Parochial Hall on Wednesday 26th November 1941 at 8.00pm. Mr. W. Brown was Chairman. The Secretary reported that owing to enemy action the Minute Book had been destroyed, therefore the minutes of the last meeting could not be read." That meeting went on to decide to arrange a dance in aid of club funds on New Years Eve in the parochial hall. "A meeting of the Committee was held on 28th December 1941. It was agreed that minerals should be the only refreshment provided. Mr. Brown stated he had cigarettes for prizes and Miss A. England offered a prize also. It was agreed that the gentlemen members should take half-hourly turns lifting the money at the door. Mr. Busby was requested to look after the Programme."

The minutes of the early years AGMs record a thriving active club participating in the Northern Branch (later to become the Ulster Branch) of the Badminton Union of Ireland. Play was initially on a Saturday but by the early 1950s the Select Vestry gave permission for use of the hall on Wednesday evenings. By 1950 the club had A and B teams and it had joined the Churches League. In April 1952 the Match Secretary reported that the A Team had come 2nd in the Church of Ireland League – Junior Section. Between 1954 and 1957 the club ran a very successful inter-towns match between Belfast and Dublin composed mainly of international players with the minutes recording that "...the 1956 Exhibition Match was the best ever."

In 1959 a Junior Club was formed with 28 members which met on Saturday afternoons and the early part of Wednesday evenings. The minutes of the April 1960 AGM records "... The Junior Club had a successful launching and the first fruits would be plucked in the 1960/61 season when several boys would make their début in the senior club.". The Juniors was a very happy club and produced many fine players two of whom play in the current senior club. The Junior Club closed in 1998 mainly because of the difficulty in getting adult supervision compliant with the Safeguarding Trust policy.



The 1960s proved successful for both the A & B teams with the A Team winning the Junior League Championship in 1966 and in 1969 the B Team having double success in winning the Minor Shield and the Minor Cup of the Church of Ireland League. 1970 saw the opening of what was then described as the 'New Church Hall' and the excellent badminton facility in the main hall with one of the highest ceilings on the badminton circuit. Success continued in the 1970s (too many to list!) with the A Team entering the North Down League in 1975 and year on year gaining promotion. Leaping forward to 1985 the A & B teams won their respective divisions of the North Down League and were also playing in the Church of Ireland League and the Ulster League and therein lay the seeds of destruction. Too late it was recognised it had become a 'team club' with club nights being taken over for league/cup matches and players on the fringes of teams not getting playing enough badminton and club membership diminished. Because there were not the players to cope with cry-offs matches were cancelled and the club started to withdraw from leagues. In 1991 the club closed.



In 1992 the club was reconstituted and many of the former members came back and it is that club, God willing, that sets out on the 2016/17 season on Wednesday 14 September at 8.00pm in the Main Hall. It is, I think, idle to speculate on how many more years the club will have but if you want to be part of this element of the Knockbreda story you are more than welcome to come along.



Edward Godfrey