

MISSING MARTIN APPEAL

MARCH saw the 28th birthday of Hollywood man Martin Kelly who mysteriously disappeared without trace over six years ago.

And his father Raymond used the occasion to issue a fresh appeal for any information about what might have happened to him.

In particular he wants to hear from two girls who came to Hollywood to 'pray' for Martin shortly after he went missing outside a Belfast bar on January 1 2006.

Raymond says the two girls spoke to a parishioner in St Colmcille's Roman Catholic Church in the town later that January.

Now Raymond says he would like the girls to come forward to see if they have any information that could be helpful about his son.

He said they could do so to the police or if not they could contact

him personally or even a local minister or priest who could then pass any information on.

He explained, "If they have any problem coming forward to the police for any reason, they can still give the information through a variety of other channels.

"For example they could go to a priest or a minister or contact the Missing Persons Helpline. The free phone number for that is 0800 700 700."

Raymond Kelly has stressed that even one tiny piece of information could prove to be the first part of the jigsaw which ultimately completes the picture of what has become of Martin.

Martin, an apprentice plumber and part-time barman in the Old Priory Inn in Hollywood, was last seen on January 1 2006.

He had spent New Year's Eve working in the Hollywood bar and was celebrating the

New Year with friends in Pat's Bar in Belfast's Clarendon Dock the next day.

Martin was last seen when he left the bar at about 7.30pm, possibly intending to return to his home in the Kinnegar area of Hollywood.

Exhaustive land and sea searches and a high profile publicity campaign across Britain and Ireland have so far failed to turn up any clues as to what happened to Martin Kelly.

Searches were conducted by police and other divers of the harbour where Martin disappeared.

Hundreds of volunteers joined extensive searches along the shores of Belfast Lough and the marshlands known as the Kinnegar Lagoons, which border the harbour estate.

Martin Kelly is described as being six feet one inch tall and of slim build with short dark black hair.

When last seen over six years ago he was wearing a black Guinness T-shirt and a pair of blue jeans.

The investigation into Martin's case is being conducted by the PSNI at Musgrave Street station in Belfast. They can be contacted on 0845 600 8000.

Further information can be obtained by going on to the website set up by the family and log on www.ourmartykelly.com



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SCHOOLS LEARN ABOUT CAMERATA

INTERNATIONAL pianist and conductor Barry Douglas called into Sullivan Upper school recently, where he met with pupils from there and students from Priory College and St Columbanus College.

He spent the morning chatting and performing along with composer and musician Neil Martin, members of his Camerata Ireland orchestra and Aoife NiBhriain, winner of the Alan Gillespie, Ulster Bank Prize at last year's Clondeboye Festival.

This year's festival will take place from 13-18 August in and around the Courtyard of the historic Clondeboye Estate.

For more information please visit www.camerata-ireland.com or phone the Camerata Ireland Hollywood office on 028 9042 7600.

More details about the festival and a chance to win tickets for the Opening Concert, will appear in next month's Hollywood Advertiser.



Barry and Aoife