

Remember Martin this Christmas

HOLYWOOD man Martin Kelly has been missing for over eleven months now but efforts to resolve the mystery of his disappearance continue.

A new search is to be conducted this weekend of marshland surrounding the Kinnegar Lagoons which border the harbour estate.

And Martin's father Raymond plans to distribute leaflets seeking information about him in the docks area of Belfast on the forthcoming anniversary of his disappearance.

Martin, an apprentice plumber and part-time barman, was last seen leaving Pat's Bar in Belfast's Clarendon Dock at about 7.15pm on New Year's Day.

He is described as being six feet one inch tall and of slim build with short dark hair. When last seen he was wearing a black Guinness T-shirt and a pair of blue jeans.

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

There are only theories, that he may have fallen into the dockside waters and drowned or has lost his memory after being injured in some way.

Martin's family members have also continued their own relentless search for any scrap of information as to what has become of him.

His mum Karen embarked on her own month long mission to highlight his case across England, Scotland and

Wales.

Her trip, during which she fell ill with suspected heart trouble, publicised his case in 14 cities with accompanying TV, radio and newspaper information appeals.

The journey was funded with the proceeds of two charity tribute concerts which were held for Martin in his home town.

The concerts, entitled 'One for Marty, Two for Marty' netted over £12,000 towards the ongoing efforts to find him.

Martin's dad has also been extending the search for his missing son south of the border.

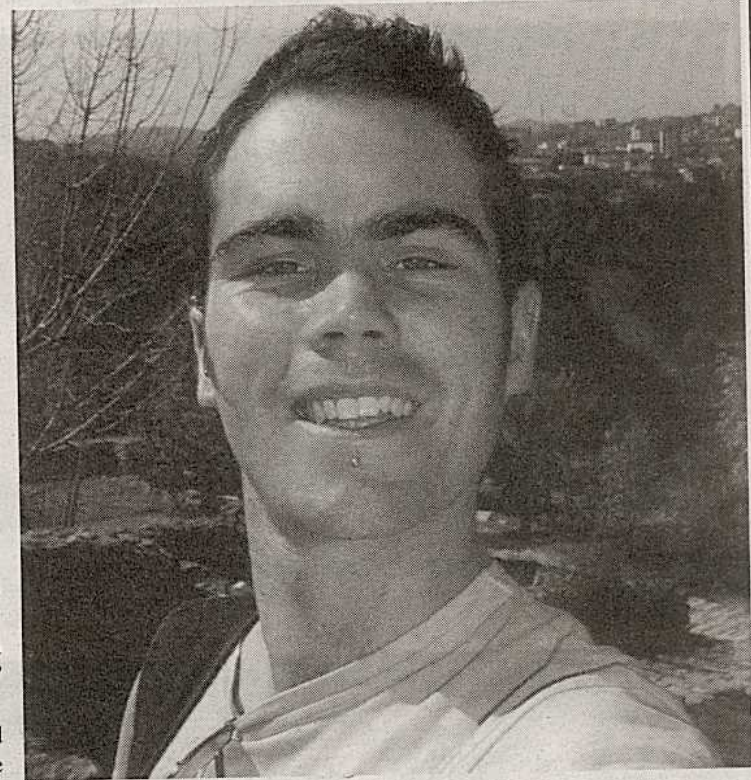
Raymond Kelly has gone to the Republic on a number of occasions in search of any scrap of information. His most recent trip took him to Counties Limerick and Clare.

The Kelly family have already stated that, if the worst happens and Martin is not found alive, any money raised to search for him will help fund an orphanage in Sudan.

Martin had worked as a volunteer in Africa between the ages of 17 and 18 and has always said he wanted to return there to help out again.

Further information can be obtained via www.ourmartykelly.com <<http://www.ourmartykelly.com>>

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



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