

## Local News

# Family Hand Out Leaflets In Bid To Find Missing Man

Monday 23rd January 2006

An old schoolfriend of missing Co Down plumber Martin Kelly said yesterday that the disappearance of the 21-year-old has perplexed his friends and family.

Joe McCormick described Mr Kelly, who has been missing since New Year's Day, as a "caring and compassionate" friend "who would give anybody the time of day".

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Mr McCormick joined Mr Kelly's family on Saturday to give out leaflets in Belfast city centre appealing for information about the part-time barman's disappearance.

Mr Kelly, from Holywood, went missing after being out with friends at Pat's Bar in Glenmoyle Street in the docks area of Belfast.

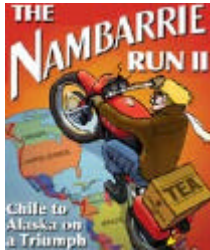
He left the bar alone around 7.10pm on January 1 and hasn't been seen since.

Mr McCormick said: "He is very close to his family and would contact them immediately if he intended to stay out longer than planned. There is no evidence of foul play in relation to his disappearance.

"Martin's family and friends are desperate to hear any news of his whereabouts, ultimately to bring him home safe, and at worst to establish what has happened to him."

A walk has been planned for next Sunday, which will mark four weeks since Mr Kelly's disappearance.

Friends and family will leave Pat's Bar, where Martin was last seen, and continue along the shore to his home at Kinnegar in Holywood.



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