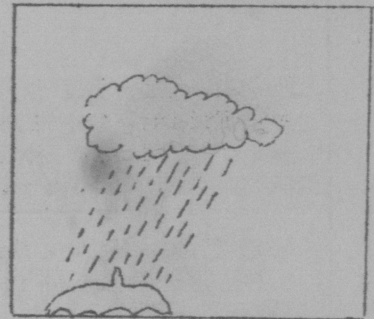


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- 10-13 Wed. - Sat. Choir: Feis Ceoil, Templeogue Ladies' Club.
- 14 Sun. Pioneer Total Abstinence Association Applications taken, St. Pius X Church 10.15 - 11.15 a.m.
- 15 Mon. Variety Concert, Templeogue Ladies' Club, Terenure College.
- 20 Sat. Dance Templeogue Community Council, St. Mary's R.F.C.
- June 5 Mon. June Bank Holiday.

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Dear Sir,

Publishing my letter, as you can now see, did not have the reaction we wished. I think you should now reveal that it was only after some persuasion on your part and that of Mr. Heneghan that I agreed. Your readers should know that you did this because you were so disappointed with the lack of support by way of reports and items from the many groups in the area. You should also reveal that on at least two occasions in the recent past, the T.T. was on the point of folding due to the lack of such support. From some of the comments in the March issue, it would appear all are happy the T.T. will survive, except you Mr. Editor!

I think we should risk saying it again. It needs the co-operation of all groups in the area, big and small, to keep a magazine such as the T.T. going. It is up to each group to submit as much information about their activities as is possible and to keep it up month after month. They should feel free to use the T.T. as a means of communicating with their members should that be a convenient way of doing so.

With one or two other fairly regular contributions, I am sure you will agree that if it was not for the Templeogue Ladies' Club, who use the T.T. to the full, and Mrs. Whittle's poetic contributions, the T.T. would have packed up long ago.

It was unfair to take from my letter a personal attack on Mrs. O'Regan of Templeville and Fortfield Residents' Association. It would be a silly person who would question Mrs. O'Regan's record of service in this area over the years.

If you recall, the meeting of the Residents' Association was that which took place in Terenure College. There was so much heat generated at that meeting, due to frustration of the residents in connection with TV Road, that if we had been called upon we would have gone out and lain on the road that night. We left the meeting expecting to be "called to the barricades" in the immediate future. So the report of the meeting was by way of an anti-climax. The Committee may have known what they were going to do, but the rest of us had to wait some time to know we were going to take positive action. We were not able to rest in the knowledge that Mr. Malone, Mr. Blake, Mr. Whittle and others were planning the very satisfactory demonstration we had. This was the only point being made in my letter.

I really do not know how another correspondent got hung up on the idea that one might not be able to afford 5p per month on the T.T. On the contrary, I suggest we increase the price to £1 per annum.

Yours sincerely,  
T. N. Purcell.

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COMMENT OF EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

Mr. Purcell is quite correct in saying that he was persuaded to allow his letter to be published. It seemed fair comment on the "state of play" in the aftermath of the Christmas edition of the T.T. Contrary to what Mrs. O'Regan said in the March issue (see report of the Templeville and Fortfield Residents' Association), the Christmas number has usually been the "bumper" issue of the T.T. with Christmas messages from the Churches, details of special services, competitions, quizzes, etc. In 1977 it was as flat as a pancake!

It is unfortunate that one of the few Associations that took the trouble to provide material in December should incidentally have afforded a point for Mr. Purcell's comment. As he explains it, it was the "anti-climactic" nature of the report he wished to draw attention to.

It is no part of the mission of the T.T. to stir up needless controversy in the community, still less between neighbours. We are quite sure, in this instance, knowing all the parties involved, their points have been made with robust good spirit, that there will be no loss of goodwill on anyone's part.

TEMPLEOGUE COMMUNITY COUNCIL.....Report by May O'Neill

The first meeting of the newly-elected Council was held on 14th March and then the Executive Committee elected were as follows:

Mr. Michael Brady (Chairperson); Mrs. Josie Farrell (Vice-Chairperson);  
Mr. Gerald McCarthy (Hon. Secretary); Rev. Sister Bourne (Recording Secretary);  
Mr. Joseph Dunne (Hon. Treasurer); Miss Liz Dawson (Youth Leader);  
Mrs. May O'Neill (P.R.O.)

The remaining Council members are:

Mr. John Deegan, Mr. Declan Ellison, Rev. Fr. Fennell, O.Carm., Mr. Stephen Holt,  
Prof. R. Kernan, Mrs. Joan Ladd, Mr. Tom Ladd, Very Rev. Fr. Lee, P.P.,  
Mr. Frank McCann, Jnr., Mr. Sean Mahon, Rev. Fr. Molloy, C.S.Sp., Mr. G. Mullally,  
Mrs. Maire O'Nolan, Mrs. Ide Ryan, Mrs. M. Sargent, Mr. Michael Sheehan,  
Mr. John Whittle, Mrs. M. McKeivitt.

A vote of thanks was passed to the out-going Chairperson, Mr. John Deegan, to his colleagues of the Executive Committee, and to the remaining Council members for their efforts over the past year.

The activities we propose to organise during the coming year include an Arbor Day, Social, Cultural and Sports events for the young. Whist Drives will be resumed. The preliminary arrangements required to enable children to compete in the National Community Games this year are already in hand. A Sports Sub-Committee has been set up to organise local events. Residents' Associations and other organised groups are earnestly requested to actively join with us in our endeavours.

The Community Youth Group, organised under the last Council to cater for the 15 year-olds and over, shall continue to have our active support. They are a happy group, reporting on their own activities in this issue through a Committee selected by themselves. We, who know them are proud they are the young people of our community. Their initiative deserves greater help and support from parents and other interested adults. The appeal which we made last month for games' equipment, etc., still stands. If you can help please ring Frank McCann Jr 900875 or Joe Dunne 903030.

This magazine "Templeogue Telegraph" is our "life-line" of communication. Its collection and distribution are our responsibility. The Editorial Committee and the Heneghan Family are to be congratulated on the concerted effort they make to get our news out and about.

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TEMPLEOGUE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB (T.C.Y.C.)

We are happy to announce that the Templeogue Community Youth Club is now official open and our Club night is Saturday between 8.00 and 11.00 p.m. At present we are catering for approximately 40 members and we hope to increase this in the near future.

We have a wide range of activities including tabletennis, darts, records and other board games.

During the summer months we hope to organise many outdoor activities, including basketball and soccer leagues and possibly a swimming gala. We are planning challenge matches in soccer, tabletennis and basketball between ourselves and Perrystown Manor Estate Youth Club. However, these competitions are at present long term and will not be held for approximately ten(10) weeks.

"REPORTS"

Recently the Club went on its first outing to Powerscourt. Approximately 35 members went and a great time was had by all. During the course of the day we organised several activities including mixed soccer, leapfrog and wheelbarrow

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races all of which proved to be hilarious. Another factor which added to the enjoyment of the day was the good weather and the enthusiasm of the members.

At present we have a tabletennis competition underway and shortly we will be running off the first rounds.

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Once again we wish to appeal to the community for any donations of equipment which will improve the facilities of the Club. Anything, no matter how small will be appreciated, e.g., tabletennis equipment, board games, etc. Anyone wishing to join the Club is welcome to attend on Saturday nights where application forms are available.

Declan Ellison, Chairman.  
Liz Dawson, Secretary.

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TEMPLEOGUE LADIES' CLUB.....Report by Rosa Morris

Under the leadership of our new President, Mrs. Eleanor O'Mahony, our April meeting got off to a good start. Attendance was 131 members, and we welcomed ten new members to our ranks.

The Community Youth Club requested help and advice for a Cake Sale which they are holding to raise funds. The Ladies' Club have promised to support and help with this function and wish them every success. The Choir were congratulated on achieving 2nd place with 88 marks in the Fr. Mathew Feis. They will compete in further competitions on Monday 10th April and again in May at the Feis Ceoil. Dates 10th to 13th May.

There was very good support from the Club members who travelled to the Fr. Mathew Hall on the 21st March to see "The Biter Bit" being performed. Four of our Drama Group, Mrs. I. Gogan, Mrs. M. Coan, Mrs. P. Higgins and Mrs. McKeivitt combined with three of Phibsboro Club gave an excellent performance and were awarded 2nd place. The Variety group travelled to Greenacres to stage "Shades of Dublin" which was a tremendous success. Club members who missed this fantastic show will have an opportunity to see this talented group in our Variety Concert which we hope to run in Terenure College on Monday 15th May. Tickets £1. Judging by the local talent available this promises to be a night to remember.

The new Bowling Competition commences 7th April. In the previous competition, High Handicap Players, Mrs. Sadie Garvey got 3rd place and received a beautiful trophy. In the Low Handicap Players, Mrs. Kitty Bowden got 6th place and our President, Mrs. Eleanor O'Mahony, got 7th. Both players received very nice plaques.

Art: There is a lively interest in the Coal Distributors Competition from our talented artists. There is a section also for Poetry and Photography. Details and entry forms in Ladies' Club Magazine. Entry forms must be signed by the Secretary.

Floral Competition 6th May. Closing date 17th April. Public Speaking and Debating are having a well earned rest. A very informative talk from Mr. Jimmie O'Dea, Hair Care Centre and one of our new members, Mrs. Eileen Smith, Springfield Road, went home looking very glamorous after being the lucky recipient of a new hair do.

The President thanked Mr. O'Dea on behalf of all the members.

The raffle was won by Mrs. Carmel Byrne.

Our Minister for Health, Mr. Haughey, on a number of occasions since taking office, has expressed concern at the high incidence of chronic illness in our population which is higher than elsewhere in the EEC. He has continually stressed the need for a positive approach to health care. The role of the average G.P. in our society is usually to dispense drugs and try to repair the damage rather than encourage people to avoid conditions which will inevitably lead to illness and possibly premature death from cardiovascular or respiratory disease. Some of us may have read the timely series of articles by the Medical Correspondent of the Irish Times, Dr. David Nowlan, in which he emphasised the importance of regular exercise, the need to avoid smoking, over-indulgence in sugar and sweet things generally and obesity. The average teenager in the community takes sufficient exercise to balance our high calorific intake but as years go by we get out of the habit of exercise as the opportunities for regular and strenuous activity decrease. There are of course the odd-bods who don track suits and venture out after dark to jog around the block or those eccentrics who take to the bike when they are old enough to know better, but most of us take far too little exercise. Even the regular walk with the dog although excellent in itself is not sufficient to clean out our clogging arteries. We need to push ourselves to the stage of breathlessness at times. I need hardly say that for the person who is unfit and in middle age to exercise strenuously is downright dangerous and is not to be encouraged. We need to build up gradually to a peak of fitness and try to stay there. To exercise alone is less fun than group exercise and yet we may not wish to engage in competitive activity. Therefore, what I am suggesting is that those in the community who wish to enjoy good health or regain their former fitness without too much trauma and discomfort should consider how non-competitive outdoor and indoor physical activity might be organised and encouraged in the community through such things as hiking, biking, climbing, P.T. swimming, etc. We are fortunate in living so near the mountains and forests. In Germany and other countries of Europe the Forest Parks include exercise trails where people have facilities for weight lifting, balancing and hand hanging feats.

Just one final suggestion - now that Spring is upon us, would it be possible to encourage people on one Sunday in the month to leave their cars at home and walk to church. For most of us the walk takes no more than 15 minutes and it would make for more sociability and cleaner air - a real community effort.

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REPORT OF ST. PIUS X SCHOOLS PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Table-tennis practice sessions for sixth class girls and boys who will be competing in the forthcoming competition will take place on Saturday mornings dated 8/4/78 and 15/4/78, time 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The sessions which will be held in the school hall, will be divided as follows:-

<u>Boys</u>	10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (Mr. Quinn's class)
<u>Girls</u>	11 a.m. to 12 a.m. (Mrs. Donnelly's class)
<u>Boys</u>	12 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Mr. Cahill's class)

Those attending speech and drama classes will be facilitated where necessary. Details of the competition will be notified to all concerned through the schools principals. (If you have a bat please bring it with you.)

Girls and Boys of 4th classes please note the following:

Table-tennis instruction for the girls on Saturday the 8/4/78 at 3 p.m. On the following Saturday, 15/4/78, at the same time 3 p.m. the boys will have their chance. All of this will take place in the school hall and again if you have a bat please bring it with you.

Parents who have a knowledge of table-tennis would be most welcome to come and help with both the above projects. Please ring Joe Dunne, 903030 or May O'Neill, 903000.

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Swimming, Speech and Drama and Art classes will resume week commencing 3/4/78. We look forward to seeing all our old pupils again. There are some vacancies in the Art Class. If interested please contact May O'Neill 903000.

The Cake Sale held in the Committee Room of St. Pius X Church on 12/3/78 was a sell-out. We are most grateful to all those who gave their generous support.

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MEETING OF THE MID-WEST COUNTY DISTRICT COMMITTEE 10/3/1978

ITEM NO. 14

PROVISION OF PEDESTRIAN/TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON WAINSFORT ROAD AND FORTFIELD ROAD

Question: Councillor M. Taylor. "To ask the Manager what pedestrian crossings or traffic lights are planned or under consideration for Wainsfort Road or Fortfield Road indicating the exact position regarding each proposal and in the case of approval proposals when the works will commence?"

Reply. There is a Statutory Request for the provision of traffic signals at the junction of Fortfield Road/Wainsfort Road, but finance has not been available from the Road Fund to date to allow for the installation of the signals. Their installation in the current year is being considered out of the grant available £52,000.

There are no further pedestrian crossings nor traffic signals proposed for Wainsfort Road at present. Since it is almost two years since vehicular and pedestrian counts were taken arrangements will be made to have fresh counts taken and the results when available will be submitted to the Traffic Study Group for recommendation and the Gardai for a decision.

As Fortfield Road is maintained by Dublin Corporation the question of the provision of traffic signals or pedestrian signals on this road is a matter for that Authority.

(Above kindly forwarded by Councillor M. Taylor.)

TEMPLEOGUE SWIMMING CLUB .....by Repsaj

Up to now only top swimmers travelled to competitions outside Dublin but on Friday 31st March the whole Club travelled to Shannon, Co. Clare, at the invitation of Shannon Swimming Club. Arrangements were made for our swimmers to stay in the homes of local boys and I must say they were given a really great time. These people spared no effort to make the lads feel at home and in our case the father in the home took three pairs of shoes (belonging to three of our boys) and polished them before they paid a short visit to an organised disco.

We left Dublin early Friday and our first stop was outside Nenagh where we had a picnic. In all there were thirty three which included three adults, Jim Farnan, Sean Mahon and Frank McCann Snr. It was a wonderful sight to see 8, 9 and 10 year olds sitting down and looking after themselves with their own "grub" beside such seasoned characters as Matt Kenny, Frank McCann, Jnr., John Houlihan. These are looked up to as heroes by the younger boys. Everything was quiet and peaceful until somebody shouted they had found a very large box of chocolate biscuits hidden in the mini-bus. There was a stampede (even some of the big

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fellows joined in) into the back of the bus and after a few minutes "bodies" were emerging with mouths full and fists full of chocolate goldgrain. It is just what you would expect to see in a "William" film. We are grateful to Mrs. Donovan for the biscuits and would assure her they were enjoyed by those only who were not afraid to enter the bus that evening. We were joined for a few minutes at our picnic site by a bus load of (40) Guinness Swimming Club members who were on the same mission as ourselves.

The first competition took place on Friday night and we are glad to say Templeogue led in the "medal stakes". The fourth club competition was from Limerick City. A fifth Club (Ennis) withdrew when they heard our lads were coming. The coach to Guinness Swimming Club, Pat White (brother of Olympic swimmer, "Chalkey" White), challenged anybody in the Pool to a race over 50 m. Butterfly. You can depend on Templeogue to challenge anybody and Matt Kenny took him on. Pat, having tried all the "tricks in the trade" including "pulling on the rope" lost to Matt and offered to take him on again on Saturday. On that occasion Matt said if he had his glasses he would have beaten him by twice as much.

The competition on Saturday was for points and Templeogue again came out on top beating Guinness by one point. It was a most enjoyable encounter and each and every one of the lads enjoyed it very much. Mick Hennessy of Shannon Swimming Club made a presentation to each of the visiting Clubs and Guinness S.C. have organised a return "meeting" early in May. We hope to be able to offer the same hospitality we received in Shannon to the boys when they come to Dublin.

The journey home was uneventful except for a puncture in Frank McCann's car and needless to say there were many willing hands to carry out the repairs. We are looking forward to some future trips and we also have no doubt but the boys big and small will be as well behaved as they were on this trip. Congratulations boys.

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THE EMIGRANT'S LAMENT .....by M. J. Gormley.

1.

Oh how lonesome I feel,  
When I'm far far from home,  
And as night shadows steal  
There in fancy I roam -  
To the scenes of my youth  
In those dear days of yore.  
Oh I yearn - 'tis the truth  
For the Home I adore.

2.

The pride of my life,  
And a source of great joy,  
Is my dear loving wife,  
Whom I love till I die.  
May the few that God sent me  
Give ear to this poem.  
Then they never shall flee  
From their dear Irish home.

3.

Now I'm greying in years,  
And my dear wife is too.  
Sure it fills me with tears  
For our loved ones and you.  
We may be apart  
O'er the sea's briny foam  
But the throb of my heart  
Is in my Irish home.

4.

Then forget not this rhyme,  
As I bid you adieu.  
Please heed it in time  
Or the day you may rue.  
For if you start to roam  
You may never see more  
That once happy home,  
On old Erin's green shore.



24 Templeville Road,  
Dublin 6.

18th March, 1978.

TEMPLEVILLE ROAD TRAFFIC DEBACLE

Dear Editor,

May I, as a resident of Templeville Road, express a purely personal opinion on the Dublin County Council Manager's report in regard to conditions on this, and other adjacent roads. For reasons of publication dead lines this letter has gone to press before the Templeville and Fortfield Residents' A.G.M. on the 3rd April.

The Manager's report states that Templeville Road is "part of an important traffic route linking the Naas Road with the Bray Road". Why did the Manager not use the correct terminology to describe this road since the opening of the new extension; in other words, why not state openly that it is now officially designated a NATIONAL PRIMARY ROUTE? In effect, this means that all traffic, regardless of size and weight west of a line from Monaghan to Cork and bound for the Dun Laoghaire Car Ferry passes through Templeville Road and other residential areas east and west of it. Templeville Road is now seen to be a gateway to and from Europe, wide open for twenty-four hours of each day for 365 days each year. (With no discernible law enforcement which exacerbates the problems).

Viewed within the context of O.E.C.D. recommendations, which deals very explicitly with the damaging effects of heavy industrial traffic on property in residential areas, and since this country is a member country of the O.E.C.D., many people would hold that the designating of this road as part of a NATIONAL PRIMARY ROUTE may constitute an infringement of ordinary human rights (or even constitutional rights?)

Politicians would say that those who would wish to have the new extension road closed simply want to transfer their problems on to somebody else - as if those people were devoid of a social conscience. I would state it rather differently by saying that due to failure of politicians and public servants to plan adequately and comply with O.E.C.D. recommendations, people who live on what is now a NATIONAL PRIMARY ROUTE are being asked to bear an unreasonable and intolerable burden. The report states that this road was conceived as a "traffic route" long before these houses were built. If that is so then one is entitled to ask - why was planning permission given for these houses in the first instance, and if it was given then why was the planning not suitably conceived? These are matters for which the State must bear a grave responsibility.

The increase of 2% as stated in the report when applied only to heavy industrial traffic is, in my view, very significant, but this kind of statistic is open to much more critical analysis. How soon after the extension was opened was the monitoring done? Would the increase now be 5% or 7% or what...? And what would be the projection for future years? With the forecast of even more and heavier traffic on the roads to and from Europe this property in the years ahead may well be classed by auctioneers as "undesirable property". Incidentally, there was no reference in the report to the increase in ordinary traffic which everybody knows to be astronomical.

As for the Glendown Residents' Association's objections to the rightful aspirations of those living on what is now part of the NATIONAL PRIMARY ROUTE, I can only assume in charity that they have not equated their own relatively small problem of inconvenience if the extension were closed, with the dire problems of those who would seek to have it closed pending the completion of the Southern Cross

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TEMPLEVILLE ROAD TRAFFIC DEBACLE /Continuation

highway. Our dire problems are - increased risk to life and limb (two deaths already early this year) - risk of damage to property - risk of devaluation of property - and utter despoliation of the environment. (I have not even mentioned inconvenience.) If the Glendown folk will do this equation and would still object to the closing of the extension, then it would surely be a classic example of "I'm all right Jack". I do not really believe that the residents in Glendown would be so lacking in Christian neighbourliness by insisting upon their "rights".

As for the politicians who said before the last election that they would get on with the construction of the Southern Cross highway immediately if elected - 'nuff said. Now it appears that money shortage is the problem. Yet road tax which ought to be used on road development (but never was), is now abolished. There is only a case for abolishing road tax if there is already enough money to do what is necessary. I say increase road tax and use it all on road development throughout the country. If that sounds mad just ask yourself a simple question; "Which is the better way - pay no road tax and finally grind to a halt, or pay road tax for proper planning and development and keep rolling". If we are unable to answer that simple question we are only fooling ourselves. Two and two will never make more than four. Sorry - except when political skulduggernauts do the sums - they can easily make five out of it; in fact they can perform miracles and make anything they wish out of it.

Yours etc.,  
Douglas W. McCowen.

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Office of the Chairman  
Dublin County Council.  
13th March, 1978.

Re: Southern Cross Route/Templeville Road

Dear Editor,

I should like to inform your readers that I will continue to press for the construction of the Southern Cross Route.

In fact I have referred in a number of public speeches recently to the pre-election promise by the Government that if elected it would immediately construct a road on the line of the Southern Cross Motorway. I have repeatedly called on the Government to honour its commitment and undertaking in this respect.

So far as the improvements on the Templeville/St. Peters Road are concerned the position is that on my motion the Council agreed to allocate £50,000 from the Road Works Block Grant to complete the necessary improvements.

Alterations to the P. & T. services along the road have been delayed due to the technicians dispute. However the completion work on the Templeville Road has been programmed in such a way that this delay will not interfere with the completion of the widening and surfacing of Templeville Road which is expected to be completed by mid April.

The improvement scheme in its entirety should be completed by August/September.

Yours etc.,  
Mervyn Taylor, M.C.C. Chairman  
Dublin County Council.

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TEMPLEVILLE AND FORTFIELD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

A.G.M. Report by Claire O'Regan, Hon. Secretary.

The A.G.M. of the above Association took place on Monday 3rd April, 1978, in Terenure College.

The following Officers and Committee were elected:

Chairman: Mr. J. Whittle  
Vice-Chairman: Mr. E. Malone  
Hon. Secretary: Mrs. C. O'Regan  
Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. E. Heffernan.  
Committee: Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. McCowan, Mr. Lang, Mrs. Williams, Mr. Scally, Mr. Deasy,  
Mr. McCowan.

The up-to-date position of the works on Templeville Road is as follows:

- (1) Bituminous overlay. It is expected that the Contractors will move in on the site in 2 weeks to commence this operation, this work should then be completed within about a month from the date of commencement, included in this would be the surfacing of Greentrees Road as well as Templeville Road.
- (2) Widening and Lighting. These items have been completed on Templeville Road. However, widening and lighting has yet to be completed on the Wainsfort Roundabout. The amount of work at the roundabout is not great, but the Telephone Technicians' strike is holding up the re-location of Post Office equipment, which in turn means that the widening of the roundabout is also held up.
- (3) Removal of Kiosk. This is a matter for the Department of Post and Telegraphs.
- (4) Barrells Removal. Following the recent removal of the ESB poles, most of the barrells have been removed, however, for safety reasons, it will be necessary to have a small number of barrels in position until the surfacing is completed.
- (5) Seeding of grass verges. This work will be carried out as necessary during the Spring and early Summer. Weather conditions will effect the finishing date.

Other works include the re-instatement of cuttings and some driveways, also tapering of new kerbs into the driveways. It is hoped to have this work completed by the Autumn.

Application has been made to the Traffic Section to install a yellow traffic box near the pedestrian traffic lights. It will be necessary to get approval from the Gardai for the provision of this item.

Finally I would like to point out as the surfacing will be carried out by contractors, completion date of this work will not be entirely under the control of the Council and delays caused by plant breakdown, disputes, etc., could possibly delay things.

The Committee will be looking into the possibility of getting advice from Senior Counsel for a case against the local authority, regarding the traffic on Templeville Road. The Committee hope to call to every house on Templeville Road for their opinions.

The Committee plan to have a meeting soon with local Councillors and T.Ds. So a busy year is forecast for the Association.

COMMUNITY GAMES.....by Sean Mahon.

Details have come to hand concerning the events in the programme for the Community Games 1978. They consist of Basketball (boys and girls), Boys' Soccer, Table-Tennis (boys and girls), Badminton, Camogie, Gaelic Football, Handball, Rugby, Hurling, Hardcourt Tennis, Volleyball (boys and girls), Girls' Soccer, Pitch and Putt, Chess, Athletics, Swimming, Water Polo, Water Safety Events, Judo, Art, Gymnastics (boys and girls), Boxing and Cycling.

For a new Council such as ours it would be out of the question to enter for all the above events and at last Council meeting a Sub-Committee (S. Mahon, G. McCarthy, J. Dunne, G. Mullally) was set up to investigate the whole situation. Already the Templeogue Gaelic Football Club have indicated that they can and will produce both football and hurling teams. The swimming fraternity have also indicated that they will organise themselves for the occasion. Remember last year they entered with Butterfield and ended up winning the Relay event in Mosney last September.

I think if we could enter for another four or five events we would be doing well and it would give us an amount of experience for 1979. However, the Sub-Committee will do its homework before next issue and will be able to give details of events and entry arrangements.

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TEMPLEOGUE G.A.A.

With the South City League coming to an end we are now turning for attention to our own "Street League". This league takes place during the month of May and this year we hope to get started on Monday 8th.

On this occasion we are only going to run one age group competition and that will be for boys under 12 years of age on 1st September, 1978. As usual we will be supplemented with boys from St. Joseph's National School, Terenure, because of the help and co-operation we receive during the year from the teaching staff and boys. The boys in St. Pius X National School will as usual be participating and Mr. P. O'Brien has offered any help he can give the Club in running the competition.

I am sure there are other boys in the Community who would like to participate and are going to schools other than the two mentioned above. If they are under 12 on 1st September, 1978, and wish to take part, put their name, address and date of birth on a piece of paper and give to Mr. N. Lynch, 45 Wainsfort Road, or Mr. S. Mahon, 89 Templeville Drive, before April 21st. You will be contacted later on and told what team you are on and when matches are being played.

One of our players, Kevin Hoyne, was selected for the U/14 South Dublin football team. They play North Dublin and the selectors will pick a team to represent Dublin who will play Louth on May 7th. Congratulations Kevin and I have no doubt he will reach the top in his football (and hurling) career.

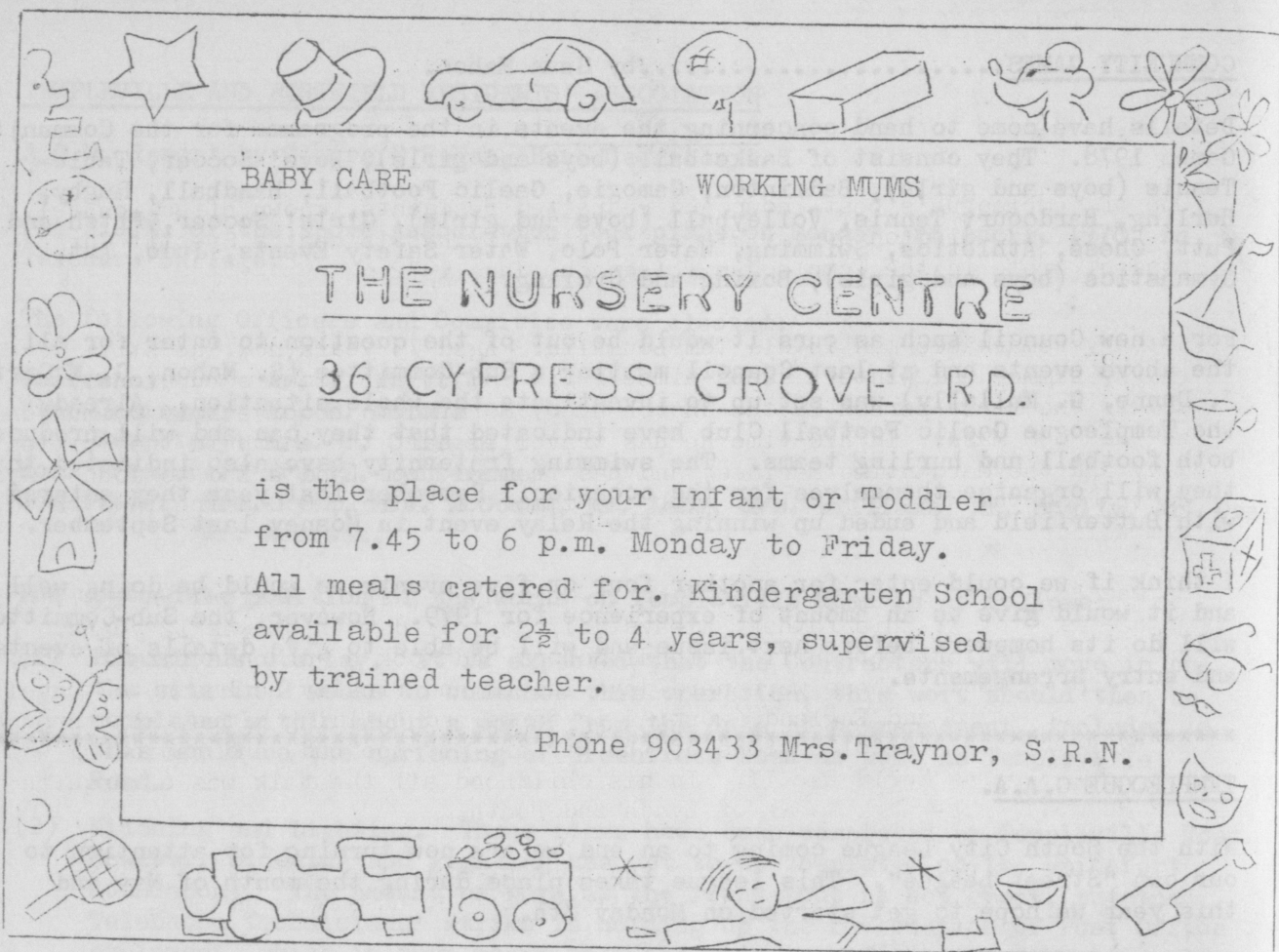
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## THE CASTLE

Derelict remote but with dignity and grace,  
Stands the old castle on its granite base.  
In the Blessington lake amid woodlands green.  
To appreciate its full beauty it has to be seen.

Only three of its walls are now standing erect,  
And one of these has a serious defect.  
A crack from the top to the bottom has spread,  
And the ivy that once covered it now lies dead.

Geographically speaking it's on a beautiful site,  
In attractive surroundings of the sheerest delight.  
Mountains behind it and a bridge at its side,  
And deep blue waters stretching far and wide.

Recently this Castle came into our views,  
With a television appearance on the evening news,  
There are plans afoot - so goes the story,  
To restore this old building to its former glory.

When this takes place I can venture to say,  
It will be quite rewarding a visit to pay.  
With restoration complete and plans all afloat,  
The Castle will no longer be derelict or remote.

Betty McDonnell.

## "OLD TOM" R.I.P.

One of Templeogue's best-known and respected residents, known affectionately as "Old Tom", died on Sunday 9th April, 1978. This is what a Special Correspondent wrote in the Templeogue Telegraph, June 1972 :

A truly remarkable man is old Tom Loughlin. Aged 75 years now, he still lives rough, summer and winter, keeps himself fit and at all times scrupulously clean, and is the first person in the Church every morning to receive Holy Communion at the 7.30 Mass. In his time he has travelled half the earth in the British Navy and the Mercantile Marines, and has tramped from Land's End to John O'Groats. He tramped the West of Ireland with the immortal Padraic O Conaire, and remembers him well.

He was born into a poor farm holding in Cullenogue, Inch, Wexford in 1897, one of a family of 3. His father, always delicate, died when he was 12 years. A year later he left Tara Hill National School and took a job on a farm for 6d. per day and his food. These were hard days indeed and finally he began to travel through Scotland and England, working in farms and building sites, all through World War I. His recollections of the War are not too bad, and rationing was not as severe as World War II. In his childhood all the talk was of Asquith and Redmond, just as we talk of Lynch and Heath.

In 1917 he joined the British Navy and subsequently the Mercantile Marine. Though he travelled widely on the Destroyer Sable, he saw no action.

Back in Ireland in 1922 he started his travelling career, being forced into this position by the scarcity of jobs during the troubles. Ireland was in a very depressed state and old friends became enemies. Old Tom's memory is phenomenal, and he can recall day by day, date by date, his experiences during this time. On Saturday, 6th December, 1930, an officious guard summoned him for begging - the first and only time he got into any trouble. On Sunday, 7th he got Mass in Tagoat church and set off by devious routes to Dublin, getting Mass on route on a very wet 8th December and Mass the following Sunday in Foxrock Church, thus missing his summons to court on the Wednesday morning. He took the boat for Liverpool and stayed two years.

On his return he graduated to an ass and cart and he is remembered for his spotless appearance in navy blue suit and clean white shirt.

In 1958 feeling worse for wear, he settled on the present site of the Roundabout, living on his pension of £4 per week, which to him is more than adequate. It's great to be alive, he says, and his daily Mass is to make up for his loss of faith during his travels in England. He quotes Robbie Burns with great satisfaction "Death is the poor man's friend, the dearest and the last".

Surely in Tom's life and philosophy there is a lesson for us all.

### TO PARENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

With the approach of the Confirmation ceremony, you are reminded that faithful membership of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association is an effective and valuable insurance against the dangers of drink. Yet it costs nothing, save the effort of making the application and the recitation of a few simple prayers by way of daily renewal. Make the effort! Be a PIONEER! Applications are taken on the 2nd Sunday of each month at St. Pius X Church (10.15 to 11.15 a.m.), or at other times by appointment (ring 900789 or 909128). Juvenile membership with special badge for the under 12s.

ST. ANSELM'S YOUTH GROUP - WEEKEND ODYSSEY.....The Southall Group  
Gwen Pressling.  
(Abstract from Southall Parish  
Newsletter)

Twenty-one bleary-eyed travellers tottered into the Rectory at 8.35 a.m. on the morning of Monday 20th February. Their tales were pretty bleak; Arctic conditions in Dublin with winds direct from Siberia; a sleepless night-crossing in seas which played petulantly with the ferry and reduced the most seasoned sailors to horizontal positions and complexions of variegated grey and green. One could not help beginning to feel sorry for these young people - until they asserted their enthusiastic determination to return to Templeogue! next weekend was the quickly agreed date! Yes, despite travelling discomforts the three days as guests of the Templeogue Youth Group had been a wonderful experience. The extremely warm and generous hospitality of our Irish hosts more than discounted the freezing winds. We stayed with individual families and met together; for visits to the city of Dublin, for a foray into the mountains to enjoy the snow at the impressive Reconciliation Centre at Glencree, for a bouncing concert on Saturday (2 live bands etc.) and for an unforgettable "Encounter" session on Sunday morning, leading into a really swinging Folk Mass to climax our stay. Despite the rough return, the outward journey was very smooth. It was highlighted by an impromptu nursery for toddlers set up on board the ferry by Trevor Georges, the Pied Piper of Southall. With Hilda Miranda, Annie Brown and Javkie Stauchbury, Trevor also waxed eloquent in a radio recording made for R.T.E. Its subject was encounter and growth groups and Christian experience of young people. Luis was kept busy recording the highlights with Sr. Madeleine's camera. Other forms of individual activity were Wayne Simon's assessments of Irish Scalextric, Richard Hill's marching for peace, Basil Colaco's mystification of Irish children with Indian sweetmeats and John Rawlins....well, he had his hands full. Tony Kelleher gave lessons in card playing to other travellers, while Jacki Ramsden flouted the sea's efforts to rock the stability of her tum, then succumbed to the more subtle movements of the Paddington - Southall line! For Elaine Murphy, her cousin, the visit was a return to her former home. Mark Mullane characteristically mocked all our tales of travelling discomfort - and well he might, since he was flying! As for Robin, well he's still counting to 21 in his sleep and ticking imaginary check-lists, which also included Marion Kelleher, Phil Brown, Chris Drury, Anne Lehane, Patrickson Williams and Geff Debonne - in all a really super group to go away with. This was the return visit to the Dublin group who stayed with us in November. They send warm greetings to all of you in Southall, and especially to the families who received them while they were here. Fr. Liam Carey presented the Southall group with a beautiful carving of St. Patrick's Cross, as a memento of an experience that was so very rich culturally, socially and spiritually. The great sense of community of the T.Y.G. and their impressive Christian spirit have inspired us all.

Our own young people too have been outstanding ambassadors of our own brand of Christian living in Southall. Now that Templeogue has come to Southall, and Southall has reciprocated, both groups are very aware that they are part of something that has begun, not finished. We're looking forward to receiving another visit soon! From our theme song: (with apologies to Scott Fitzgerald) to the tune "If I Had Words":-

From Southall 'cross the Irish sea to you,  
We're glad that our friendship you can renew,  
We would want His love known by all who,  
In peace embrace, make the Kingdom new.

Our town is home to many diff'rent hues,  
Hate comes from the unknown fear we must lose,  
And deep in our hearts is the strong desire,  
That with Christ's love the world catch afire.



## CREDIT UNION ESSAY COMPETITION

The results of the recent annual essay competition run by Templeogue & District Credit Union were:

- 1st Prize (£10): Martin Ring (Templeogue College)  
2nd Prize (£7) : Gifford Duggan (Our Lady's School)  
3rd Prize (£3) : Geraldine Harris (Holy Faith Convent, The Coombe)

The first prize winner's essay goes on to compete with the winners from 30 other Credit Unions for a prize from Chapter. The winners from the Chapters go on to compete for the prizes presented by the Irish League of Credit Unions for the national winners. The prizes were presented to the winners by Mr. Patrick Feehan, Principal, Sundrive Vocational School, who judged the essays and commented upon the very high standard of the entries.

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BOOK REVIEW - Theodorakis JOURNALS OF RESISTANCE, translated from the French  
by Graham Webb, published by Hart-Davis MacGibbon at £2.95.  
JOHN McCANN

Mikis Theodorakis the 47-year-old Greek communist has been involved in every upheaval during thirty years of Greek turbulence under Royal, Republican and Dictatorial regimes.

A poet of some status, he is a music composer for ballet, opera and films. He formed his own orchestra and has gained fame not only in Greece, where his songs are widely known but throughout Europe.

Agree or disagree with Theodorakis, none can doubt his sincerity and complete disinterestedness in what he believes was for the best interests of Greece. During the Republican phase in his native land, he was elected a member of parliament, one of a handful of communists.

His Journals of Resistance is not a narrative but rather a diary in which he records mundane events together with his own poetical observations, in and out of goals, and the numerous poems and ditties written while in adversity.

Plagued with tuberculosis, few men in any cause could have suffered the brutal treatment to which he was subjected in the concentration camp and prisons.

Mikis Theodorakis was nineteen when the British "liberating army" landed in Greece in October 1944. The British commander and the Greek politicians made it quite clear that the communists would have to obey orders; but Theodorakis and his group held a demonstration against what they termed the new occupation force. The troops opened fire and while many lay dead and wounded Theodorakis soaked a Greek Flag in the blood of a dead comrade and marched up to the barricade where he was felled by the butt of a rifle. Subsequently the British sought to wipe out the Resistance movement and sent 7,500 to El Daba Camp in Libya.

In March of 1949, the authorities tried to enrol students in the Army. Three hundred, including Theodorakis, decided not to sign. They were gathered together and maltreated for ten hours, which included baton blows. The poet collapsed and was taken to a notorious executioner named Loris who specialised in torture. He was bound to a table and had a leg broken. While he was unconscious, a Cretan friend of the composer guided his hand and made a mark on the recruitment form which was sufficient to enrol Theodorakis in the Army. He was then removed to a hospital for incurables. He survived the ordeal and, despite his many trials, was graduated from the Athens Conservatoire in the Summer of 1950.

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How are loans dealt with?

There is a Credit Committee consisting of 4 directors. There is always at least one present at our office at Fortfield Park on Wednesday night and at Orwell on Friday night. Any member wanting a loan can have a chat with one of them and together they fill out a Loan Application Form.

The 4 members of the Credit Committee meet weekly and approve all loans. The form is then passed to the Treasurer who draws a cheque. When the cheque is given to the member, the amount is entered on his or her pass-book.

What influences the Credit Committee?

They have to balance 3 considerations:

- (1) The money which is available to be loaned represents members' savings. The members trust that the Credit Committee will be as careful with their money as they would themselves. In other words, they must be reasonably satisfied that the borrower can and will pay it back.
- (2) One of the aims of the Credit Union is to loan money to members. Hence the Credit Committee are most sympathetic to all applications.
- (3) The most important consideration is what is best for the member, since it is no favour to loan a member more than he or she can repay. If a member wants advice, the Credit Committee are glad to do all they can to help.

What happens in practice?

Apart from a handful of applications, the form is filled out in 5 or 10 minutes and the loan is granted without any bother.

How about my neighbours knowing my business?

When the new board of directors and supervisors meet for the first time after each year's annual general meeting, the first thing each one must do is to sign a Pledge of Secrecy that Credit Union business or information picked up while a director will not be discussed outside. If a director were to violate this, the matter would be very seriously dealt with.

Another possibility, for those still worried about privacy, is to check with a few members to see what their experience has been. With 400 members, there are bound to be ones living near you.

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(More about loans next month)

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That was the beginning of the long persecution which culminated in the edict of the Army, after the Colonels had taken over in 1967. The Order ran: "We have decided and we order that throughout the country it is forbidden to reproduce or play the music and songs of Mikis Theodorakis, the former leader of the now dissolved communist organisation...because the music is in the service of communism. It is also forbidden to sing any songs used by the communist youth movement.....since these songs arouse passions and cause strife among the people. Citizens who contravene the order will be brought immediately before the military tribunal and judged under martial law".

Theodorakis was arrested two months later and began a hunger strike. Ten days later he was removed unconscious to the Averof prison hospital. While he was there, a military tribunal condemned a 24-year-old shopkeeper to four years' imprisonment for having sold a record of the banned music of Theodorakis.

He was freed from prison in January, 1968 having served five months without trial; but in August he and his family were taken and sent to the remote mountain village of Zatouna where they were kept under close house arrest and forbidden to write or receive letters or visitors.

Throughout his persecution, he continued to write poetry, copious prose and music. In October, 1969, he was taken to Oropas, a prison camp north of Athens. There he made the following entry in his journal: "At the beginning I feel strangely free. I can walk and move about without having a guard at my heels. The sea shimmers in the distance. There is a garden with flowers and vegetables. Oropas seems like paradise! After meals, I sing them my new songs. After a few days I have a little choir. Then fairly quickly, the climate, the horizon changes. The sea becomes a frontier, a barrier. The camp contracts before my eyes. The barbed wire grows higher. Two visitors once every two months. Correspondence is restricted. Forced labour and sickness. The average sentence 12 years. The average age of prisoners is 56. And to crown it all there are partisan quarrels, the fanaticism of the clans."

Throughout the book there are many gems of prose even if the poetry would seem to have suffered in the translation from the French.

1970 saw Theodorakis with a recurrence of tuberculosis when he was again transferred to the prison hospital. While he was there an appeal went out in many countries for his release but it was the personal request to the Greek President by Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber which was successful. It later transpired that the Greek Premier had actually decided to release 322 prisoners as an act of international policy to mark the third anniversary of the junta coming to power. The anniversary date was April 21st, 1970. Mikis Theodorakis was flown to France where he was later joined in exile by his wife and two children.

Readers inclined to be deterred from reading the volume because of the admittedly involved background of Greek politics will be greatly helped by a clarifying chronology by Ole Wahl Olsen who has written a book in Danish on the subject called Five Yards From My Cell.

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#### THINK ABOUT IT!

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