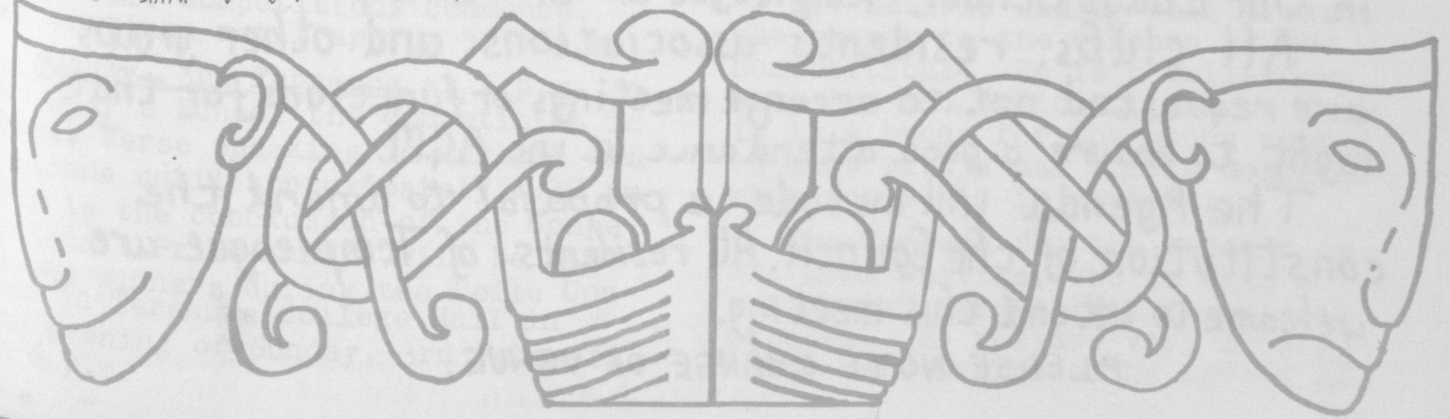


# Templeogue Telegraph

THE OLD CHURCH  
OF TEMPLEOGUE,  
WELLINGTON LANE



- 1st Friday La Fheile Bhride - Competitions commence in Our Lady's School 5.30 p.m.  
 Family Mass. 7.30 p.m. St. Pius X Church
- 2nd Saturday Feile Bhride, Templeogue, continues, commencing 10 a.m.
- 3rd Sunday Feile Bhride, Templeogue continues, commencing 2 p.m.  
 Feile Bhride, Gala Concert, Terenure College, 8 p.m.
- 5th Tuesday Meeting of Parents re Confirmation, St. Pius X School Hall 8 pm
- 6th Wednesday Ladies Club Meeting. 8 p.m.
- 7th Thursday Monthly meeting, Templeogue Parents Association. 8 p.m.
- 8th Friday Dodder Vale Flower Group, Templeogue College, 8 p.m.  
 Whist Drive, Committee Room, St. Pius X Church, 8.15 p.m.
- 11th Monday St. Pius Schools' Management Boards meet, 8.15 p.m.
- 12th Tuesday St. Joseph's Young Priests Society, White Fathers, 8 p.m.
- 13th Wednesday Parish Liturgy Group meets 8.0 p.m.
- 19th Tuesday Meeting of Parents re Confirmation, St. Pius X School Hall 8 p.m.
- 20th Wednesday **ASH WEDNESDAY**  
 Templeogue Horticultural Society, Our Lady's School, 8.0 p.m.
- 22nd Friday 3rd Talk, "Our Dublin" by Eamonn MacThomais, St. Pius X School Hall, 8.0 p.m.
- 23rd Saturday Templeogue Parents' Association Annual Dinner
- 25th Monday A.G.M., Templeogue Community Council, Our Lady's School 8.15 p.m. Sharp.
- 26th Tuesday Solos and Friends meet Templeogue College, 8 p.m.  
 LaFosse Lecture, Our Lady's School, 8 p.m.

- EVERY TUESDAY St. Jude's Bridge Club, Orwell Park, 7.45 p.m.
- EVERY WEDNESDAY Coffee in Committee Room, St. Pius X Church 10.30 a.m.  
 Charismatic Group meets, St. Pius X Church 8.0 p.m.
- EVERY THURSDAY Bridge Club meets St. Pius X School Hall 7.30 p.m.
- EVERY FRIDAY Bridge Club meets, Templeogue College, 7.30 p.m.
- EVERY SATURDAY Youth Club meets, St. Pius X School Hall, 8.0 p.m.

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## TEMPLEOGUE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Annual General Meeting of Templeogue Community Council will be held on **MONDAY 25th FEBRUARY** in Our Lady's School, Templeogue at 8.15 sharp.

All clubs, residents associations and other groups are requested not to arrange meetings or functions for that night, to ensure a good attendance at the A.G.M.

The Agenda will include a proposal to amend the constitution of the Council. All residents of Templeogue are welcome to attend this meeting.

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE.**

# Community Notes

May O'Neill P.R.O.

The first day of February is officially the first day of Spring.

Whatever the weather, Community Council members spring into action with the opening of the first ever Feile Bhride, Templeogue. As you read this it will be all over. We hope our prayers are answered, and that we are basking now in the sunshine of success - le conamh De.

The New Year came and went as it always did, and no one seemed to notice that the New Decade arrived. It looks just the same as ever, and we have resumed our normal pattern. Many of us are glad.

There are events to note particularly:

(1) the third in a series of talks

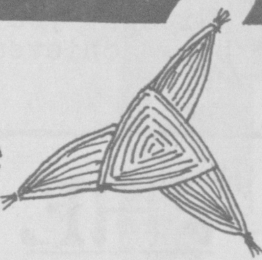
on "Our Dublin" by Eamonn MacThomais in St. Pius X School Hall, on February 22nd. These talks are organised by St. Pius X Parents' Association. (2) The LaFosse Lecture being held on 26th February in Our Lady's School. This is an annual event, and Dr. James White, Director of the National Gallery of Art is the guest speaker. If you haven't heard him for yourself already you should not miss this opportunity. You will not be disappointed.

Another date that should be remembered by all is Wednesday, 20th February - Ash Wednesday - and the commencement of the Season of Lent. Who remembers the efforts to "give-up" sweets, or smoking or drinking? It seems to be a secret these times.

## feile bhride

TEMPLEOGUE 1980

1st - 3rd February, 1980



Feile Bhride opens at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, 1st February, in Our Lady's School. Competitions in Irish continue throughout the evening, finishing at approximately 9.30 p.m.

Saturday, 2nd February in Our Lady's School, competitions commence at 10 a.m., and will continue through to 9 p.m. approx that evening.

At 3 p.m. on Saturday afternoon in Templeogue College, the Piano Solo Competitions commence, and continue until approx 5.30 p.m.

Sunday, 3rd February at 2 p.m. in Our Lady's School the competition in Choral Verse Speaking in English will continue until approximately 4.30 pm. This is the conclusion of the Competitions. Prize-awards will be made to the winners during the Feile Concert in Terenure College Hall in the evening of Sunday, 3rd February at 8 p.m.

The Concert Programme consists of items by the adult choirs and groups of our community, and will include the Templeogue College Band. An added interesting attraction will be the children of the Zion School Bloomfield Avenue, who will sing for us in Hebrew. Their Conductor is Mr. Riffkin, and piano accompanist Mrs. Bernstein. We are grateful to them for their interest and enthusiasm, and we are delighted to have them with us.

Dr. Seoirse Bodley will present the awards to the winners of the competitions. He is a well-known Composer and Musician, and we feel it is a bonus for the young people to meet with a man who is doing so much for music in Ireland.

The Compere for the concert is Mr. John Whittle, who is also a well-known personality in musical circles. He resides very locally and we are delighted he agreed to

take on this onerous task, but no better man!

There was a marvellous response to this inaugural occasion of a Festival week-end involving the members of our Community of Templeogue. Over 300 entries to the competition have been received. Most schools responded very well, and make-up the bulk of the entries of course. Teachers generally seemed very pleased with the opportunity to encourage their pupils to avail of the constructive help and advice they will gain as a result. As you read this you will have made up your own mind, however, and the organisers will be heaving a great sigh of relief or could it be anguish? And what about the competitors? We hope you won't be shy if there is something bad, or even good, to be said.

Our most sincere thanks to all who supported us, and a special thanks to Sponsors and Benefactors, and to those of you who became Associate Members. Without you nothing could have been achieved.

We extend our best thanks to the School Authorities, who rallied around and gave every help possible regarding accommodation.

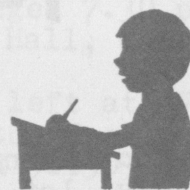
A Kerryman met his brother in London. After the initial greeting, he asked Mick - "when did you come over?" "Monday" said Mick. "Did you come by air or by boat?" "I don't know" said Mick "twas the wife got the tickets"!

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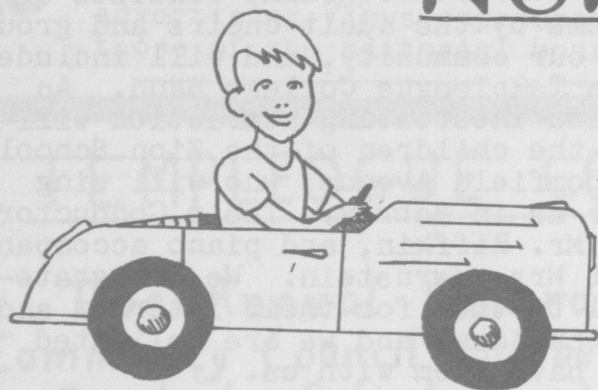
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# Saint Valentine

by Nella Allen

Hearts and flowers, moonlight and roses, love poems and anonymous messages of love, all add up to Saint Valentine's day. It is a fun day for young lovers and for some old ones too perhaps. In Spring a young man's fancy . . . , spring time is mating time. Tradition has it that birds mated on the fourteenth of February, it was also the day that young girls chose their sweethearts.

The commercial aspect of Saint Valentine's day is indeed lucrative for the vendors of greeting cards, chocolate confectionary and flowers, in fact for all types of gifts. The fourteenth of February must come as a welcome bonus to shopkeepers in the lean days following the great Christmas and January sales spend out. It is also a chink of light-heartedness in the season of penance should Lent happen to fall around that date.

But what of the Saint with whom we associate this heady springtime celebration - Saint Valentine. It is not widely appreciated that the fair city of Dublin has very special connections with the patron saint of lovers. In a quiet corner of the Carmelite Church in White Friar Street stands the shrine of Saint Valentine, beneath the beautiful statue by Irene Broe are the remains of the Roman martyr.

Saint Valentine was a young Roman who lived in the third century, in the reign of Emperor Claudius II. He became a Christian and was imprisoned for his faith. The Prefect of Rome tried to induce Valentine to renounce Christianity but he all threats and promises were flatly rejected. Valentine was finally put to death. It is known however that he was visited daily during his incarceration by a young lady, thought to be his sweetheart, perhaps here we have the reason for his connection with lovers. That and the fact that his feast day falls on the fourteenth of February.

The honour of being the final resting place for the Saint's remains was bestowed on Dublin by Pope Gregory the sixteenth, in recognition of the excellent charitable work and the oratorical preaching skills of a Dublin born Carmelite Father John Stratt. Father Stratt was educated in Cordova, Spain and on his return to Dublin spent his life in the service of the poor of the city. He was instrumental in founding many charitable organizations many of which are still in existence today



*Shrine of Saint Valentine, Whitefriar Street*

When he was forty years old Father stratt visited Rome for health reasons, and while there he obtained the body of Saint Valentine, which was transferred from the cemetery of Saint Hippolitus on the Via Tibertina to Dublin. On the Tenth of November eightenn thirty six, a civic reception was given in honour of the arrival of the Saints remains. The then Archbishop Doctor Murray presided at the High Mass which followed.

On the fourteenth of February each year in the White Friars Street Church there is a ceremony in which the Sacred relics are blessed. Valentine, saint and martyr belongs to Dublin.

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# SANCT BRIDGET'S DAY LONG AGO

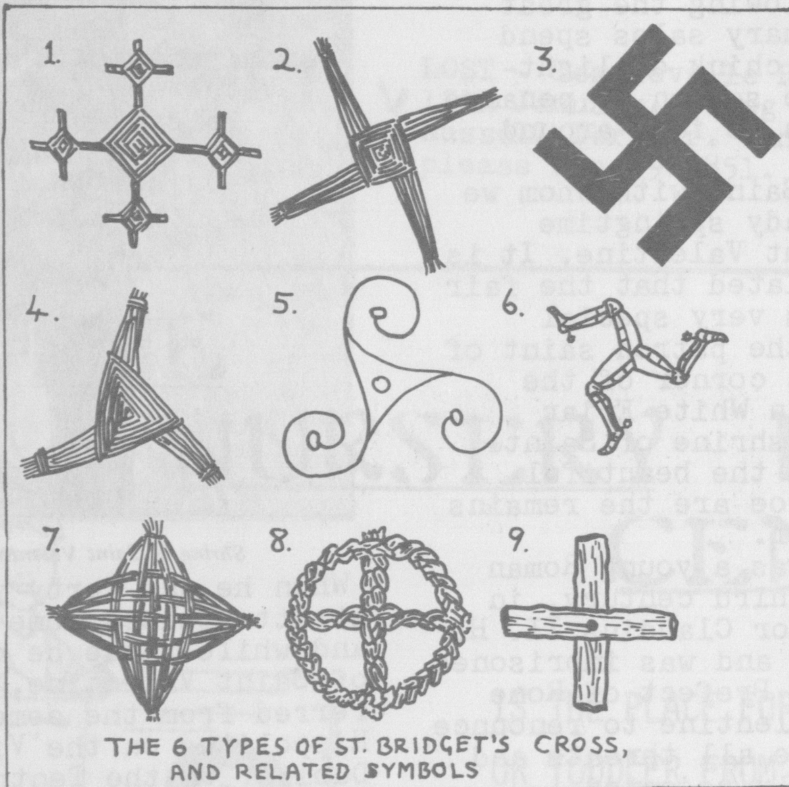
Thaddeus C. Breen

"What's this - a three-legged Saint Bridget's Cross?" you must have thought on seeing the symbol for the Feile Bhríde in the last two issues. Few Dubliners realise that there are at least six types of St. Bridget's Cross.

The first of February has always had a special importance in rural Ireland, as it is one of the four main points in the agricultural year: this is when the farmers begin to prepare for the spring sowing. Long before Christianity, it was a pagan festival when people carried out certain rituals to ensure that food would be plentiful in the coming year. A fertility goddess named Brighid was worshipped on that day by the pagan Celts. The Brigante tribe of Northern England was called after her. Her cult was probably centred on Kildare, where St. Bridget's Monastery later was. When the first Christian missionaries came to Ireland, rather than trying to force people to change their way completely, they allowed the new converts to keep many of their customs, with a new meaning. As part of this process, the spring sowing festival was dedicated to St. Bridget, and people prayed to her instead of worshipping Brighid. The characteristics of Brighid and the customs associated with her were transferred to St. Bridget. In St. Bridget's Monastery at Kildare, a perpetual fire, which could not be approached by a male, was tended by twelve nuns. This was similar to the sanctuary of Minerva in England and the temple of Vesta in Rome - where a perpetual fire was tended by six virgins. Many old customs survived until recently - the best known is that of St. Bridget's Cross.

On St. Bridget's Eve, the children gathered rushes (these had to be plucked, not

cut), and left them in a bundle outside the door of the house. Later that night they were brought in by a young girl who represented St. Bridget. The crosses were then woven clockwise while a traditional prayer was recited. Then the family had a meal, after which they placed the crosses in the house, the byre and the fields, to protect the family and livestock from sickness and fire, and to ensure plenty of meat, milk and crops. The cross was placed on the rafters of the house or in the thatch, just over the door so that no evil spirit could enter. As a new cross was put in the roof each year, it was said that you could tell how old a house was by counting the crosses.



THE 6 TYPES OF ST. BRIDGET'S CROSS, AND RELATED SYMBOLS

Although they are now crosses, they are derived from pagan symbols. The most widespread type was a wooden cross decorated with diamonds of woven straw or rushes (see No. 1). The diamond shape was originally a pagan sun-symbol. The second most popular cross is the type used by R.T.E. (No. 2). This is commoner in the northern half of Ireland. It is not a true cross but a swastika, another sun symbol (No. 3). In Sweden there was an old custom of carving swastikas on the rafters of barns as protective symbols.

There was also a three-legged "cross" (No. 4) used in Ulster, for cow-sheds only. This was probably derived from the Celtic symbol known as a triskele (No. 5), from which the Isle of Man symbol (No. 6) is probably also derived. Another cross was the interlaced type (No. 7) made in the western half of Ireland, especially Sligo and Donegal. This was used mainly in stables, but sometimes in dwelling-houses too. In Cork and Tipperary an unusual wheel type was woven with straw rope (No. 8). In some places, including Clare and Galway, a plain cross (No. 9) was used.

Another old custom was when a group of people

wearing masks or straw hats and dressed up went from house to house carrying a figure of St. Bridget known as the Biddy. At each house they would be given a gift (just like Hallow e'en, another of the four quarterly feasts). The figure of the Saint was made of straw, or with a brush-handle and a turnip, and all the women had to bow before it. In parts of Co. Galway, the Biddy was carried round by a group of girls, while a group of boys visited the houses with a girdle of straw-rope with crosses attached. At each house the members of the household, and the cows would step through this girdle three times to ensure their good health in the coming year. Another ritual concerning health was leaving a cloth outdoors that night so that St. Bridget would touch it and give it healing powers.

There were lots of minor rituals too. The family ate a supper of pancakes, or barm-brack, or colcannon (like Hallow e'en) taken from a plate laid on a rush cross. The future was foretold - who would marry whom: (like Hallow e'en), and a sheaf of oats was thrown against the doorstep to drive away hunger. A bed of rushes was laid in front of the fire for the Saint to rest on during the night, and some cake, or a dish of porridge, was left for her to

eat. In places near the sea, a periwinkle was put in each of the corner of the kitchen to conjure up plenty of fish. Elsewhere, a hen was killed and it's blood sprinkled in the four corners.

All these customs were performed the night before the feast-day, as at Hallow e'en. This is because in the Celtic calendar, night came before day, just as the Jewish sabbath is from sunset on Friday to sunset on Saturday. In some places St. Bridget's Day was kept as a holiday, and in other places there was a taboo on work which involved turning or twisting, such as spinning and ploughing, and more recently using a sewing-machine or bicycle.

St. Bridget's day was just one of the many feastsdays celebrated, until recently, not just in Ireland but throughout Europe. Only Easter, Hallow e'en and Christmas retain some of the old customs; it must have been a very full year with the equivalent of Hallow e'en to look forward to every month or so! They were killed off mainly by Victorian ideas of respectability enforced by both clergy and laity. To the modern mind the old customs seem harmless enough - it's good that we still have Easter Eggs and Hallow e'en masks.

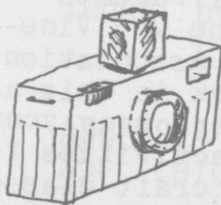
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# Know your Neighbour *by Claire Carty*

PADDY AND MARY HENEGHAN need no introduction to readers of the Templeogue Telegraph because without their untiring efforts during a period of nearly seven years there would be no such publication now. When the original paper run by the Youth Club was in danger of becoming defunct the Heneghans took it over. From December 1971 until it became the responsibility of the Community Council in 1978 they got it out month after month, except of course for the customary summer break. For two weeks every month the house was in turmoil while the magazine was in preparation. They collected material, did the drawings, typed and duplicated and finally organised the distribution. Paddy says he never looked on himself as Editor, they simply invited and accepted contributions and published everything they got.

It was hard work but in retrospect they both feel that they enjoyed it. When they first took on the job it was as an interim measure but as it happened it went on until 1978. To have faced it knowingly would have been a daunting prospect. In the event they were glad to relinquish to the Community Council as their children were now at an age when they required constant individual attention. They remember with gratitude those people who were regular contributors and the many youngsters who delivered it.

Paddy was born in Tralee but lived in Phibsboro Dublin from the age of six. He went to school at St. Vincent's Glasnevin and also for a time to St. Joseph's, Marino. His favourite subjects were languages and he enjoyed learning German and Spanish. His father was a native speaker from Mayo so he always had a particular love for Irish. After school he joined the Civil Service and spent time in different departments and is now in the Department of Education. He joined the Legion of Mary and was from the beginning a very active legionary. One of his first activities was helping to run a Boy's Club in Westland Row. Parishioners here will note with interest that the Club had been founded by the then curate Rev. Fr. Lee. One of their main activities was organising a football league. He travelled abroad to conferences on

several occasions, visiting centres in Germany, Austria and Spain. This gave him an opportunity to try out his linguistic capabilities. In those days he knew Frank Duff, the founder of the Legion, Alfie Lambe and other well known legionaries. Frank Duff he remembers as a formidable man at meeting but in private conversation a lively and amusing raconteur.

It was at a Legion dance that he met Mary Nolan who is now his wife. Mary was at that time working in Dublin Corporation and spent some time as secretary to the well-beloved Alfie Byrne, who was then in his last term as Lord Mayor of Dublin.

On their marriage they came to live in Templeville Drive. They have six children, three girls and three boys, five of whom are at school and the oldest just started work. They both gave up Legion work after their marriage but from the start have always been involved in Community Affairs. Paddy holds the view that people whose jobs have regular hours and who may have some expertise to offer have an obligation to give some time in service of the community. He also believes that all young people should be encouraged at some time to engage in activities that give service to others, whether it be the St. Vincent De Paul Society, the Simon Community, Credit Union or whatever. It helps them overcome their natural self-centredness.

He himself has been at the Foundation of the Templeville and Fortfield Residents Association and it is his understanding that they were the first Residents' Association to be recognised as an approved local body. He was also a Founder Member of the Templeogue Parents Association and the National Council of Parents' Associations of which he was Vice-President. The Parents Association did a great deal of work in this area at a time when there were many young children and not many activities for them. They had art and craft classes and ran a very successful concert. Their work was eventually taken over by various school associations and by the Community Council. But his main contribution to this district has of course been his work for the Templeogue



Telegraph. At present his only outside activity is with the Pioneer Association. His main relaxation is reading and Mary likes knitting and dress-making, now that she has more time to herself. They have been to Rome for the Holy Year and visited Spain a few times, but Kerry remains their favourite holiday spot. They return frequently to visit friends and relatives.

With a laugh, Paddy says he always had an ambition to visit South America

and "view the Pacific Ocean from a peak in the Andes". As it happens, at the request of a priest friend in Colombia they have several times taken into their home Colombians who came here to study or learn English, and so have made quite a few friends on that Continent. He and Mary have open invitations to visit if ever they can, so he hopes that perhaps in the not-too-distant future it might yet be possible for him to realise his ambition.

### ST. PIUS X BOYS & GIRLS SCHOOLS

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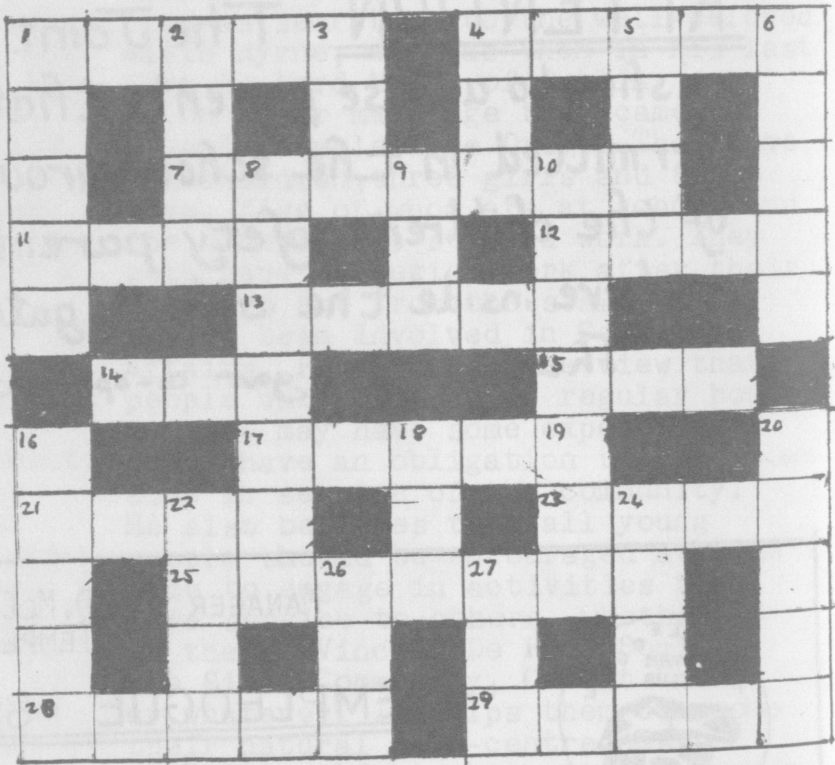
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#### ACROSS

1. UNABLE TO SEE
4. PRICKLY, YELLOW-FLOWERED SHRUB
7. NECK OF LAND
11. OPPOSITE TO WEST
12. CLOSE
13. VENTILATED
14. IT IS USED ON ROADS
15. TORN PIECE OF CLOTH
17. COPY DRAWING BY MARKING LINES ON PAPER PLACED ON TOP OF IT
21. IT RHYMES WITH WIFE
23. IT RHYMES WITH TURF
25. WHERE ONE LIVES
28. CONSUMMED
29. HE GOES ON HORSE BACK



#### DOWN

1. COOKED
2. PART OF THE EYE
3. SMALL SPOT
4. PART OF MOUTH
5. FLOWER
6. ALL
8. BEGAN
9. ONE MORE THAN NINE
10. TAKE OFF ONE'S CLOTHES
16. SNOW . . . .
18. RHYMES WITH 17 ACROSS
20. COFFER WITHOUT ITS BEGINNING
22. QUICK
24. NOT NEW
26. ANIMAL'S LAIR
27. PART OF THE BODY

#### COUNT THE HAYSTACKS

A FARMER HAS FIVE HALF-SIZE HAYSTACKS IN THE CORNER OF THE FIELD AND TWO THREE-QUARTER-SIZE HAYSTACKS IN ANOTHER CORNER. IF HE PUTS THEM ALL TOGETHER, HOW MANY HAYSTACKS WILL HE HAVE?

Q. WHAT SMELLS, HAS SIX WHEELS AND FLIES? A. A BIN LORRY



A PICTURE

FOR YOU TO PAINT

COUNT THE HAYSTACKS ANSWER ONE

- 1, BAKED 2, IRIS 3, DOT 4, GUM 5, ROSE 6, EVERY 8, STARTED  
 9, TEN 10, UNDRRESS 16, FLAKE 18, ACE 20, OFFER 22, FAST  
 24, USED 26, DEN 27, EAR
- DOWN
- 1, BLIND 4, GORSE 7, ISTHMUS 11, EAST 12, NEAR 13, AIRED  
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# Templeogue Ladies Club



We commenced our year 1980 with an Ecumenical Service conducted by Very Rev. Fr. Lee and the Rev. Mr. Wilson. The Lesson was read by Mrs Daphne Draper. Our visitors were 15 ladies from Ardrose Ladies Club, 5 from Terenure Ladies Club and 5 from Willington Ladies Club. After the opening service, tea was served and the Choir opened the entertainment for the evening. Our Club members contributed various items, and also our visitors with dancing and singing. A very enjoyable evening was had by the large number who attended. The President thanked everyone, and especially her hard working committee.

**MEMBERS: PLEASE REMEMBER AUCTION ARRANGED FOR THE FEBRUARY MEETING, PROCEEDS TO COMMENCE OUR BENEVOLENT FUND. EACH PERSON TO BRING AN ORNAMENT OR WHITE ELEPHANT FOR THE AUCTION PLEASE.**

A special vote of thanks from the Senior Citizens, the President and members of the Club whose pictures appeared in the Templeogue Telegraph, to Mary Griffin (daughter of our member Mrs. P. Griffin) Cypress Pk., who came down to take the photos. Thank you, Mary.

A Vote of Sympathy was passed with Mrs. C. Meany, Wainsfort Road, on the death of her husband Tom, R.I.P.

A presentation and good wishes to Mrs. D. Draper and Mrs. G. Jeffries was made by the President on behalf of the members. (Daphne leaves for England and Gertie for Miami).

The Members of the Templeogue Ladies Club and everyone who knows our President, Mrs. Eleanor O'Mahony, send their sincere and deepest sympathy to her and the family on hearing the tragic news of the death of her sister, Mrs. Noreen Dooley, R.I.P.

*by Rosa Morris*

Congratulations to Templeogue Ladies Club Debating Team - Lily Duffy, Claire Carty and Rosa Morris - who won their debate against Lorcan Ladies Club on January 21st, when they carried the motion "That the Computer is not an Invasion of Privacy".

The team are now drawn against Drimmagh Ladies Club in the semi-finals of the I.F.W.U. Competition on Monday, 4th February, when they are the proposers of the extremely difficult motion "That Apartheid is God-intended". Good luck girls, and here's hoping for a large crowd of supporters to cheer you on to victory.

M.C.K.

## SOLOS & FRIENDS

Solos & Friends held their Annual Christmas Dinner & Party on the 4th January in the Irish Glass Bottle Co., Roebuck, Clonskeagh. We had a very big attendance of members & friends. The meal was excellent, which we all did justice to, and as well as dancing the light fantastic we also had some very enjoyable musical items, which all added up to a very good night's fun which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Our next Supper Party is on the 29th February, which will be held in the Yellow House, Rathfarnham, and we hope to get the same good support from our members there also, which should be another good night.

A happy and peaceful New Year to all our members.

A reminder - 1980 "Leap Year"!

## Words Words Words

A friend of mine who has a glass eye gives lectures on a variety of subjects. During a recent lecture, much to the horror of his listeners, his eye popped out and rolled along the floor. Unperturbed, he rescued it and put it into his waistcoat pocket. The lecture was a great success but in one of the newspapers it was reported "the lecturer is obviously an expert in his field, but he allows his eye to wander".

This is merely an example of how words can be used in their sense. But give an alternative meaning. A non-English speaker must be horrified to learn that "Mr. X has a finger in every pie", and visualises some sort of cannibalistic recipe. And - consider what a beautiful race of people we would all be if we heeded the advice of our employers and "put our noses to the grindstone".

The English language is full of phrases which say something which isn't meant at all. When you tell

someone to "hold your tongue" you don't really mean it literally any more than when you tell somebody to "get lost"!

When you are losing an argument you are told "you haven't a leg to stand on" - in card games "you throw in your hand" and when you are about to die it will be said you are about to "kick the bucket".  
What a language!!  
M.S.

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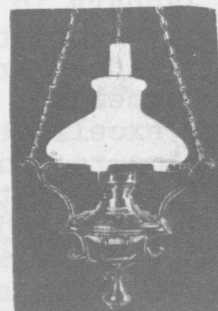
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# Templeogue Horticultural Society

The January meeting, which was held on Wednesday 16th, got the New Year off to a very good start. We invited Mr. John Newell along to talk on "Shrubs for Small Gardens" and in spite of the wintry conditions which were more conducive to thoughts of a night by the fireside than thoughts of future gardening, a record crowd attended.

Mr. Newell, who is one of the judges for the National Gardens Competition, is an acknowledged expert in this area of gardening and he truly lived up to his reputation. His collection of slides was vast and covered practically every type of shrub available, from tiny ones suitable for tubs and rock gardens to the exotic and many-coloured rhododendrons which we all admire so much. He also showed slides of many trees suitable for suburban gardens. Throughout the showing of the slides Mr. Newell discussed individual problems encountered by members and was most helpful with suggestions regarding the siting of various shrubs. I think it fair to say that all the members present enjoyed the evening to the full and went home full of enthusiasm for the gardening season ahead. We shall expect to see many colourful new shrubs being planted in the area during the coming months as a result.

## Christian Unity Service at St. Pius

The annual service for Christian Unity was held this year at St. Pius X Church on Sunday, 19th January, when the parish was host to the Rector and parishioners of Rathfarnham Parish. The service was conducted jointly by Rev. Fr. Lee, P.P., and Rev. Mr. Wilson, Rector.

Fr. Lee welcomed all present and regretted that it was 12 months since the two parishes had met - it was too long a period he said, and suggested that the meetings should be more frequent, a sentiment that was echoed by many of those present.

At the close of the meeting, Professor R. Kernan, Chairman of the Society, thanked Mr. Newell and made the point that the evening had not been long enough to deal with the many questions which members wished to ask. It was gratifying to welcome twelve new members to the Society and the rate at which the membership is growing indicates that there is a lot of enthusiasm for this venture in the area. Our members come from all areas of Terenure and Templeogue, and the Society seems to be attracting those whose gardens are long established as well as those who are starting off with new gardens.

The fee for the year has been fixed at £1.00, which is very small in these inflationary times, and we are sure that there will be many more new members during the coming months.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 20th February, in Our Lady's School at 8 p.m. - we hope to see you there. There will be a talk on Laying-Out a Garden.

On February 14th at 8 p.m. Roy Lancaster, Curator of the Hillier Arboretum in Hampshire will give a lecture entitled "The Magic of Plants" at the R.D.S. in association with the Royal Horticultural Society of Ireland - admission £1 for non-members of the R.D.S. It has been suggested that we might attend this if we can arrange the transportation. We therefore request that those interested ring 906323 before February 7th.

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The Lesson was read by Mrs. Maura Doyle, and Rev. Mr. Wilson read the Gospel. After the homily by Fr. Lee, the prayers of intercession were read by Mr. Wilson. Other clergy present were Rev. Fr. Buckley C.C. and Fr. Neenan C.C.

The congregational singing was led by Mr. Larry Dawson and the church choir was conducted by Mrs. Nuala O'Reilly, who also presided at the organ.

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The Engagement has been announced between PATRICK G. FITZGERALD, Fortfield Road, and IRENE M. GLENNON, Rathdown Park

# Templeville & Fortfield Residents' Association

The draft Register of Electors 1980/81 is now available for inspection at the above address.

Claire O'Regan,  
Hon. Secretary,  
43 Templeville Drive.

The qualifications for entry on the register are:-

1. To be 18 years of age or over on 15th April next.
2. To be ordinarily resident in the administrative area of the County Council on 15th September last.

Please note, you cannot vote unless your name is on the register.

## A.C.R.A.

We have been instructed to advise all residents that E.E.C. Public Hearings on consumer affairs are due to take place in Dublin in the new year, maybe towards the end of Feb., venue will be Dublin Castle.

A.C.R.A. intend to make submission to this meeting, so if any resident wishes to submit in writing brief notice of any specific instance of related matters for consideration in relation to their over all submissions.

The topics for discussion are as follows:-

1. General discussion of the E.E.C. Second Consumer Action Programme.
2. After Sales Services (car and appliances repairs).
3. Consumer Information and Education (role of schools, advertising etc.)
4. Prices (price fixing, profit margins, price controls).

These Public Hearings will be of particular interest to consumers in Ireland, since Ireland is now considered to be the worst-off country in the E.E.C. in terms of consumer protection.

We now have a definite date for above meetings - 26th, 27th and 28th February, 1980.

*Claire O'Regan*

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# REPORT OF ST. PIUS X SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION



*Mairin Kennedy*

On behalf of the parents and pupils of Mrs. Meany's Speech and Drama class, we would like to extend to her our deepest sympathy on the death of her husband.

Art, Speech & Drama and Swimming classes are again in progress. Table tennis practice is on Saturday mornings for boys and girls from 6th class.

We look forward to our next talk, with slides, from Eamonn MacThomais. This will be on 22 February. The subject - "The Industry and Guilds of Old Dublin". Tea and biscuits will

be served. We hope for a good attendance from parents and friends and students, from 6th class upwards. Tickets, for Adults £1.00, Students 50p., are available from the schools, or the Parents' Committee.

Many children from St. Pius X Schools have entered for Feile Bhride, and we wish them good luck. The organisers have put a lot of hard work into their preparations for the Feile, and we hope it will be a great success. Rath De ar an obair.

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## THIS and THAT

We hear that there have been quite a number of houses broken into so perhaps we should be especially alert.

One would have thought that having suffered the conversion of their reasonably quiet suburban road into a national highway, the residents of Templeville Road would have been entitled to extra careful consideration by the County Council. Instead they have the Road and grass verge raised but the path left as it was, with the result that during wet weather the grass verge at the path is sodden and very vulnerable. No matter how much the resid-

ents try to make something of the grass verge they will still be working against this handicap.

### Correction

The Irish Choir meets on Thursday at 6.30 p.m. in St. Pius X Church, not School as we said in a previous announcement.

### BONNY BABY

Smile so bright  
Father is black  
Mother is white

What colour the child  
Of the couple above?  
The answer is plain  
The colour of love.

# Poetry Corner

## The Waters of Valleymount

Reading "Roots" last issue about seventy eight  
When the waters receded at an incredible rate  
Reminded me of the day I waded through mud  
Where Our Ancestral Home forty years ago stood

A remarkable phenomenon you'll agree when  
The long submerged land appeared to us again.  
For me it felt great to be walking about  
In the Valleymount Lake while the "Tide" was still out

Things now uncovered that owners couldn't save  
Were little the worst for their watery grave  
The Old Oak Tree stood steady and staunch  
And even looked now like sprouting a branch!

Most prominent sight was the two granite piers  
Sound as a bell after those forty odd years  
I had the good fortune to be able to take  
Snaps in the heart of the now vanished lake

I chose for the background the Old Oak Tree  
And the two granite piers for all now to see  
They'll go into my archives for posterity sake  
To show what once happened to the Valleymount Lake.

## On The Banks Of The Suir

Of all the Provincial Fleadhs ever held before  
None of them could compare with Templemore  
It was the Munster Final and Comaltas thought fit  
To hold it in the shadow of the Devil's Bit

Templemore having one extra wide street,  
There was no trouble here for people to meet.  
It was like one happy family gathered together  
On a weekend blessed with hot sunny weather.

The Templemore Arms was a good place to be  
In the diningroom for lunch and for afternoon tea.  
The Lounge was so full of instrument players  
The Ballad Singer sat on the steps of the stairs.

Two Reverend Ladies came in from the sun  
A hornpipe on a fiddle was played by one  
The other sang a song in a most delectable key  
The well loved ballad of the "Wild Raparee"

Outside the Hotel amid a crowd on the street  
A man with two hammers played a dulcimer sweet  
A "vintage" instrument if records be true  
Purchased in nineteen hundred and twenty two!

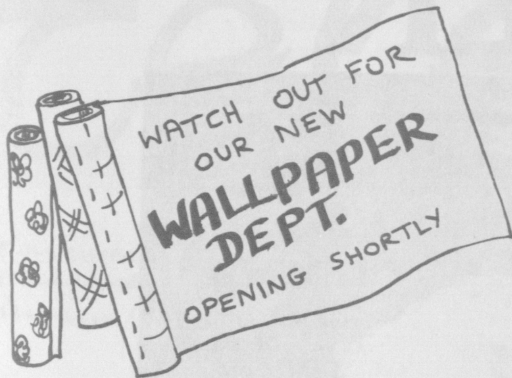
What made this for us a special weekend  
We were invited to stay at the home of a friend.  
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*Betty McDonnell*

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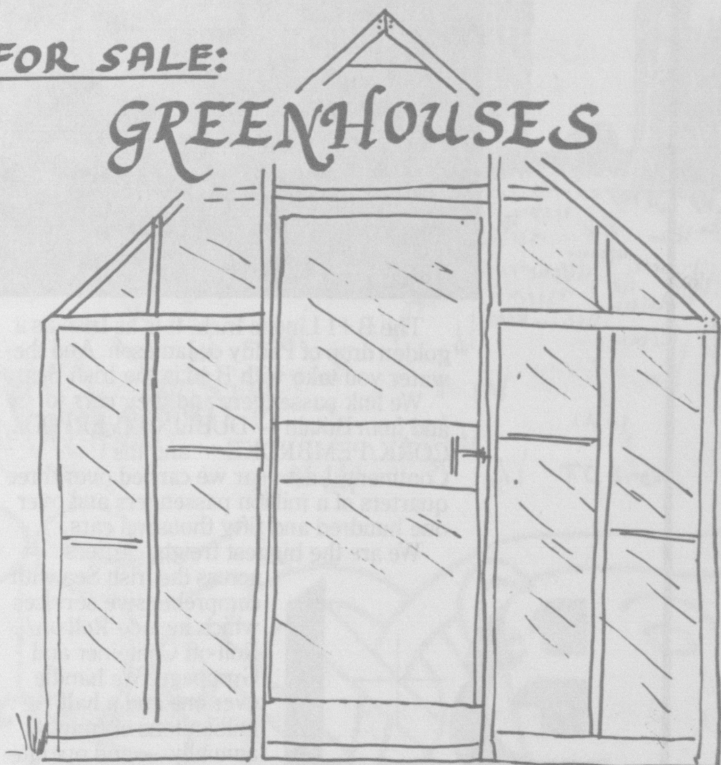
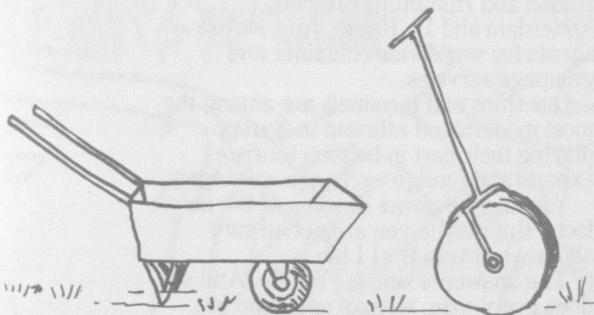
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