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Thursday 1st Rathfarnham Church - St.Brigid's Day -Holy Communion 9.30a.m. Templeogue College - Parent's Association Meeting 8 p.m. Candlemas Day - Family Mass - Our Lady's School 4.30 p.m. Friday 2nd

St. Pius X Church 7.30 p.m. Rathfarnham Church - Holy Communion 9.30 a.m. Presentation

of carpet in the Temple.

Wednesday 7th Ladies Club Meeting 8 p.m.
Friday 9th Whist Drive, Committee Room, St. Pius X Church 8.15 p.m. Friday 9th Monday 12th St. Pius X School Management Board Meeting 8.15 p.m. Tuesday 13th Community Council AGM St. Pius X School Hall 8.15 p.m.

Wednesday 14th St. Valentine's Day

Ladies Club - Committee Meeting Friday 16th

Tuesday 20th Lafosse Lecture - Our Lady's School 8 p.m.

Whist Drive St. Pius X Church Committee Room 8.15 p.m. Friday 23rd

Schools' half-term break

Playmates & Tiny Tots Show - Terenure College 8 p.m. Sunday 25th Monday 26th St. Pius X School Parents Assoc. Meeting 8 p.m. Wednesday 28th Ash Wednesday - End of Schools half-term break

Charismatic Prayer Meeting - St. Pius X Church 8 p.m. Every Wednesday Parents' Prayer Group, Our Lady's School 8 p.m. Bridge Club St. Pius X School Hall 7.30 p.m. sharp Every Thursday

Every Friday Every Saturday

Templeogue College 7.30 p.m. sharp Community Youth Club Meets 8 p.m.

### Letters to the Editor

1979 -The Year of the Child.

Dear Sir,

Reading the papers this first week of January in the Year of the Child, I am disturbed by the effective pressure of minority groups here towards the very extinction of the child.

Had they had their way 40 years ago, I the seventh child of the family would not be here now. And glad I was to be able to provide a home for my mother in her old age. She was predeceased by children, numbers one, two and five, and the others couldn't or wouldn't.

Makes you think - ?

"Avid Reader of the T.T."



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Dear Sir.

As I slumped in my armchair and gazed across at my husband who had succumbed to snoring slumber in the other chair, I was struck by the phrase: Second Time 'Round.

What if either of us was in a position to remarry? What then? Why,

we'd both be on our toes I can tell you ....

There I'd be sitting up straight - with silken hose delicately crossed, showing off a dainty ankle. Hark .... Is that the tinkle of the doorbell, I hear? Ah! here he comes, spruced up to the nines. Theatre tickets are produced with an air of quiet triumph. And later, hovering gently is that invite to a tete-a-tete over candlelight in our favourite restaurant. What romance! what bliss!

Alright - why not pretend it is Second Time 'Round? Brush away those cobwebs of complacency - revealing a new, livelier and happier you.

Jane Hope

Dear Sir,

The teenage reply last month to the "Concerned Parent's" letter about pornography was disappointing but sadly predictable. Disappointing when you think of the effort and enthusiasm that are put into protests by the same teenagers against environmental pollution, Woodquay, Carnsore Point spring to mind. The same response is not forthcoming for action against moral pollution which, I hope we agree, has more serious consequences.

The particular publisher in question is blatently introducing explicit sex and smut of the worst sort and no protest is made by our youth, or by our church for that matter.

Another Concerned Parent

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The Templeogue Community completes its year at the end of January 1979, so I expect a brief summary of some of our activities during the past year may be of interest to our readers.

The Council meets twice a month in Our Lady's School. The Executive Committee meets at 7 p.m., followed by a full Council Meeting at 8 p.m. Attendances at these meetings by Council members have been very good. The Youth Club has two representatives on the Council and here we would like to give you some news of the youth activities during the summer, both in the sports and athletic fields.

In April a local Community Swimming Gala was held. The winners represented Templeogue Community at the Dublin Community Games (Swimming Section) in July. Our Relay team won and went on to the National Games held at Mosney, Co. Meath, in September. In the National Finals the Boys Swimming Relay team won. Our congratulations to all for a really wonderful performance. In July a Girls Under 16 Basketball team was formed and succeeded in getting into the second round of the Dublin Games, but were beaten at this stage by Cameron Estate. Great credit due to these girls who had never played together before this competition.

In Gaelic Football, here again our team got through to the second round, being beaten by Kilbarrack.

In the Under 14 Hurley Competition, a team was entered at the last minute and did exceptionally well. Some very competitive matches were played, the most interesting game was against St. Marins. This Club is comprised of members from the famous St. Vincents Club. Our team succeeded in reaching the final which was played at Croke Park on July 20th against Kilbarrack. The final was won by the Templeogue team. For the final, the Community Council hired a bus to take supporters. After the match players and supporters returned to St. Pius X School Hall for some light refreshments to celebrate the victory. Having won the Dublin competition, the team went on to beat Wicklow and Kildare, but unfortunately, their great success story came to an end when on Sunday, August 12th, they were beaten by a very good Kilkenny team. Here we would like to pay tribute to the parents of the boys who interrupted their holidays so that the boys could travel to take part in the matches. Our sincere thanks go to Mr. Sean Mahon who organised and arranged most of these matches.

The social activities of our youth are also worth mentioning. They meet every Saturday night at St. Pius X School Hall. Here they play records, table tennis and socialise generally. They have formed their own Management Committee. Membership is strictly limited. Occasionally, they also have film shows.

The Whist Drives were revived and take place on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. A very enjoyable evening is had by all and new players are most welcome.

A Community week-end was arranged during the summer but, unfortunately, had to be abandoned due to inclement weather. Just prior to Christmas, the Community Dance was held in St. Mary's Rigby Football Club. An enjoyable night was had by the large attendance present.

Readers will have noticed the revised format of the Templeogue Telegraph, which is the official publication of the Templeogue Community Council. The revised format was a success and is now read by 1,200 residents. We hope to increase the number of readers this year. Our thanks go to our advertisers for their continued support. The Council would like to see a greater interest being taken in its activities by members of our Community, either by supporting its ventures or becoming a member of the Council or one of its sub-committees. Finally, a reminder that the Annual General Meeting of the Templeogue Community Council will take place in St. Pius X School Hall on Tuesday, 13th February at 8.15 p.m. We look forward to seeing you.

# Community Notes By May O'Neill P.R.O.

Two meetings of the Community Council were held on the 9th and 23rd of January. These were the final meetings of the current year. The date for the Annual General Meeting was fixed for Tuesday 13th of February 1979, at 8.15 p.m. in St. Pius X School Hall, Fortfield Park. Please note this date carefully and do come along.

Members thank you for your support over the past year and look for your

continued interest.

The Agenda for the AGM includes the election of new members for the coming year, and you are urged to consider going forward or to actively support another who is willing to do so. An "infusion of new blood" would be a great benefit to us. Details of activities undertaken during the year are included in the Chairman's Report published herewith. We trust it may encourage you to help maintain the progress.

The Council which is non-denominational is comprised of representatives of organised groups and Authorities within the Community as well as resid-

ents elected at the Gneral Meeting.
Activities during January seemed to revolve around the weather, heating and burst pipes. Children returned to shoool after a glorious holiday, for them, in the snow. Classes, clubs and committee meetings restarted -everything returned to normal. Then there was the bus strike! By the way, how many of us remembered our New Year Resolution?

Central to all of this for many was the Church Unity Meek of Prayer, and the Ecumenical Service held this year in the Church of Ireland Parish Church, Rathfarnham was well attended. This occasion is one of complete

simplicity - praying and singing together.

The Solos Group and friends successfully held another social evening in Terenure Rugby Club, despite the prevailing harsh, howling wind of the

night. A great deal of credit is due to the Organisers.

February 1st -feast of St. Brigid and February 2nd Candlemas Day (Feast of the Purification) are the appropriate introduction to Spring - no matter what the weather implies and the evenings are longer and brighter. February 14th the feast of St. Valentine is the time for remembering your

Whist drives continue on the 2nd and 4th Fridays and please note ALL are welcome to enjoy these popular evenings. The Lafosse Lecture will be held held on February 20th in Our Lady's School.

On Sunday 25th February at Terenure College, Tiny Tots present "Christmas in Fairyland" and the Playmates present "The Sleeping Beauty". This show commences at 8 p.m. Finally do remember that the Annual General Meeting of the Templeogue Community Council is on Tuesday 13th February at 8.15p.m. See you there D.V.

Lent commences on February 28th - the Season of self-dicipline and pre-paration for Easter. The question of the Day will be "What to give up?" Sweets? Smoking? Swearing? A little effort goes a long way.

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### THE SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER

'Twas the second Late Late nineteen seventy nine
That Gabriel Byrne laid it down on the line
And let antis and pros for nuclear power
at each others throats for well over an hour.
I asked myself 'why' in the heat of the fight
That Irishmen all cannot see what is right.
To give to this island a nuclear generator
Will even harm children born 50 years later

Its simply an excuse for gross inefficiency
By bodies like ESB - 'tis these that I blame
Can the Government stare you all straight in the face
And say from their hearts that they've tried every case
Of wave power, of wind power, of solar, of tide?
If they had, they'd have no nuclear programme to hide.

Love of one's country's no terrible shame
Is not to say NO exactly the same?
Conservation is nothing but plain common sense
Would someone tell that to Jack Lynch (no offence!)
If you can't see that NOW, God help my grandchildren
With their gas masks to ensure that the smoke desn't kill them
And their fume-tight-type cars run on well rationed oil
While every known effluent seeps into the soil

Where rivers run green, shades of mauve for variety Still Bishops pray 'Why?' with unchanging piety At the zoo the last falcon has finally laid, The egg is infertile, the price has been paid. The egg falls and smashes as its shell is so thin The world's only Peregrine ends up in the bin. What does it matter? some may stop and query So what if Creation is dead and feels eerie.

And only sick men roam inhaling deep
To get enough oxygen in through their teeth
It matters this much, it matters to me
If my grandchildren are able to swim in the sea
Will they slash off their toes on your broken glass,
Or ruin their new 'Space suits' with the oil on the grass
Or will they be able to from a stream drink
Without smelling detergent and effluent stink

With the help of our friends in the Dail, the T.Ds.

We can all pull our weight when we get off our knees

If we just think ahead, whatever time span

"What will now happen to that empty tin can?"

Plastic won't rot, tin may in time

Cardboards the one which will do you just fine

And in thirty years time when the Carnsore Plant's dead

Will I ever again feel safe in my bed

With the worry of seepage or even a blow

Why didn't I act - Thirty years ago.

- and say NO!

Trevor H. Sargent C 13.1.1979

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# NEXT please ---

The sterilized air hung placidly, Without motion of turbulence. Gentle little whispers were softly breathed, but died, Slowly diffusing as they broke, Out into the clinical emptiness.

Every face, each and every action
Carved its own furrow of grief and pain
Forcefully but pitifully
Into the chanced glance of my searching eyes,
Ever probing in this still vacuum,
Devoid of adult words or children's foolish laughter.

I wanted to break this eerie calm
To crush the bond of bethrothel with my own bride of apathy
But though my mind pounded with words
My mouth released no sound
No murmur ....., no cry
As the silence that engulfed me exploded in my ears.

Eoin O'Shea

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Joe lies, Joe must be telling the truth. But Joe has said that both John and Michael lie which contradicts our original assumption that Michael is telling the truth. Therefore neither John nor Joe can be telling the truth. If on when he says that Michael lies and Joe lies when he says that both John and Michael lies and Joe lies when he says that both John and Michael lies.

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# Know your Neighbour

By Claire Carty

Anyone who has visited an exhibition of the Dodder Art Group will be familiar with the name DOREEN RUSH because she has been a regular exhibitor there, and elsewhere, of oil paintings and wood carvings of exceptional quality.

Doreen, who lives with her husband, Frank, and four children in Springfield Road, Templeogue, has previously lived and worked in countries of three continents. She was born Doreen O'L oughlin in Kansas City, U.S.A., and lived there until she was six years old. She still retains memories of her schooldays in Kansas and on a recent visit to America she had planned to revisit it. However, this did not work out for her - so the money that she left in the school savings account will still be there to swell the American economy!

Her family returned to Ireland and she grew up in Glasnevin. Later she spent nine years in Rhodesia where she worked in a solicitors office. She enjoyed this period of her life very much as the climate and life-style were very agreeable. It was in Rhodesia that she met her future husband Frank Rush. They had many friends in Rhodesia and among them were members of a German Mission, both lay and clerical. Unhappily, two of their friends have been victims of raiding guerrillas. Events in Rhodesia have saddened Doreen and Frank greatly. Doreen does what she can by assisting the Carmelite Fathers - who still have Missions there - in organising relief for rural black Africans who have been impoverished by the conflict between guerrilla and state forces.

After their marriage, Frank and Doreen lived for some years in Sutton-Coldfield, England. Then it was off to Africa again, this time to Nigeria. Here the climate or amenities were not as pleasant as in East Africa - happiness was found among her family and relatives.

Then one morning there were sounds of gunfire and there were men running through the garden carrying guns. The Biafran war had started. The tragedy of this conflict is now a matter of history.

The Rushs then returned and settled in Templeogue. Frank, a native of Rathgar and past-pupil of Terenure College, is a purchasing manager for a tyre firm and has no plans for going abroad again.

Shortly after returning home, Doreen attended an art class with her sister and discovered an unsuspected flair for painting and wood-carving. Her talent developed dramatically and she has exhibited and sold many examples of her work. She has executed some from spontaneous ideas and some as commissions. Recently she has become interested in the exacting and difficult medium of stained glass.

She has a great interest in primitive art but does not feel this has influenced her own work. On her visit to America last year with the Friendship Force one of her host families also had this same interest and this shared interest added greatly to the success of her visit.

In spite of, or maybe because of, their previous travels, the Rushs prefer to spend their holidays at home in Ireland. Doreen, of course, brings her sketch-pad, although her flair is more for figures and still-life than for landscapes. As with all artists she continues to experiment and try new ideas all the time. We wish her continuing success in whatever she does in the future.

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# Lions International Youth Award Scheme

Early in November last year the Liffey Valley Lions Club circulated 114 community and youth organisations, within its zone, with details of the Lions Annual Youth Award Scheme. The areas covered were Terenure, Rathfarnham, Tallaght, Rathgar, Kimmage, Crumlin, Inchicore, Rialto, Drimnagh, Clondalkin and Templeogue.

The Award Scheme was initiated to give recognition to youths under 21 years of age who, because of their fine qualities are deserving of recognition and who also have an understanding of their community's activities and who by their contribution to those activities have demonstrated leadership ability above the ordinary.

From the returned completed application forms from the 114 organisations a Lions Club Committee selected 16 final applicants who, in it's judgment were of such a standard as to be capable of representing the Club at Zone, Regional, National and International level. Finalists were subjected to three separate in-depth interviews by three independent judges who had specialist knowledge of Community affairs and who, in their professional capacities, were uniquely qualified to select the candidate to represent the Club at other levels. The standard of the Liffey Valley Club's finalists may be judged by the success of the eventual winner, Tony Wall (Rialto Development Association) who won through at the Dublin Zone and Leinster Regional finals and reached the Irish National finals on Saturday 27th January.

The Templeogue Community Council nominated Larry Dawson Jnr., 27 Templeville Drive, for the Award Scheme. Larry is Vice-President of the Templeogue College Band, a committee member of the Templeogue Community Youth Club, is a qualified L ife Saver, achieved honours in four music exams, and last year received an award in the Templeogue College Band. Larry, as the Community Council nominee deserves all of our congratulations for being one of the 16 candidates selected for the Liffey Valley Club final and the attendant in-depth interviews.

### Who Are The Lions?

The Lions is an association of business and professional men which was founded in Chicago in the 1920s and now extends to all countries outside the Communist Block. Their purpose is to place their abilities and skills at the disposal of their communities, to promote international goodwill and high ethical standards at all levels of society.

The Liffey Valley Lions Club, in the past year has contributed to the Kimmage-Crumlin Community Association, The Perrystown Community Centre, provided transport for the Wheelchair Association, supplied Christmas hampers to approximately 200 recommended recipients, and engaged in many other community and charitable ventures. Their major project this year is the purchase of a mini-bus to be made available to local groups who require such transport.

Perhaps one of the most important projects of the Lions is the Leo Club. This Club is the junior version of the Lions Club which caters for males and females between the ages of 16 and 30 years of age, and whose purpose is the development of leadership and organisational skills by conducting projects in aid of community and charitable institutions.

Recent projects conducted by the Leo Club were - The Brain of Crumlin Competition, a three week Youth Project in Rowlagh Estate, Clondalkin, a party in the Garda Boat Club, Island-bridge, for children in Goldenbridge Orphanage, and a Christmas party for long-term patients in Crumlin Hospital, together with a Youth Camp in Trinity College and various trips to Northern Ireland.

The Club is presently conducting a campaign for new members and would welcome an approach from young people in the Templeogue/Terenure areas. The Leo Club would also be happy to assist in worthwhile community projects in these areas. Further information re. Lions/Leo Clubs may be had from Kevin King, 125 Wainsfort Road, Telephone 907165.



# Templeogue Ladies Club



R. Morris, Secretary On January 3, we had a small but intimate meeting due to the very cold weather. The President welcomed all who braved the elements and wished everyone a very Happy New Year. Twenty lucky members who attended drew tickets for the Fruit Importers demonstration in the Mansion House on Thursday January 18. The Club raffle was won by Mrs. Ide Ryan 35 Templeville Drive. Art Classes at Lakelands Studio commenced on January 8. Phone 905690 for particulars. Beginners are welcome.

Best wishes to Mrs.G.O'Rourke who competed in the 2nd round of the Fish Cookery Competition on Friday January 19th. Congratulations also to Mrs. Nancy Forde and Mrs. N. Shannon who got to the semi finals of the Bowling Competition. Mrs. N. Shannon reaching the finals. Congratulations to Mrs. B. Greene and Mrs.F.FitzGerald, winners in the Knitting Competition. Mrs.B. Nolan Federation delegate gave a very interesting report of the meeting she attended, and the new premises for the I.F.W.Clubs is now at 11 St. Peters Rd. Phibsboro.

Competitions for the new year: - Drama, Choir, Bowling, Arts and Crafts, particular may be had from the Secretary, and also in the Club Magazine. At the February meeting we will be entertaining members from Kilbarrack Club D.V. Nominations are to be handed in at the February meeting for seven new Committee members and nominations also to re-elect existing 4 officers and 5 committee members, in writing please. After our very welcome tea break we had Mr. Pat Nolan, Managing Director Twining Ireland Ltd. and Chairman of the Marketing Institute of Ireland to talk about TEA.

Synopsis of the talk herewith:In Spring 1978 Pat Nolan was invited by the Government of India as part of a three man Study Group from the Irish Tea Industry, to make a study of this industry, its structure, problems and potential in India.

Commencing with the origins of tea the members heard how tea went back all the way to 2753B.C. In fact tea is relatively new in Europe, the first cup having been drunk in Holland in 1610.

Stories on the origins of tea were followed by a description of the Tea Plant itself (Camelia sinensis), of tea plantations and how they are organised, and the conditions of workers on these plantations. We then heard about the manufacturing process in the factory, which is part of every plantationbefore the tea leaf becomes in appearance and texture the familiar sight that We are accustomed to. There is a great deal of preparation, sorting, grading and tasting before the tea is finally packed in the tea chest for sale. Pat then described for us the methods of tea tasting, blending and packing by Twinings in Ireland at their Marrowbone Lane, Dublin factory. We then had a description of European trade development in tea- how the British paid a third third of their weekly wage for tea in 1750 and how Queen Victoria started the custom of Afternoon Tea.

Pat also told us some interesting facts about tea including the facts that (a) on average every person in Ireland drinks 1750 cups of tea every year, (b) we pay ½p per cup for our tea, (c) we drink a better quality tea in

Ireland than they do in Britain.

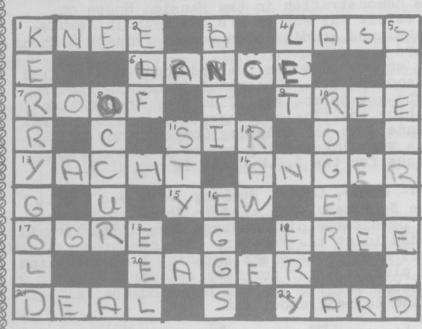
Finally we were given the 5 Golden Rules for tea making :- 1. Buy a good brand (Twinings), 2. Use freshly drawn boiling water, 3. Warm the tea pot, 4. Take the pot to the kettle, 5. Brew for 4 to 5 minutes.

The talk concluded with a quotation from William Gladstone, which went as

"If you are cold Tea will warm you --If you are heated, it will cool you --If you are depressed it will cheer you --If you are excited it will calm you -- "



# CHIDDREINS



CROSSWORD QUIZ CLUES ACROSS

- PART OF THE LEG
- 4. SCOTTISH GIRL
- 6. SPEAR-LIKE WEAPON
- 7. IT KEEPS THE RAIN OUT
- 9. 15 ACROSS IS ONE
- 11. A TITLE
- 13. SAILING BOAT
- 14, BAD TEMPER

15, A TYPE OF TREE 17, MAN-EATING GIANT 19, FOR NOTHING 20, KEEN ENTRUSIASTIC 21, GIVE OUT CARDS 22, THREE FEET MAKES ONE OF THESE.

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. A HORSE THAT CAN BE BRED
- 2. LITTLE CREATURES; DWARF
- 3. OPPOSED TO
- 4. ALLOW
- 5. THE MAIN PART OF AN ATTACK
- 8. HAPPEN

- 10 THE JOLLY --- (SKULL AND CROSS-BONE
- 11, WHERE PIGS LIVE
- 12, UNCOOKED
- 16, DON'T PUT THEM ALL IN THE ONE
- 18, A SLIPPERY FISH
- 19, COOK IN FAT OR OIL

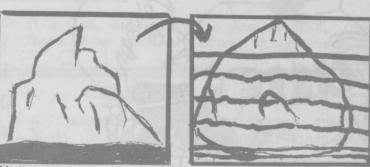
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HOW MUCH EARTH IS THERE IN A HOLE MEASURING ONE FOOT BY ONE FOOT. BY ONE FOOT.

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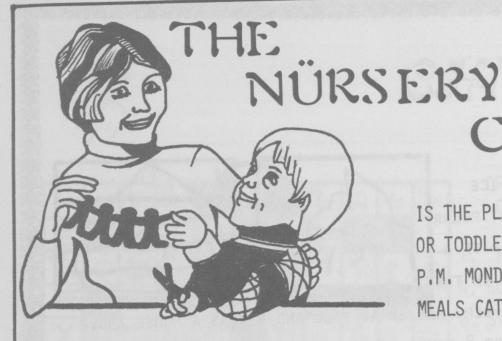
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### Does that mean they are just like shareholders in any limited company?

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- (1) One of the reasons for the foundation of Credit Unions was to combat usury and, to avoid control of Credit Unions falling into the hands of those with the money, each member was given one vote irrespective of whether the member had £1 or £100 in shares.
- (2) If you had £20 invested in one of our public companies you would probably feel that you could exercise little control and that you had no sense of unity with the other shareholders who are usually fairly widely spread and probably include other limited companies.

But, because of our "common bond", all our members live in a comparatively small area and can turn up at a general meeting and elect the members who are to run the Credit Union on their behalf for the next year. Thus the members have direct control of their Credit Union, if they wish to exercise it.

### 31st RATHFARNHAM SCOUT GROUP

The Rathdown Scout year resumes on Friday, 12th January. Over the Christmas period the PL's and APL's were in Westport for several days; it was an active camp encompassing such pastimes as swimming in Clew Bay and climbing Croagh Patrick.

Last weekend the Leaders attended the National Leaders' Conference in Wexford. Lord Baden-Powell was Guest of Honour and principal Speaker, and included in the Conference's many attractions were a crafts display, a session on Extension Scouting (Scouting for sections of the community such as travelling people, young offenders, and the mentally handicapped), and the production of a colourful underground newspaper.

Welcome back to David Medcalf. His return brings the complement of Scouters to six, a figure nearer to the recommended Leader/Scout ratio.

A worthwhile New Year's message for our Scouts is that the knot they tie in their scarves should serve to remind them of the Scouting code, and make them more consicus of their role in the Movement. Every good wish for 1979,

Charles W.E. Richards, Scout Leader.

### TEMPLEOGUE G.A.A.

Matches are all over now until the middle of January and for the last few weeks most pitches have been unplayable. However, the younger boys have not lost their enthusiasm for the game, even though their home matches had to be on the big pitch in Bushy Park. One of the goalposts on the small pitch was knocked down one night and the Corporation were very very slow to do anything about it. Our thanks to Fergus Ryan for keeping the pressure on the right Department or we would still be without a pitch for our under-age teams.

The U/10A team have had a good spell and only lost four matches, while the U/10B team have not been quite as lucky. No matter it is very encouraging every Saturday morning when you see forty under ten year olds turning up for their matches. It is also encouraging for team managers Sean O'Mahoney and John O'Driscoll when they don't have to go looking for boys to make up a team.

The U/12A team have only been beaten once and cannot wait to have the return game against Ballyboden to prove they are the better team! They have improved very much since the beginning of the season and it is reckoned they have a good future if managers Mick O'Connor and Paddy Quinlan can keep them together. The U/12B team have gained more points from "walkovers" than any team in the club. They have been unlucky and full credit to the boys and their manager Noel Lynch (Club Chairman) for their efforts.

Our U/14 team so far are unbeaten and have prospects of winning our division. Apart from medals, it would leave them in the running for a trip to Liverpool, Manchester or Leeds which is being organised by the South City League Board. There is a wonderful spirit among the boys as they have been playing together since they were under eleven. Most of these boys play rugby on Saturday mornings with Templeogue College and turn out again in the afternoon for a gaelic match. There is great credit due to them and I am glad to say their U/14 Rugby team in the College are doing very well with only two defeats since the season started. A word of thanks to Father Noel Redmond, Games Master in Templeogue College, for his co-operation at all times and, in particular, during the summer when these same boys were so successful in the Community Games Hurling competition.

During November we held our A.G.M. It was a bad night and that kept the attendance down to about 40. No matter, it was a lively meeting and ended with the re-election of Noel Lynch as Chairman, Jim Lee Vice-Chairman, Sean O'Brien Treasurer and Sean Mahon Secretary.

Below is an account of a trip to Wicklow by the under twelve team and written by one of the boys.

### A TRIP TO WICKLOW

On the 19th of November the whole under 12A team from the Templeogue G.A.A. Club went to Wicklow to play against St. Patrick's the champions of Wicklow. The match had been arranged for the previous week but the weather prevented that. So the day before the match there were anxious looks at the weather. But the day turned out dry and we went.

The team was brought there in three cars, Mr. O'Connor's, who is the team manager, and helped by Mr. Lynch and Mr. Barlow. On the way Mr. Lynch took a wrong turn but got there in time.

Dave Lydon (Captain) won the toss and played with the wind. By half-time Templeogue were winning 4-1 to 1-2.

Playing into the wind in the second half, as well as it being freezing, and a hard match the day before, all contributed to our problems. The forwards were numb and the backs exhausted but everyone did their best. Patricks won 8 - 5 to 5 - 1 and it would have been

more only for the backs and goalie.

When the match was over we went into Wicklow town to get chips. It was a sort of cafe serving chips. Probably the owner made a loss considering the fact that about five bottles of vinegar and two bottles of sauce were "consumed with the chips"!. When these were in our gobs we went for a walk. We saw some guns, they were cannons, and went over to them. Dan Browne sat on a muzzle and couldn't get over.

When we went home in the cars, the jokes were great. Patricks will probably play us a match in Bushy and we'll thrash them then!

I enjoyed my day tremendously.

MICHAEL LYNCH (6th Class)

### TEMPLEVILLE & FORTFIELD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Report by Claire O'Regan, 43 Templeville Drive, Tel. 900650

The following is a reply to our letter to the Minister for Justice, Mr. Gerard Collins T.D. on behalf of members of the Association wo are concerned about the increase in the crime rate in Dublin and County.

"The Minister has asked me to let you know that since taking up office, he has introduced new measures to combat crime in our cities and towns. These measures include the provision of additional Garda foot patrols in urban areas and an additional patrol car operating on a 24-hour basis in each Garda city district. The Minister is informed that the results of the introduction of the measures are encouraging in that, there is an improvement in the situation in the centre-city area.

In September, 1977, in a further effort to combat crime the Government authorised an increase of 500 in the strength of the Garda Siochana. Recruitment of the extra Gardai has been proceeding as fast as possible and the Minister expects the strength of the Force to be close to the new figure of 9,500 by the end of the year.

The recent opening of Loughan House is expected to contribute significantly to a reduction in the level of street crime committed by youngsters in the major centres of population, as it provides the Courts with the option of controlling the behaviour of the more difficult boys who could not be coped with heretofore in the existing special schools."

The County Council have sent us a copy of the draft register of electors for 1979/80 for residents inspection. The qualifications for entry on the register are as follows:

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.

The draft register is available for inspection at the above address.

# Pius X. Musical Society



Just a little note of "Thank You" to all who supported us in our recent Christman Review and to remind you that this is only an appetiser for the feast to come - namely our main production "Kiss Me Kate" which starts on Easter Sunday. We hope to let you know in the next issue our full cast.

There are desired and needless to say There are still some vacancies for Sopranos and Altos and needless to say MEN are always most welcome. Anyone wishing to join the Society can come along any Tuesday or Thursday night to the Committee Room at the back of St. Pius X Church.

Bill Cosgrave - P.R.O.

# Why Should We Preserve The Past? nella allen

Dramatically, like a russet ball, the sun sits in a black velvet sky, its rays fading into pale gold as it streaks through the arches of the ancient Roman viaduct. All around hangs an uncanny silence, save for the faint rustling of the trees. Slowly a drum begins to beat, then two and more until the staccato sound swells into a pulsating crescendo. A voice speaking in dull monotones announces the title of the television programme we are about to see - DAY VOICES - NIGHT Voices.

The camera moves along the length of the Roman Viaduct until a line of Israeli flags are visible, flying in front of an ultra modern museum, significantly the ancient viaduct and modern museum are physically linked - the past to the present.

We are told we are looking at a kibbutz in the north of Isreal, founded by the survivors of the Nazi death camps. The inhabitants are about to begin a twenty four hour service in rememberance of the six million Jews who died. During this period, they will speak of their collective experiences, which link them inextricably with those who perished. Their memories are harrowing, even terrifying, but they are agreed to forget would be a betrayal of their dead — of their identity.

It is essential to know, remember and preserve the past, for without it we would be as bewildered amnesics lost in a void of time. Past, present and future are inseparable. A nation's definition of race is moulded on the events of its historical past. On probing our own nation's history, we find invasions, persecutions, rebellions, famine and poverty are the stuff on which we Irish were moulded. Perhaps these sad events have made us a trifle melancholy, insular, even insecure, but with a capacity to overcome and survive deprivation and tragedy. Of course, these are purely a personal view of points of the Irish character. Yet in spite of being jealous of our hard won identity, we are strangely wary of our past and are singularly lax in our determination to preserve links with it. Unlike the Isrealis, who in spite of constant upheavals are scrupulous about preserving every scrap of evidence pertaining to their right to nationhood. From before the foundation of the modern Jewish state, every stick, every stone from as far back as Biblical days is regarded as precious, each item is an assurance of identity, which to the formally wandering Jew is tantamount to treasure.

Can it possibly be that we Irish still mourn the interupted development of a race purely descended from Celtic saints and scholars? With a separate language and an individual culture, trading prosperously around the world. Can it be that we resent eight hundred years of foreign domination so intensely that we regard the Anglo Irish culture, that evolved from that intervening period, as belonging solely to those who planted and consequently governed Ireland up to independance. There is hardly a nation on earth which has not at one time or another experienced a period of foreign domination or indeed internal oppression at some stage of its history. Had all these nations destroyed or failed to preserve the better part of its oppressors heritage — whether architecture, literature or objects d'art or even language — then by now we would most probably be living in a world made of plastic, void of culture or beauty.

Did the French at the time of Revolution destroy the magnificent legacy of the hated Bourbons, or the Florentines that of the Medicis? The Russians, in spite of the ferocity of Bolshevik hatred for their aristocracy, carefully preserved and restored that heritage for posterity.

People in comparatively new countries, like North America, Australia and New Zealand are continually probing their past, searching for their roots in the old world. A grandfather or mother who took the emigrant ship or great great grandparents who might have been transported to those countries when they were British colonies. The

American and Carribean negros look to Africa for their roots and origins. Snatched by the white slavers from their natural environment and forced brutally into exile, they strove to cling to their identity through maintaining their African culture. And still today, after hundreds of years through many generations, the black man of the New world has evolved with a unique culture, for though he has accepted the white ingenuity of his former culture, he has mingled it with the rythyms, colour and hold on to his identity during the terrible years of captivity that he attained the dignity which enabled him to survive.

In Ireland the controversy over the preservation of national monuments is ranging. There is conflict between those who believe in practical progress (no matter how ugly) and the thinking preservationists who realize the folly of haphazard destruction. Should we leave future generations with a tangible identity, or just a few momento in a museum. The unique living archaeological sites and monuments which we now have are precious, too few are left to us. Coole Park House, former home of Lady Gregory and so intimately connected with the Irish literary revival, is now a ravaged shell. So too 'Frascati' once the home of Lord Edward Fitzgerald. Georgian Dublin is dying mercilessly at the hands of the soul-less property developers, who in a relentless drive to get rich quickly, will apparantly stop at nothing to reach their dubious ends.

It is almost incredible that we Irish, who fought so hard to establish our right to nationhood, should now be virtually indifferent to the bizarre hotch potch course our leaders have set in the field of preservation and conservation. Are we to lose all our forebearers dreamed of and continually fought for? Truly a nation without a past has little hope for the future!

### ST. PIUS X CHURCH CHOIR

Since last month we have had the Choral Festival in which we took part and Christmas itself which, this year, was a bit of a marathon as Christmas Eve fell on a Sunday. However, that is all behind us and now we are looking forward to Easter.

We had our Christmas party on 5th January, barely making the Christmas season. It was held in the house of one of our members and the meal, which was very nice indeed, was the result of combined effort. We sang until the early hours and spouses and friends contributed their party pieces so in the old phrase "a great time was had by all".

Our practices began last Monday evening and will continue every Monday at 8 p.m. We have got a few new members but would like to welcome some more. Remember 11.30 Mass on Sundays and Monday evening practices are the only commitment. If anyone wants to phone one of us, the numbers are Nuala 504636, Betty 906297, Deirdre 900036.

# DRAMA GROUP?

We would like to suggest that a DRAMA GROUP would be a worthwhile and feasible activity to start in our Community. We are positive we have the talent necessary in the area and there is no shortage of stages within stones throw.

Would those who like the idea or would be interested, please send in their names to us. If there is sufficient response we could convene a meeting and let those who attend take it from there. We feel it is a very pleasant activity and provides pleasure for those involved and the community.

# Swimming Classes

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Cookery Corner

This month we start a new feature. Our purpose is to persuade all the cooks in the Community to share their favourite recipes with us. We know that every cook has a recipe hand-down in the family or one of his/her own which is a favourite within the family circle. You may have picked up one on your travels or, indeed, you may not be Irish born and can introduce us to something different. Search your cooking files and let us have one. We would like to publish one or two every month.

To start the feature off, we approached an annual marmalade maker and asked her to contribute, since marmalade time is around again:-

### marmalade

If you are a family that eats marmalade, then making it yourself is a must. It is nicer, cheaper and you have the satisfaction of eating your own produce. I make 80/100 lbs of marmalade each year and, with such a quantity, like to vary the taste and texture - by slicing the oranges for one batch and putting them through the meat mincer for the next - increasing the proportion of lemons in one and using grapefruit instead of some lemons and oranges in the next.

I make 25/30 lbs at a time and rather than make a "jam factory" of the kitchen for the day, I spread the job over three days:-

First Day - Slice/mince the oranges/grapefruit (I do the lemons in a liquidiser with some water because their peel is much harder. This way they are well broken down and mixed throughout the marmalade). Place in preserving pan, add juice and cold water. To the pips in a basin add a pint of boiling water. leave overnight.

Second Day - Strain the liquid and jelly from pips and add to the pulp in preserving pan. Cook gently till the peel is tender (about 1 hr.).

Third Day - To each measured pint of pulp add 1 lb of sugar. Heat gently till all sugar is dissolved, then raise the heat and cook fast until ready to set (test). When it reaches this stage, remove from fire, stand for five minutes, pour into clean, hot jars, cover and seal.

\_ K. Lee .

### RATHFARNHAM CHURCH

At the end of a year one looks backwards and forwards. Recently I have been reading about the history of our parish - a subject which may be of interest to the members of the community.

Our original church lies in ruins in the graveyard, about one hundred yards north of the present church. We have no record of when this old church was built. In 1700 it was in good condition but in 1776 it was described as "being in a very decayed condition". It is recorded that in that year there were 347 members of the parish. In 1783 parliament voted a grant of £400 for the restoration of the church. It was decided to use the money for the building of a new church, on the nearby village green. The foundation stone of the new church was laid in 1784. The church took eleven years to build. It was dedicated on June 7, 1795. The organ was presented to the church exactly 90 years later. It cost £400 and was the gift of Mr.J.D.Tottenham. He and his family also presented the entrance gates to the churchyard.

In our Holy Communion services we use a chalice and paten which are dated 1724. They must have been used for more than seventy years in the old church. How many lips have touched that chalice?

It is unlikely that, in 1995, I will still be rector of Rathfarnham Parish, but I look forward to an invitation to attend the celebrations around June 7!

# DWARFS AND GIANTS

There are few things can match trees for splendour and variety - particularly in relation to size. Did you know that arid conditions in some parts of the world have produced such stunted growth that there exists a 100 year old spruce which measures only a foot in height and an inch in diameter? However practically any tree can be made to grow slowly so as to be kept indoors if you so wish. The ancient Japanese hobby of Bonsai culture which involves the pruning of roots and pinching of shoots at regular intervals can bring about a miracle of miniaturization. If you are endowed with the skill and patience needed for this hobby you could have an indoor forest which would rival the Kennedy Memorial Park in variety. Miniature bonsai trees range in size from a few inches to several feet. Evergreens are preferable as are slow growing trees like oak and conifers. It would be reckless to try to control the St. American balsa tree which normally grows at the rate of about fifteen feet per year. The setting in which the tree is grown is also important. They probably look their best with their roots clinging to pieces of porous volcanic rock as one can see at the Japanese Gardens in Kildare. There is a distinction to be made between dwarf varieties of trees which remain small without special treatment and the bonsai which needs the constant care and attention of the arborial sculptor. Pinching is perhaps the most important part of bonsai culture. It is the term applied to the crushing of tender buds and shoots between finger and thumb to retard forward growth. The pinching off of unwanted buds or shoots at an early age ensures that thetree is shaped or sculptured to delight the eye, prducing in time a venerable miniature of perfect proportions without any scars of pruning. Stems can also be bent in the early stages to achieve interesting shapes but this manipulation should not be started during the dormant period nor within two to three weeks of repotting or pruning. The bent stem may be tied to stakes with raffia or bound to still wire until the new shape is established. Deciduous bonsai should be pruned during winter but early spring is better for evergreens.

Root pruning and repotting is also necessary at regular intervals. This is sometimes done after combing out the roots which may be two or three times the height of the stem. Deciduous trees and young trees can generally be more heavily root pruned than evergreens. It is perhaps inevitable that some trees will be lost through overzealous pruning but success is

seldom achieved without sacrifice.

Now! What of the giants? Try to imagine a tree the width of your house - that is up to 36 feet across and about 10 times the height. This is the scaleof the splendid Redwoods and giant Sequoias of California. One of these great giants has been struck so often by lightening that it stands like a chimney, blackened within but still erect after 3,000 years. Their thick bark is almost as fire-proof as asbestos so these trees thrive on forest fires which only remove their competitor for soil nutrition providing in the process minerals from the ash of the lesser trees.

In terms of age however it is the Bristlecone Pines which hold the record. Some of these are over 4,000 years old and barring accident these trees may be immortal. They carry in the rings of the stems the history of the local climate for that period as well as records of forest fires. It is no wonder that tree are planted to mark historic occassions. Reference to Bonsai culture: Bonsai for Beginners by H.J.Larkin

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# LAFOSSE LECTURE '79 OUR LADY'S SCHOOL

Tuesday February 20th - 8 p.m.

To mark the Jubilee Year of the School the 1979 Lafosse Lecture Will be given by members of the Community. The title will be "From a Norman Village in 1777 to Templeogue Today" It will cover the life of the founder, Abbe Lafosse, the development of the congregation and the story of Our Lady's School. Subscription 75p Students 15p

# ST PIUS X SCHOOL PARENT'S ASSOCIATION

The following honorary officers for the year 1978/79 were elected,

Mrs. M. Cavanagh Mrs. M. Hurley Mr. S. Holt Mrs. M. Dawson Mr. T. Woulfe

Chairman Secretary Treasurer Minutes Secretary Vice Chairman

Parents will have received notices in connection with the recommencement of classes. Any forms not returned should be returned to enable vacencies to be offered to children who were too late to be enrolled in the first term.

Swimming classes for girls will restart as soon as possible and parents will be notified. We would like to congratulate our girls who competed in the inter grade gala at Templeogue College in December and earned certificates of merit. The gala was confined to groups using the pool and gave competitive experience to all participants. We would like to thank all the coaches.

The altar society appreciated the contribution received from the senior girls who sang christmas carols in the area for 3 evenings before Christmas. Finally any parents who still have to pay their 50P membership fee may

do so by leaving an envelope with the principal of either school.

T. WOULFE.

### Christian Unity Service

The ANNUAL CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE was held this year in Rathfarnham Parish Church on Christian Unity Sunday. Rev. Alan Wilson, Rector, welcomed all visitors including the parishioners of St. Pius X Church Templeogue, and in his address he stressed the various things the different faiths have in common rather than the points on which we disagree. The prayers which followed were for FORGIVENESS, RECONCILIATION and UNITY and the theme of the Service was " Serve one another for the Glory

of God." The clergy officiating were Rev.A.Wilson, Rev. Fr. C.Lee P.P., Rev.R.S.Stokes and Rev.Fr. Supple C.C. The choir of Rathfarnham Parish Church led the singing and the organist was David McConnell.



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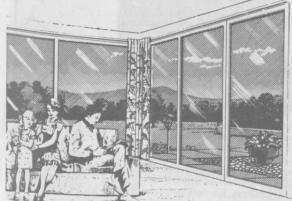
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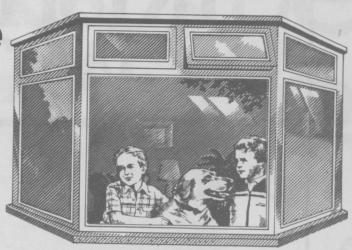
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