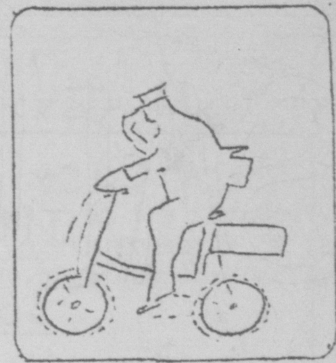


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TEMPLEOGUE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Welcome to the first issue of the Templeogue Telegraph from the Community Council. We thank the Parents' Association for the smooth transfer of the Telegraph to the Council, and we hope to maintain the high standard of previous issues.

By now every house in the area will have been visited by a Community Councillor, seeking subscriptions for the Telegraph and support for the Council. I'm sure that these visits will result in some good ideas for community projects in the future. I would like to thank the councillors who made these visits, and also the members of the community for receiving us so courteously.

Some youth in the area have been given permission to use the St. Pius X School Hall on Saturday nights and with the aid of some adults they will be holding social evenings there from 8 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. We would welcome some more adults to help with this project.

Due to the short time available to them the Social Committee have been unable to find venues for the community weekend activities, and with the agreement of the Council have decided to cancel the community weekend.

We have written to the County Council, seeking a meeting re traffic conditions on Templeville Road. We have not received a reply to date.

To conclude on a bright note, let us congratulate the swimming team from St. Pius X School who won the swimming relay in the All Ireland Community Games. Well done lads!

John Deegan,  
Chairman.

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TEMPLEOGUE SWIMMING

Apart from the Templeogue Swimming Club having a very successful year, the highlight was when five boys of Templeogue won their way into the finals of the National Community Games.

Due to the fact that there was no Community Council in the area, Butterfield, through John Ryan, invited some of our swimmers to compete with their district. This the boys did with distinction and ended up representing Dublin in the U/13 Relay. The team were made up of Aiden Towey, Fintan Mahon, Ciaran Mahon, Robert McCann and Peter Sinclair. Early on in the competition David Towey substituted for Peter who was on holidays.

It is a wonderful honour for these boys to represent their county at All Ireland level and something they will remember for the rest of their lives. They are already looking forward to next year as most are eligible to compete again and when the time comes they will carry the Templeogue banner.

A word of thanks and appreciation to Mr. & Mrs. John Ryan of Butterfield and district for all the trouble taken to see the lads were well looked after.





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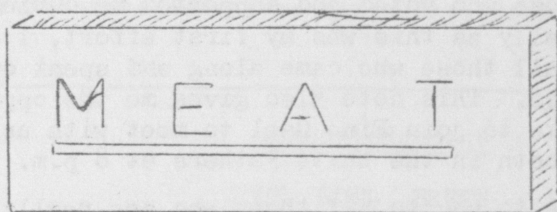
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ST. PIUS X SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION.....Report by K. O'Connor.

Whether your holidays was summer camp, the seaside or the back garden, it went too quickly and here we are once again starting off a new year.

Enrolment forms for extra classes were distributed to all children attending the school.

The girls' swimming class started on Friday 16th September at Templeogue College Pool and this class is now full for the current term.

The Speech and Drama classes which start on Saturday 8th October have only a few vacancies remaining. These are very popular classes and places are in constant demand. Although a definite date for commencement of the Art Classes has as yet not been set, all the classes are full.

The girls 6th class are keeping fit on Tuesday afternoons with Rounders at the pitch at Our Lady's School. We are very grateful to Sr. Robarts for this facility. The girls are also practising table tennis for the tournament for the "Doherty Perpetual Trophy" next spring. There's good news for the boys playing table tennis. Our Committee decided to donate a Perpetual Challenge Cup and a tournament will be organised for them too.

The A.G.M. will take place at the end of October and we look forward to seeing you all there and hearing all your comments on the past year and giving you the opportunity to elect your new committee.

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Dear Editor,

A belated "thank you" re General Election

Unfortunately I was a little late with my thank you notice for the last issue, consequently this late note. I would like to thank most sincerely all those who voted and supported me during the General Election. Especially as this was my first effort, I am deeply appreciative to all those who came along and spent considerable time during the canvass. This note also gives me the opportunity to invite any who would like to join Fine Gael to meet with us, the second Friday of each month in the White Fathers at 8 p.m.

I would also like to say to all those who are really concerned with the heavy traffic passing through our area via Templeville Road, that I have been in touch with many Residential Associations and also with the Southern Cross Group and I have offered the support of our Party by helping to relieve the heavy flow of traffic by the provision of "speed limit signs" and pedestrian crossings, where necessary. Again, might I assure your many readers that I will do my best to support the local community in any way possible.

Many thanks,

Stanley Laing,  
Fine Gael candidate Mid-County  
Constituency.

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TEMPLEVILLE AND FORTFIELD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Templeville and Fortfield Residents' Association was established on 24th May, 1955. The Association has been fully active since its foundation. It has for some years been affiliated to A.C.R.A.

The objects of the association are to safeguard the common interests of the residents and to foster a sense of civic spirit.

Membership costs 50p annually. Some 300 households are members.

The Association was instrumental in forming the Templeogue Ladies' Club some years ago. They also involved themselves in establishing the Templeogue Parents' Association in 1957.

The Dublin County Council declared the Association to be an Approved Local Council on 8th April, 1968. This important event in the history of the Association came after much hard work by the committee at the time. They attribute this function to be one of the things that have helped to keep them in operation so long. They are one of the longest standing associations in the area.

During the coming weeks members of the committee will be calling on each household for the annual subscription of 50p.

Tidy Districts Competition 1977. The result overall was 77 marks out of 100. The following factors emerged.

Templeville Park, verges need trimming. Weeds in gutters.

Templeville Road, margins good, some weeds here and there, nice roadside trees. Private gardens very good.

Templeville Drive, margins poor. Weeds in gutters. Overall litter control reasonable.

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Acknowledgement

JOHN NOEL BREEN

R. I. P.

The wife and family of the late Noel Breen, 49 Parkmore Drive, Terenure, Dublin 6, wish to express their deep and sincere appreciation to the many friends and neighbours who were so kind to them in assisting them in their recent sad loss, especially Rev. Fr. Keegan, C.S.Sp., Rev. Fr. Healy, C.S.Sp., and all the priests of Templeogue College, also the Principal and Parents' Association of the College. A special word of thanks also to the priests of St. Pius X parish, Templeogue and of St. Joseph's parish, Terenure and many others too numerous to mention.

TEMPLEOGUE G.A.A.

A new season has started and the Club have six teams competing in the South City League. For the first time we have entered two under 11 teams and the standard of football so far is very encouraging for the next few years. These two teams are looked after by Sean O'Mahoney, Mick O'Connor and Paddy Quinlan.

The under-12 team is basically the under 11 of last year and is in the capable hands of Noel Lynch.

The most successful team in the Club last year was our present under-13 (last year they played u/12). They won Section 1 of S.C.L. and were presented with a beautiful set of medals. Many of these boys play rugby on Saturday mornings and there is great credit due to them when they turn up for a match on the afternoon. They really enjoy the outing and on top of all that there is a wonderful team spirit among the boys. They are managed by Pat Conroy and Sean Mahon.

The under/15 and under/16 teams are made up of boys who have played with the Club since it was formed five years ago. We are indebted to these boys for their loyalty to the Club and hope some day soon they will be able to take out the younger boys and teach them the skills of the game.

One sad aspect of the situation is that so few parents come to see their sons playing and so little help given to those men who Saturday after Saturday bring the boys in their cars free of any donation to the Club to places as far as Leixlip, Naas, Glencullen, Sallynoggin. The same few fathers and indeed mothers turn up every week, hail, rain or snow. Please, parents, give us a hand even if it is only one or two weekends and lighten the load of those who are so dedicated to your sons.

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TEMPLEOGUE 20s

The Templeogue 20s will resume meetings on Tuesday 24th October. This first meeting will be in the nature of a get-together to meet new members and to plan our future. We appeal to all past members and to those who would like to join to attend this meeting in St. Pius X School at 8.30 p.m.

Our meetings are on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month in St. Pius X School.

We are very happy to congratulate two of our members, Margaret Murray and John O'Shea who have announced their engagement. For information, please contact Betty O'Brien, 906297 or Anne Woulfe 903902.

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QUESTION OF LAW.....by Mervyn Taylor

"Do You Know Your Rights"?

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2. When buying a Radio or appliance of any type ask about the availability of after sale service and exactly what the cost of servicing will be. Do not accept a vague assurance. If at all possible try and get a firm written commitment.
3. Check the guarantee if there is one. If you sign it, it may give you certain rights against the manufacturer of the article concerned instead of your rights under the Sale of Goods Act against the retailer from whom you bought the article.

Check the guarantee to see -

- (a) does it give cover for a reasonable period?
  - (b) does it extend to labour costs as well as to parts and materials. If not you would be better off without signing the guarantee.
4. Ask for a receipt and keep it carefully. It is the proof of when and where you bought the article. If the receipt is of a cash register type it is a good idea to write on the back of it immediately what purchase it relates to and keep it carefully.
  5. If any of the goods turn out to be defective bring them back to the seller and ask to speak to the Manager. State the reason for your complaint in a firm way without being aggressive and produce the receipt and any other relevant documents.

Do not, however, give up the receipt. The seller can take a note of its number if they wish. If you are unable to make contact with the Manager write to the firm by registered post giving them details and a copy of or the number of the receipt. Also keep a copy of any correspondence.

Remember when buying clothes in shops which have no fitting rooms if the goods do not fit when you bring them home the shop may only offer to exchange them and you will not be entitled to a refund unless you have stipulated this at the time you bought the clothing.

LABOUR PARTY ADVICE AND INFORMATION SERVICE

The free Advice and Information Service of the Labour Party is available to all the residents of Templeogue and adjoining areas.

A panel of experts is available including a Social Worker, Solicitor, Architect, County Councillor, etc.

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It was a peaceful place to dwell in days gone by, we know,  
 With a lovely old world village where the pace of life was slow.  
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 As a stopping place for travellers going in and out of town.  
 Once an old tram trundled through it in the days of long ago,  
 And Dubliners once knew it as a pleasant place to go  
 On Summer days for picnics and perhaps your great-ma-ma  
 Was one of those who visited its very well known spa.  
 The river then was clean and bright and sparkled in the sun.  
 The numerous trees that flourished there brought joy to everyone.  
 Poets and painters living there found inspiration too,  
 In this lovely little village, neath the Dublin hills they knew.

But then along came progress, or at least that's what it's called.  
 Bulldozers and earthmovers left the landscape almost bald.  
 Most greenery was covered by red brick or grey cement,  
 Defacing lovely countryside, where people dwelt content.  
 Now the juggernauts and lorries slash the picture into shreds,  
 And everyday the damage to the canvas quickly spreads.  
 It's not so very long ago since we gazed in despair  
 At a golf course ripped to pieces, damage done beyond repair.  
 "Signs of the Times" these things are called by people not affected,  
 But "road signs" and "safe crossings" in some places are neglected.  
 I'm writing of dear Templeogue, it's hard to recognise it,  
 Peace and beauty gone forever, we who live here realise it.

Sheila Whittle,  
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Mr. Mervyn Taylor, Chairman of the Dublin County Council has sent us the following report of County Council proceedings:

Mid-West County District Committee - 7/7/77 - LANEWAY BETWEEN FORTFIELD DRIVE AND TEMPLEVILLE ROAD

Question - Councillor M. Taylor:

"To ask the Manager for a Report on the present position regarding the walling up of the laneway between Fortfield Drive and Templeville Road stating what was the outcome of District Court proceedings and what further action is now proposed?"

Reply:

A prosecution under Section 24 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963 was authorised against the persons responsible for the construction of walls in excess of 6' between 39/41 Fortfield Drive and 21/23 Templeville Road. The case was heard on 11th May at which stage the walls were reduced to under 6'. The Justice fined each defendant £1 and £5.25 costs.

Planning applications for the retention of the walls were lodged on 1/2/77. The Council refused permission and the decision is currently under appeal. Subsequent to the Court hearing local residents aggrieved by the closure of the laneway attended a meeting in the Planning Office regarding the alleged public right of way. They claim that they have been using the lane for twenty years. They are prepared to supply affidavits as to the length of time the "right-of-way" is in operation. The land relating to the laneway is now in the ownership of the persons responsible for the walls.

The County Solicitor has been informed that the affidavits are forthcoming and he is examining the matter to see if a satisfactory case can be mounted by the Planning Authority under the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 1963 and 1976.



BOOK REVIEW.....by JOHN McCANN

"AMIN" by Judith Listowel, published by IUP at £2.25

It was Uganda, January, 1971. At the barracks in Jinja, a telephone operator left his switchboard unattended for a few minutes. The bell rang and continued to ring before it was answered by a pro-Amin sergeant-major, who was passing. Sergeant-Major Mussa put the call through to the officer wanted and then, because the officer was an anti-Amin man, listened intently. What he heard was the instructions from President Obote's representative, issued before Obote had left for Singapore, for the liquidation of General Amin, Commander of the army and a number of his associates.

Mussa moved quickly and soon Amin, backed by the army loyal to him, overthrew Obote, suspended the Constitution and declared himself President for five years saying that his would be a caretaker government, pending a return to civil rule.

Two years before, Judith Lady Listowel, who writes the biography, had been collecting material for a series of broadcasts in Uganda. While seated on a platform, attending the consecration of a bishop, she heard a voice behind her whisper: "Have you met General Amin?" Not thinking that she was being addressed she did not respond. Then the audible voice said: "Have you met him?" Without looking round, Lady Listowel said: "Yes, I have. I met him last night." "Then take another look at him - you will hear a lot more about him."

Since then, and more recently, the world has heard a lot more about Idi Amin, who joined the army as a private, rose to the rank of major under British domination and went on to be Commander of the forces under President Obote.

Obote and Amin had worked closely together from his first involvement in politics. Obote had ousted the earlier President and Amin had led the attack in person on the Kabaka Yekka's palace when King Freddie, as the Kabaka was called, escaped and fled to England where he died in his forties.

In 1965, Obote and Amin were indicted with other of their followers on a charge of taking large quantities of gold and tusks out of the Congo at a time when Amin was, as assistant commander of the army, assisting the anti-Tshombe forces in the Congo.

Shebani Opoletto who was commander of the army was quick to move against Amin but President Obote had the charges dismissed for lack of evidence. The rumours persisted, however, and eventually the scandal was raised in the National Assembly by Dandi Ocheng.

Ocheng alleged that Amin had made a cool £17,000 out of the business and produced in evidence, photostats of Amin's bank lodgements. He further alleged that the reason why Amin was not brought to justice was because Obote and certain ministers of state had all made even more than Amin.

Ocheng's separate charge was sensational and proved, as we now know to be true, that Amin was the man who, with the support of a few members of the Government, were planning to overthrow the Constitution.

The Congo scandal was never allowed to be satisfactorily resolved as the key witness from the Congo, having appeared once in court, was arrested and conveyed to an unknown destination.

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"AMIN" /Continuation

The rise of Amin from a private in the army to dictator President has been phenomenal. There is evidence from former officers of the British Forces the Idi Amin could speak only stumbling basic English. A keen soldier but otherwise underdeveloped, another officer recalls that when Amin got his first pay cheque as a lieutenant of thirteen pounds, he lodged it in the bank in the morning and by night he was £2,000 overdrawn, having written cheques all day for purchases that included a new motor car.

Amin stands six feet, four inches. He is a man of powerful physique which credited him with the champion boxing title and singled him out as an outstanding athlete. His superiors have credited him with a keen sense of humour, a shrewd soldier's mind and a kindly consideration for men under his command. These qualities were rewarded at the time of Amin's coup by the intense loyalty of the army of all ranks. Private or general he has always dressed as a dapper with shining boots.

President Idi Amin is a Moslem. It is not certain when he was born but the probable date is given as 1925 or 1926. He was born into the Kakwa tribe who believe in a supreme being called Nguleso - God in the sky - who threw down a man from heaven to teach people how to cultivate the land.

Amin's father chose the Moslem religion in preference to the Roman Catholic because he wanted to have four wives.

Amin has had five wives but one of them has not recently been heard of. She was probably divorced to conform with the faith. He has fifteen children, two sons being in a Catholic seminary training for the priesthood. This is said, rightly or wrongly, to be in conformity with his desire to placate all sections of the public.

Judith Lady Listowel's book is, if short, a very comprehensive study of a leader who was little known until his inhuman treatment of the Asians, a facet with which Judith Listowel deals adequately.

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THE MEANEST POLITICIAN?

What well-known figure was known as "the meanest politician?" The reputation belonged to the late Erskine Childers, and - lest we should be accused of outraging the late President's admirers - let us hasten to add that the point was made by Mrs. Rita Childers. The late President's widow was opening a recent "Focus on Drink" Seminar organised by the Wexford Community Services Council. She described as "absolutely hair-raising" the rounds system associated with Ministerial visits. Her late husband's reputation was gained by refusing to buy drinks for everyone in the bar as a vote-catching manoeuvre.

Mrs. Childers went on to deal with the moral pressures on publicans and politicians - one group afraid to lose trade because of competition from the 11,000 other licensees in the country, and the other trying to live up to expectations that drinks will flow whenever he's around.

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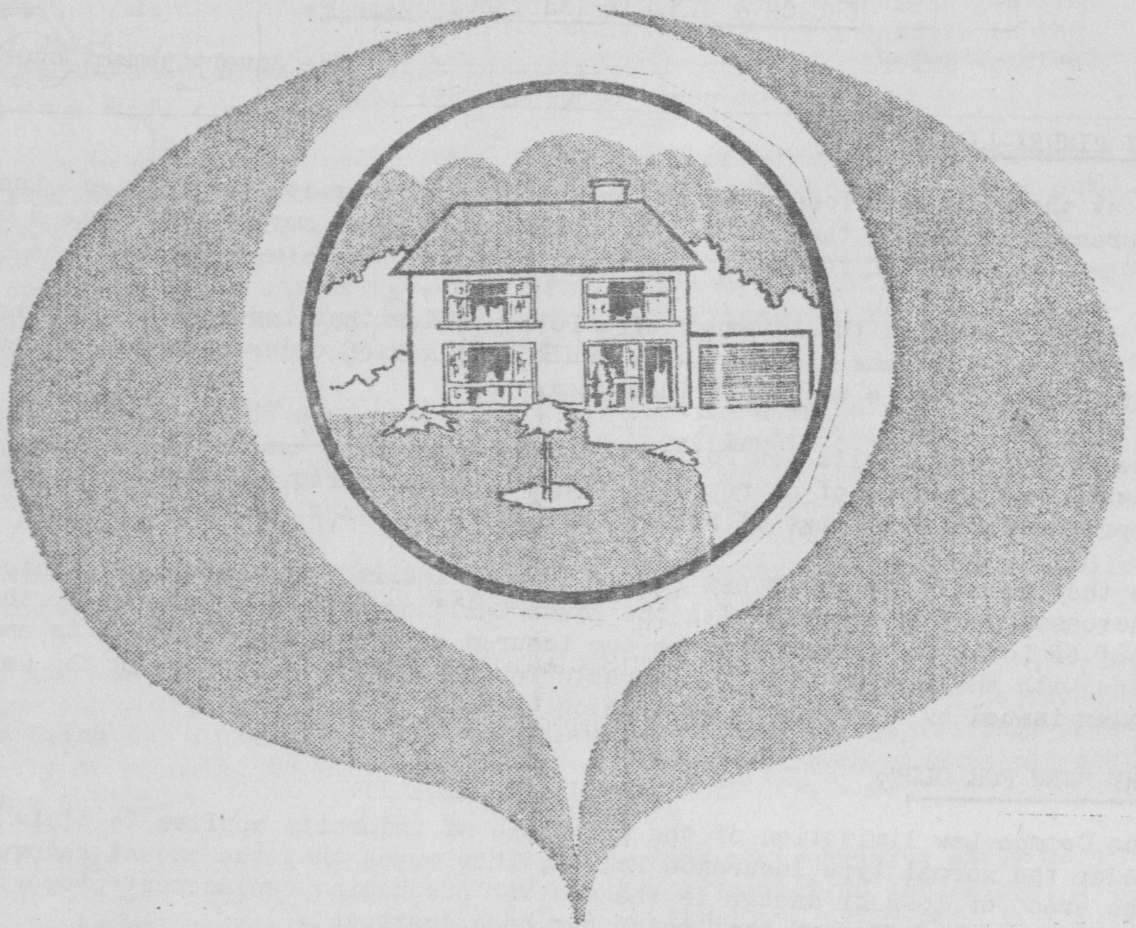
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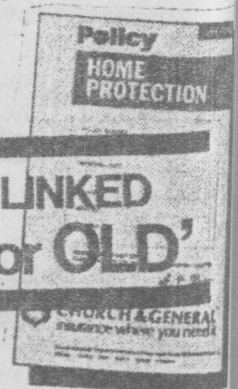
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