

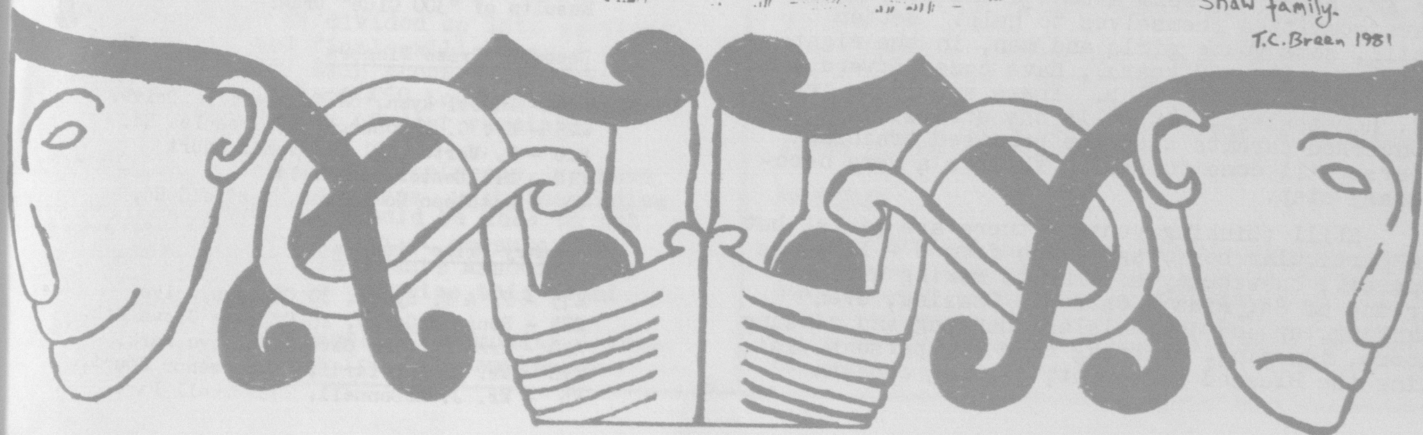
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# TEMPLEOGUE ROUNDABOUT

May O'Neill

Avid readers of this magazine must have noticed the sad lack of local news - of the kind not included in club reports. Years hence no one will know the busy bees we are or get an idea of the weather we now enjoy or should that read "suffer". So this column will be telling something of the activity and maybe of the gossip. It might evoke an indignant or otherwise response from usually dormant readers. Here's hoping.

Pre-Christmas time was the usual busy round. Fetes and fairs abounded despite the opinion that they are not the money-spinners they were and other ideas were mooted. Instead of having a St. Pius X Parish Christmas Fair, for instance, a Monster Cake Sale and Raffle, with a small gift stall netted about £500 painlessly - just a few hours work at home for the usual dedicated parishioners and one short morning selling and socialising. Our Lady's School opted for a Fashion Show, with fun for the kiddies with Santa, and it succeeded enormously.

St. Pius X Church was packed for an Evening of Carols on December 20th. Templeogue College Band, The Church Choir, Ladies Club Choir, Choirs from St. Pius X Boys & Girls Schools and Our Lady's School, the Folk Group and the Altar Boys, accompanied by Kay Dawson, made a glorious evening of joyous music and song for the coming of Christmas.

Bridge Clubs held Christmas Parties. So what! Well, for many, especially our older brethren, this evening out is the high-light of their season. Always good fun and plenty of prizes and lovely supper - all laid on by Committee members. All Clubs give the same care and attention to this party, and the pleasure they dispense is great. St. Pius X Club, which meets every Thursday in the School Hall, is noted as a friendly Club where anyone can have a good game, and being at the centre, as it were, of this community, contributes in no small way to its welfare. All the profits of this Club go to St. Pius X Schools. This year a cheque for £800 was handed over.

One disturbing incident to report is the closing of the Community Youth Club, held in St. Pius X School Hall on Saturday evenings, after Rev. Sean Breen, Curate of St. Pius X Parish, was outraged by a volley of foul language from a boy(s) outside the Club last November, because Fr. Breen saw fit to correct their behaviour. There was no physical contact or damage done to school property. However this was the straw to break the Camel's back. For too long too few have cared about the youth or the club. Youth leaders are not around. Some gestures were made to organise a Youth Leaders' Training Course, but there was not sufficient impetus put on those who could have got it going. So the crunch came. It need never have happened. However, since then a parents' meeting called by Fr. Breen was well attended and more parents have committed themselves to help. Better still, some young girls and men, in the right age group 18 - 20 years., have come forward and will assist in the Club. These should be trained, nonetheless, and it is the earnest hope of concerned parents that the promised training course will come to pass. This is a very necessary step.

Still thinking youth - there are girls, but in particular boys, age group from 8 - 12 years approx., on weekday afternoons making a playground of St. Pius X Church. Chasing, even skating, up and down aisles, banging and closing doors, ignoring, or being rude to, persons visiting the Blessed Sacrament, causing concern

especially to the priests. Of course it can be said the church is a safe place to play, but what disrespect in God's house! Complaints have been made where possible. What more? Try to make parents more aware.

Despite that, Christmas was a very pleasant time and the weather was kind.

New Year's Day 1982 was greeted in traditional style, and many participated in prayers for peace. The youth attended a special Mass which was sung by the Templeogue Folk Group, and during which special mention was made of Poland and the Group and congregation sang the Polish Hymn which they had learned for the Pope's visit to Galway, which was way back in 1979. Well we remember. May we remember to pray for peace for the remainder of this year at least.

Then time passed and all were back to work and school until, suddenly, on Friday, January 8th we were entirely snowbound. It took quite some time to realise the full meaning of that phrase - snowbound in dear little old Ireland!! Foodstuffs became scarce, people queued for milk and other things. Travelling was impossible for many. Old folk were in distress but everyone was alert to another's need. That was the good thing about it, we got to know each other better somehow and offered help all the way. The snow finally stopped early on Saturday. It was simply beautiful to look upon, wonderful to breathe in the clear air, go for a short tramp or go in Bushy Park and enjoy the pleasure the young people were having sliding on the slopes to the bandstand - a veritable haven of fun for the energetic. Home in the evenings totally exhausted and full of fresh, but oh! so cold air.

A week later it began to pall - the cold, the sliding, the careful picking of one's steps, especially when going along where the footpath normally is and where at the drive-in to each house it was necessary to climb over a 'mini-alp' at one side of each gate and then at the other side. It was great exercise for the young - for others it meant going along the roadway! In all the time did you remember to feed the birds?

The promised thaw came with slush - and in many places and homes - a rush of water from burst pipes. People floundered - they did not know how to turn the water off. And where is the stop-cock anyway! The electricity goes too, so the distress starts all over again for some. Find a plumber? Look for a needle in a haystack - its easier. Its surprising how well people can cope. Things are gradually returning to normal, thank God. Normal now is to stay knowing each other and remembering to help.

## 37th UNIT C.B.S.I.

Results of "300 Club" Draw:-

### December Prize Winners

- £75 - Pascal Ryan, 88 Templeville Drive.
- £25 - Mr. C. O'Donohue, 97 Greenlea Rd.
- £10 - N. Morton, 21 Grosvenor Court
- £10 - Mr. Hester, Ashfield.
- £5 - Kathleen McManamon, Ashfield Rd.

### January Prize Winners

- £75 - F. & N. Rynne, 30 College Drive.
- £25 - Ronan McGarry, 18 Cypress Grove Sth.
- £10 - Mrs. Pauline Gavin, College Park.
- £10 - Mr. T. Fusciardi, 7 Grosvenor Court.
- £5 - Mr. J. McDonnell, 273 Crwell Park.



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# TEMPLEOGUE LADIES' CLUB

*Nancy O'Connell*

It seems ages since our December meeting, which was held on December 2nd. This was a rather short meeting as the Christmas dinner was on the next night, and so after our business was completed we relied on a few games of bingo to provide the entertainment. We have some devoted bingo fans in the Club and some who hate it, so it depends on which side one belongs to whether the evening was enjoyable or not. We had some lovely prizes and I presume the winners went home happy anyway.

Mary Kernan was congratulated on her 25th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations to Margaret Garvey on the birth of her third son. We hope to see her and all other members at the next meeting.

One hundred and five members attended the Christmas dinner in the Clarence. A few members were disappointed with their meal though the vast majority got a lovely meal. The entertainment was provided by Liam McGann's one-man band and this was very popular. Some of our members also sang songs which added variety to the evening and a good night was enjoyed by most of those present. There were lots of raffle prizes too though none came to rest at our table.

Our January meeting was postponed to the 20th due to the bad weather conditions. We are entertaining visitors from Ennafort then, and we hope there will be a good attendance - unless we have to cancel again!

On February 3rd we are having a visit from the Irish Good Council who will give a talk with slides on the advantages of buying Irish and will also advise us on our rights under the Sale of Goods Acts, etc. They are also providing raffle prizes - Irish made, of course. This promises to be an informative and entertaining evening, which should interest all of us in these hard economic times, and so soon after the budget too.

**CLUB ACTIVITIES.** The choir sang beautifully at the Mass for deceased members and at the Carol Festival before Christmas. They meet for

## COUNCILLOR LAING

Just prior to Christmas I was delighted to attend the launching of a new community based Variety Competition "Cream of the County" sponsored by the Dublin County Council. This is a great opportunity for the groups within the county to get together and represent their area in a most enjoyable way. Each group entering must represent a cross section of their area. The group will be required to present a Variety Show not exceeding 35 minutes duration and the cast for the show should comprise a minimum of twenty people including male and female members covering a reasonable range of age groups

The County will be divided up into sections and semi-finals and finals will be held in late February and March. Each group participating will receive a grant of £50 towards production costs and a percentage of door receipts.

Now come on, people of Templeogue, we have plenty of talent in our area, with the ladies club & youth groups we should be able to put together a very good group. I am sure the Community Council and Residents Associations will be glad to help to organize this event.

Following on this theme of community I feel it is an opportune time for the Templeogue

rehearsal on Wednesdays, except Club meeting days, at the school hall at 8 p.m.

**Drama:** Imelda Gogan has written a new play entitled "Time Between" and it has got into the first three in the Federation original play competition. It will be performed in Player-Wills on April 1st, and will then be placed either 1st, 2nd or 3rd. Congratulations to Imelda, and its not too soon to ask for Club support on that night for Imelda and the play,

**Debating:** The debating team are drawn against P.A.M., Walkinstown on January 25th. We wish them well and that they'll get through to the next round.

**Bowling:** Eleanor O'Mahony won a lovely set of crystal glass in her section of the bowling competition. Nancy Forde got through to the final in her section but didn't win, though she did get a lesser prize.

**Flower arranging:** These classes have surprised all of us. Interest has been kept up right through the course and even in the snow there was almost a full attendance and people are continually asking to join. Mai Fannin does not want beginners to join at this stage, but if there are about 15 or 20 beginners, she will try and get another class going on another night. Details will be arranged later.

Now we come to the most important part. Most of the present committee, having served their two years, go out of office at the A.G.M. in March, so we are looking for nominations for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and seven committee members.. There are many able people in our Club who should be willing to serve on Committee and we are asking everyone of you seriously to consider the position, let your name go forward and let's have an election for every position for a change.

Hope to see you on February 3rd, at 8 p.m.

residents to have a serious look at providing a Community Centre/Sports Complex. I know from talking to a number of people that there is fresh enthusiasm for this project and I am confident there is a real need for this facility both for the young and not so young. In these days of early retirement there is certainly a need for a sports facility where the family can get together for an evenings enjoyment. Please don't let finance keep us back, all we want is the co-operation of the community and the willingness to work together.

I was surprised to hear on the radio today that many new residents are finding it difficult to settle in their new surroundings (not necessarily in Templeogue). May I take this opportunity to offer any help I can to those who are coming to live in the Templeogue area. Best Wishes for 1982.

I am pleased to announce that I have been appointed to the office of Peace Commissioner and shall be delighted to attend to any extra duties required of me. It is indeed a great honour and I look forward to serving the public in many different ways.

### Late News

I am delighted to report that traffic lights have been recommended by The Traffic Study Group for the Glendown Road/Templeville Road junction. The next step is to have money approved by the Dublin County Council at the Estimates Meeting and I have requested that this junction might be given priority.



## TEMPLEOGUE LOCAL HISTORY GROUP



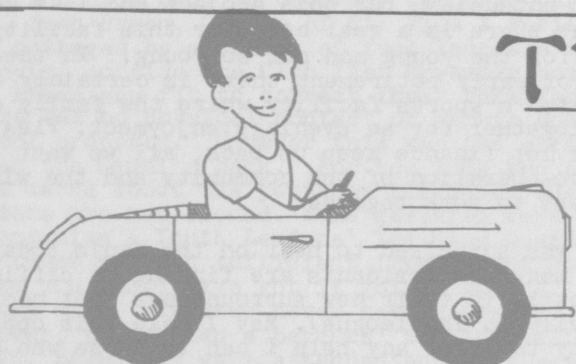
A number of events are being arranged for the coming year. In the beginning of March it is hoped to have a showing of a film made some years ago of the City Watercourse in Templeogue, followed by a talk on 'Vanishing Templeogue', with slides of historic buildings, etc., which have been destroyed in the area over the years.

We can't properly understand the history of our own area without a look at Dublin as a whole, and I think a lecture on the Wood Quay excavations by the archaeologist who directed them would be of interest to many people. This will probably be at the beginning of the summer, and soon afterwards we will have a guided tour of the old churchyard in Rathfarnham, where a number of prominent people are buried, including some from Templeogue.

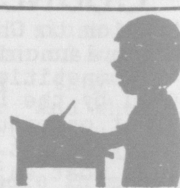
In the autumn I hope to arrange a talk on the paper mills of the Dodder, and to end the year I shall repeat my slide show 'The Story of Templeogue' for those who missed it before or who want to refresh their memories on the general history of Templeogue.

J. P. O'Sullivan of 22 Fortfield Road was rather disappointed to learn (T.T. Dec-Jan, 1981, p.8) that for years he was described in Thoms Directory as a greengrocer, whereas he described himself in his own circulars as a high class grocer and provision merchant. By 1974 the Directory added the designation 'spirit grocer' (he had bought an 'off' licence in 1951. By then the newsagents shop at No. 108 was known as 'The Favourite' and 'Toni's' ladies hairdresser's was located at the same address. No. 110, Kevin's domestic stores in 1962, had by 1974 become the premises of Smitex (Ireland) Ltd., knitting machine company, and 112 had become Downey's victuallers (in 1957 it was listed as Sydney Medalie, hardware and draper. By 1962 No. 118 had become known as Ann's and in 1974 the proprietor was listed as Mrs. Maureen

Kelly. This is just one group of shops in Templeogue. Perhaps a look at the history of all the shops in the area would be interesting, and bring back memories to many residents. Look out for this in a future Telegraph!



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# Poetry

# Corner

## *The end of a perfect day.*

We left Templeogue around two by the clock  
And made no delay until we reached Glendalough.  
Passing by Roundwood it was remarked by the Club  
"That village is famous for the height of its Pub!"  
The heather on the hillsides had a beautiful glow  
As we descended the slopes going by Annamoe.  
And the Glendalough rhododendrons were a sight to see  
But foremost in our minds was our afternoon tea.  
The Hotel couldn't cater for the extent of our load  
We had to go back to a Cafe on the Laragh Road.  
Here they were well prepared or so it did seem  
With hot apple-tart topped with whipped cream.  
We explored the Seven Churches and St. Kevin's Bed  
Which shows the hard pillow he had for his head.  
Then back to our transport to continue our tour  
Observing all the approaches to Glenmalure.  
We made a brief pause at Avoca's Sweet Vale  
Which adjoins the great woodlands of Avondale.  
There wasn't time to stop here at the home of Parnell  
We were already overdue at the Bridge Hotel  
Where a five-course dinner was waiting for us  
So it didn't take us long to alight from the bus!  
When the meal was over the prospect looked bright  
for what promised to be a Fantastic Night!  
We had a piano, a fiddle and an accordeon as well  
And the full use of the Ballroom within the Hotel.  
There were also "facilities" if we required a 'Nip'  
And the softest of seats to partake of our Sip!  
For my part I'll admit I was really all set  
Because of Old Friends accidentally met!  
Then the following announcement came as a shock  
"We are leaving here to the minute of ten o'clock.  
Out - everybody - now - before its too late  
The bus is at the door and the driver can't wait!"  
Then there was hustle and bustle and all kinds of fuss  
In case anyone would be missing in the queue for the bus.  
It was such a disappointing End to a Perfect Day  
I felt like a Reverend Mother going home to pray!

BETTY McDONNELL



WINTER WONDERLAND



MILK - HURRAH!

## KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOUR

*Michael Sheehan*

In this age of "All Stars" and "Superstars", of awards being made, not just annually but monthly, it is worthy to note that here in our midst lives one of Ireland's greatest athletes - the holder of two unbroken Irish records - EAMONN KINSELLA, who lives in Templeogue Wood with his wife Carmel, daughter Niamh and two sons, Eamonn and Gerard.

Now a company representative, Eamonn told me of his career as a hurdler, talking with a refreshing reluctance, about his many victories and the many - now famous - athletes who were his contemporaries.

In the late 1940's while attending James's St. Christian Brothers Schools, his aptitude for athletics was noticed by Athletics Coach Jack Sweeney, who took him under his wing and seeing how ideally built he was for hurdle-racing advised him to concentrate on the 120 yards hurdles. His first victory was in Croke Park when he won the final of the National Schools Boys 100 yards. And so began a career which took him to the European Championships in Berne in 1954 and to the Olympic Games in Melbourne in 1956 as a member of the Irish team, when Ronnie Delaney won his famous GOLD.

After his Primary School win, Eamonn, with the help of Jack Sweeney took the Athletic scene by storm. He competed in the Leinster College Sports - won a number of N.A. & C.A. titles and became the 300 yard champion of Ireland.

He competed three times in the British Championships in the 120 Hurdles. In 1954 he was third, in 1956 second and in 1957 he took the British 120 yard hurdles title.

Two Irish records were broken in 1957, the 110 yards hurdles and the 120 yards hurdles - and to this day they have not been beaten.

I could go on and on but it is interesting to note what one of the evening papers said of Kinsella when he was 23 and at his peak - "Eamonn Kinsella is the phenomenal height of 6'5". Beautifully and symmetrically built he is close to 14 stone in weight and to him hurdles are little or no problem - he simply strides through them" The same paper bemoans the fact that "Brendan O'Reilly (now of RTE) and Eamonn Kinsella, the Donore Pair, have suffered in view of the fact that home opposition does not test them fully".



Grace and determination . . . Kinsella hurdling at speed.

## Rain-Soaked Track Didn't Slow Kinsella Down

**R**UNNING on a rain-soaked track—conditions usually unsuited to record breaking—young Eamonn Kinsella (St. James's Gate) gave his best performance to date, when he returned 14.7 seconds for the 120 yards hurdles at the Guinness Annual Sports at Iveagh Grounds on Saturday.

In his heat Kinsella cleared the hurdles in beautiful style to equal last Tuesday's time of 14.8 set up in Cork. That time was .4 secs. better than his previous record, 15.2 secs.

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Eamonn has very few trophies to show for such a distinguished career in sport - a few years ago he lost most of his medals as a result of a break-in. Despite an appeal on Garda Patrol they were never returned. He is not bitter at his loss - he's not that kind of person.

Only one of his sons, Eamonn, is interested in sport. He plays rugby, while he himself is now resting on his laurels and paying an occasional visit to the races, being more interested in the horses than the betting (apart from an odd flutter!).

Eamonn Kinsella has certainly won a place for himself in the sporting history of Ireland.

## THIS AND THAT

Is there not a large pool of musical talent in the Templeogue area going untapped? There appears to be, from what one hears, umpteen families in the area with all or one playing a variety of instruments. Where do all the boys go from Templeogue College Band when they leave school? One hears of many members of established orchestras living in the area. Wouldn't a "Templeogue Chamber Orchestra" be really something! Is there anyone or two in the area with the talent to organise such a group? He or she could be assured of every support.

A gentle reminder to those attending Mass at St. Pius X on Sunday to please drive their cars in the left hand side of the Church and exit from the right. It will make things much more pleasant all round.

The directional sign on the Templeville/Wainsfort Roundabout facing Templeville Road has been pulverised again by cars hurtling over. This is the problem, if you remember, last year of which the Council or the Guards were not aware.

Some of you may have been approached prior to Christmas for a contribution towards hampers which the Catholic University School make up at that time each year for those less fortunate. It may be of interest to know that £5,000 worth of food was collected and £4,000 in cash enabling them to assist many families over the Christmas.

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# HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

*Bunny Williams*

The Committee wish all the members a very happy New Year.

Despite the fact that December is definitely not a gardening month we had a good turn-out for our trip to Lawlor's Nurseries in Durrow on Sunday, 6th December. Unfortunately it clashed with other parish activities which were being held on the same day, but nevertheless 31 members travelled with us. As we were anxious to reach Durrow while there was still as much light as possible left we went straight to the Nurseries. As usual we were greeted warmly by the Lawlor family who had a really magnificent afternoon tea ready for us on arrival. We were treated to such tempting morsels as hot sausage rolls, savouries, cake and hot mince pies, and they all proved irresistible after our rather chilly journey from Dublin. The array of pot plants which they had was really breathtaking - the greenhouses seemed to glow with the colours of the cyclamen, poinsettias, chrysanthemums, etc. Judging by the amount purchased quite a lot of lucky people got some really choice potted plants for Christmas presents. However, buying was not confined to pot plants only. Several decided to take the opportunity to buy shrubs and outdoor plants for the garden. A large silver birch tree caused some consternation to the bus driver when he had to find room for it in the luggage compartment of the bus, but by 5.15 p.m. all the purchases were safely loaded on board and we travelled about a mile down the road to Woodview Guest House for our evening meal.

Once again we were lucky in our choice of venue. There was a huge log fire crackling away on the hearth and the room where we had our meal was both attractive and welcoming. The meal itself was excellent and due to the personal supervision of the owner the service was good and food was well served and piping hot. Wine was provided with the compliments of the Society to give the meal a festive touch, and we spent a most pleasant few hours there. We arrived back at Fortfield Park about 9.30 p.m. and although the weather had been rather wintry it had turned out to be a very pleasant outing indeed.

On 16th December we held our annual Swap Shop. This was a little disappointing due to the fact that only about 20 members attended. I must admit that the fault was ours as too late we realised that the weather in December was anything but conducive to going out to the garden to take cuttings, and the fact that the meeting came so close to Christmas did not help matters. However I must say that those who attended brought along lovely cuttings and plants, all nicely potted and labelled - some of them compared very favourably with plants one would purchase in a nursery. Although the numbers were small the amount of plants and cuttings was quite large and everyone went home with quite a selection of "bits and pieces". Next season we shall make a point of having this meeting earlier. There was a free raffle for two beautiful plants - a poinsettia and a cyclamen - and the winners seemed well pleased with their prizes.

On 20th January we had a good attendance for our meeting at which Miss Finnuala Reid from the Botanic Gardens was the speaker. She had proved to be a popular speaker during our last season and she did not disappoint us on her return visit, as her approach is always practical and interesting. This time her subject was "Propagation and Division of Plants", and as she had come along equipped with all the paraphernalia one needs for this sort of operation we were left in no doubt as to exactly how the job should be done. She started with advice on the purchase of seed and progressed, step by step, through the complete process of seed planting. She had also brought with her many cuttings and plants and ably demonstrated the various methods of taking cuttings from each of them. It was a most informative talk, well presented and well received by the audience. At the end of the evening our Chairman congratulated her on her presentation and thanked her for the effort which she had put into so clearly illustrating each stage of the operation.

There was the usual raffle for a pretty cineraria, and the Chairman also mentioned the Floriade Flower Exhibition which will be held in Amsterdam from April to October. If desired further details can be obtained from the Secretary (Phone 906268).

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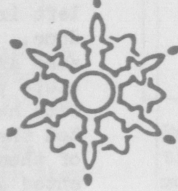


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# Window Shopping by Gabrielle Carty

Times of recession and raging inflation have meant that the art of window shopping is enjoying a revival in the eighties. Although of course one can window shop inside as well as out, the shop window is in the forefront of the activity.

Shop windows are interesting in themselves. Some are crammed full of objects large and small, providing a puzzle for the shopper - which tag refers to which item. Prices may even be turned away from the front of the window or at an angle downwards providing the window-shopper with an opportunity to exercise neck muscles. Some windows are carefully and tastefully dressed, displaying only a few items. A few are filled with faded dusty things which look as if they could have been sitting there since the last century. The rare one such as the pawn shop window, is laid out with the goods in orderly rows with every price clearly marked. The window shopper will know how to evaluate these different styles of display.

The window shopper derives several advantages from his art. The first is when he is intending to buy something. Then he travels from shop to shop comparing prices, and assessing the variety and quality of goods obtainable in each shop. This is in order to obtain value for money: so necessary nowadays. However this is the more limited sphere of window shopping.

If a person has time on his hands, then an interesting way to while away the time is window shopping. It also improves mental powers, quickening observation and sharpening memory. Observation and memory are essential to the art of window-shopping: how else is one to compare the price and quality of shoes here with those at the end of the street, or on the other side of town ..... You may wonder why one should not simply write all details down in a note book: no self-respecting window shopper would ever be seen fumbling with a pen and note-pad.

A few tips .... window shopping should be done at one's leisure: a pair of strong shoes and strong legs will not go amiss: choose a fine day if possible.

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Templeogue College Parents Association

## 300 Club Draw

The January draw which was postponed because of bad weather will take place on Thursday 4th of February '82 as well as the February Draw, at the meeting of the above association in Templeogue College.



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# TEMPLEOGUE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB

I went to a meeting at St. Pius X School on Thursday December 3rd last at which the future of the Community Council Youth Club was discussed. Fr. Breen was in the chair and was ably assisted by Mr. John Deegan, youth representative on the Council and the man who has been responsible for running the club since its inception. There were about 36 people at the meeting, including concerned parents, club helpers and some of the youth. Mr. Terry Samuels represented Mrs. Josey Farrell, Chairman of the Community Council, who could not be present.

A lively discussion took place under the following headings - club activities, security at the club, role of club helpers (including some parents), the need for youth leaders and the problem of smoking at the club.

Some people deplored the limited range of activities available for members at present, namely, table tennis, pool and cards. Mr. Bernard Byrne who has had some experience of youth clubs felt that a special premises was needed, open all week and embracing all the activities covered by the Catholic Youth Council, e.g. dramatics, woodwork, photography etc. Fr. Breen considered it unrealistic to expect that a special premises could be available but said we must make the most of what we had. Some of the youth thought that activities such as crafts and drama smacked too much of school and would not be popular with most young people. It was generally agreed that more options including perhaps darts should be sought. Some regretted the lack of a cup of tea for members, especially as the Ladies Club had kindly donated a boiler to the club. It was

## « help force »

In the twelve months since the Help Force started it has been called on sufficiently often to make its existence worthwhile, although a number of our sixty helpers have not been involved yet.

The main ongoing activity is the provision and delivery of a meal every day to a man in the area. Betty Murphy (tel. 909219) is the organiser behind this and is always glad of fresh volunteers. Each lady cooks and delivers a meal on one day a week for six weeks - and would then not be called in again for about nine months.

One area where we have not been as involved as we expected was in giving a break to people who were tied to the house with a sick or invalid relative. We would be only too pleased to help.

Please contact any of the following:

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## ST. PIUS X SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

In case your desire for news has been sated by the cold weather we have two interesting topics.

Our special general meeting this year is expected to include a topic which makes many parents shudder - sex education. It is generally agreed, however, that such a meeting, with a good speaker, would be helpful.

And on education generally, we have some news. Apparently, although we are seeking clari-

said that tea had been spilt on the floor and this was unacceptable to others using the hall.

The need for youth leaders and the role of club helpers or supervisors discussed. Mr. Vivian Rynne believed that supervisors job was to protect the premises but not otherwise to be concerned with the moral and social behaviour of club members as this was the responsibility of parents. On this point Fr. Breen disagreed strongly and went on to describe how in a Youth Club with which he had previously been involved, members were frisked on entering with confiscation of razor blades, bottles of vodka etc. He said the club was then locked once activities had started and members were not allowed to go in and out continually as happens in our club.

It was mentioned that members must leave to smoke as this is not permitted in the hall. A young person present then made an impassioned plea for members to be allowed to smoke at club meetings. In reply it was pointed out that smoke damages the health of non-smokers and is unpleasant for them. It was unfair to expect them to put up with this imposition. It was suggested that if there was an extractor fan in the kitchen or other anteroom young people who had to smoke could do so without leaving the premises or inconveniencing non-smokers. Many parents present were anxious that their young people should not leave the hall until club closing time, i.e. about 10 p.m. Mrs. Carmel Dunne thought that the school yard should have better lighting and should be patrolled by police or parents.

The lively meeting concluded with an appeal for youth leaders in the style of Declan Ellison, Lis Dawson and Frank McCann whose retirement a year or two ago was a great loss to the club. I believe some people offered their services as the meeting broke up.

fication, Templeogue College will no longer be guaranteeing 45 or so places for the children of our school, as they have been doing. No longer will the school within walking distance allocate us a particular number of places. One interpretation is that this might be to the benefit of our children, as the generally high standard from the school might facilitate the entry of more than 45. There will be more news on this topic. It has, however, been covered well at a meeting organised by Miss Rock, the girls' school principal. A large attendance heard contributions on community, comprehensive and the more traditional schools. We were warned that schooling was changing, and that the community or comprehensive schools were a good option.

The carol singing outside St. Pius Church went well, and about forty or more children made a lot of money for charity,

By now the parents' association extra curricular activities should be in full swing, unless, of course, the mini-ice age recently promised by an English academic hits Templeogue.

And a reminder, table tennis enthusiasts should be practising for the annual tournament in March-April.

WE WISH SEAN MAHON, A FREQUENT CONTRIBUTOR OF SPORTS ITEMS, A SPEEDY RETURN TO HEALTH.

# ENVIRONMENT

With the retreat of the snow to its mountain recesses, hopefully for the last time this winter, it is perhaps worth reflecting on the reactions of the community to the phenomenon, the white blanket (or was it a grey blanket).

Undoubtedly, young people welcomed it for it brought release from school and the opportunity for tobogganing in Bushy Park or making slides at the Shopping Centre. Trays and plastic bags seemed to be quite effective substitutes for toboggans, which makes one wonder why senior citizens were advised to wear plastic bags on their feet when walking in the snow. There must have been a great run on wellies over the few days.

Some older people remarked on the silence that the snow brought to the neighbourhood, with the virtual absence of traffic and the added brightness in the evenings. I heard one or two people say that it was like the time of the Pope's visit, meaning, I suppose, that everybody was walking and chatting on the roads and there was an air of good neighbourliness about. The clearing of snow from paths gave people an excuse for leaning on the shovel and having a crack with passers-by. There was plenty of advice being dished out. In Bushy Park and elsewhere in the area, cameras were very much in evidence.

On the less bright side we had the shortages of milk, bread and other essentials, frozen pipes, and the hassle of driving when the week-end was over. The breakdown of a milk lorry in the Springfield area brought welcome liquid relief and produced a record queue. It was a much lighter lorry that eventually got moving again.

I hope that those who were unfortunate enough to experience burst pipes during the thaw made good use of the Templeogue Community Directory produced by the Ladies Club Project Committee last year. R.P.K



## AFTER THE BLIZZARD

Some years ago a family I know went to great pains to have a holiday in Spain. This was before the era of package tours, APEX, etc, when one had to write to hotels, arrange train or air journeys, write for local guide books etc. However the family went to Spain in May (other months, they were told, would be oppressively hot) and on the Saturday in May that they left, Terenure was sweltering under a hot sun at the start of a 2 week heatwave. When they arrived in Spain it was raining and cold, and for the next 2 weeks they were cold and wet and miserable, eating food they didn't really care for, in a guest house which was very much inferior to their own home. Meanwhile Dublin sizzled in the hot sun and we all had a fantastic fortnight.

This came to mind as I sat by the fire during our recent history making Blizzard, when I saw a picture on the paper of a Dublin girl waiting at Dublin Airport complete with SKIS - off on a winter holiday to the snowy mountains of Austria! Another paper carried pictures of the Templeogue milk queue on the second day of the big snow. Milk and bread queues in Templeogue were certainly undreamed of even a few weeks ago. I was in the queue and one lady remarked "It's just like Poland!" but then Poland is for real and queuing for food is an everyday occurrence there. But "the Snow" had the effect also of making people aware of the plight of the elderly and much was done by groups and individuals to help in this respect. And of course one of the blessings of the snow was the demobilising of cars giving everybody a chance to walk to the shops - to Mass - even to work and to talk to people on the way, who up to then were only worthy of a wave or a hoot!

Thank Heaven we survived - but it makes one realise that Nature can't be taken for granted! M.S.



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# Feile bhride

This is the year of the third Feile Bhride. Competitions will be held as before, by kind permission, in Our Lady's School and Terenure College over the week-end 5th - 7th February. So Our Lady's School will be a busy place from 5.30 p.m. on Friday and from 9.30 a.m. on Saturday. Some few competitions will be held in Terenure College on Saturday afternoon from 2 p.m., and the closing concert of the Feile will be held there on Sunday at 8 p.m. Among invited participants to the Concert will be the Park Singers, under their Conductor, Sean Creamer, who will be readily recognised as a popular adjudicator of singing competitions with us. The choir has won great acclaim and we are grateful, and delighted, Mr. Creamer has agreed to come along.

Our adjudicators are: Brian O'Duill: Blaithin O Ciobhain: Joyce Hourigan: Peter O'Driscoll: Wendy Stevens and Mabel Swainson. All, except Brian Uas. O'Duill, have been with us from the beginning and have assisted us greatly in establishing the Feile and we are indebted to them for their encouragement. Our gratitude goes to Mr. Sean Creamer as well. He withdrew this year. Brian O'Duill takes his place and we are honoured he has agreed to adjudicate.

The overall number of entries is greatly less than last year. This is due to the fact that large entries were received in previous years from some schools, whereas this year at least one is not participating and entries are very much down from others. We are delighted to welcome, for the first time, a very good number of entries from Bishop Galvin School, Willington, and the enthusiastic response from the Principal, Mr. Healy, and his staff. We are pleased, however, with the overall entries received and we believe our Feile will, please God, be as successful as before.

We rely very much on parents help and look forward to the same support for stewarding and for security at both venues over the week-end, including the closing Concert.

So to all parents and young adults - boys and girls - as well as the good Sisters of Our Lady's School and the Priests of Terenure College who help us by simply working hard, or by financial contributions as patrons, we extend our best thanks. Mile buiochas agus Rath De oraibh go leir.

May O'Neill, Feile Director  
Maira McKeivitt, Feile Secretary.

The timetable will be as follows:

## Our Lady's School

Friday	5.30p.m.	Solo Verse-Speaking in Irish
	5.30p.m.	Choral Singing
	7.30p.m. (approx)	Solo Singing in Irish
	8.30p.m.	" Solo Singing in English
	9.00p.m.	" Scealaiocht (story-telling in Irish)
Sat.	9.30a.m.	Solo Tin Whistle
		Verse-Speaking in English commences.
	10.30a.m.	Recorder Solo
	12.15p.m. (approx)	Recorder Ensemble.
	2.30p.m.	Piano Solo.

## Terenure College

2.00pm (approx) Choral Verse Speaking in English.

Sunday No Competitions.  
Concert 8 p.m. in Terenure College

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# CREDIT UNION

The meeting opened with a minute's silence in memory of Cathal McCafferty, one of the Directors, who was killed in a tragic accident during the year.

The Chairman (Donal Kelly) thanked the members for the enjoyable evening out which the directors, helpers and spouses had at the Chapter 22 dinner-dance. He paid tribute to the work of the directors, supervisors and helpers. In addition to those directors on behalf of whom reports were given, he mentioned Lena Shaw (Secretary & Membership Officer), Bernadette Hughes (Vice-Chairman), John Smyth (backbone of Friday night in Fortfield), Billy Roche (Delinquent Officer), Audrey Long (Friday mornings in Orwell) and Carmel Keane (Minutes Secretary). Helpers on whom the Credit Union depended were Joan Elliott, Noelle Cahill, Marie Forde and Tim McCarthy (in Orwell) and Mary Farrell, Jerry Galvin and Declan Peelo (in Fortfield).

He mentioned the cost of having two offices and the fact that without a full quota of directors it was very difficult to have the manpower to keep both going.

The Treasurer (Bob Elliott) reported on the annual accounts. At the year-end there were 753 members with shares of £146,372. Reserves were £7,857. Loans to members were £161,348. A dividend of 4% (the same as last year) was approved.

The Auditor (William Kinsella) was unavoidably absent and Mr. Seamus O'Sullivan read his report. Mr. Kinsella was re-elected for the coming year and the best wishes of the meeting were to be conveyed to him.

Ronnie Duggan delivered the report of the Credit Committee (other members were Declan Maguire, Oliver Deegan and Brian Keane). There was considerable pressure on funds caused by the fact that many of the loans applied for now fell between £1,000 and £2,000.

Noel McKenna gave the report of the Supervisors (the others were Cyril Bates and Larry Dawson) confirming that it was well. He commented on the need for additional directors.

The common bond (i.e. the area covered by the C.U.) was extended to include Mountdown and some of the newer estates to the south of Wellington Lane.

Three new directors were elected. The meeting voted that as a thank-you to the board and helpers they should again attend the Chapter 22 dinner-dance. A free raffle was held for a bottle of sherry and a box of biscuits.

Officers for the coming year are:  
Chairman: Donal Kelly  
Vice-Chairman: Bernadette Hughes  
Secretary & Membership Officer: Lena Shaw  
Minutes Secretary: Marie Flood  
Treasurer: Bob Elliott  
Delinquent Officer: Billy Roche  
Credit Committee: Ronnie Duggan  
Declan Maguire  
Oliver Deegan  
John Smyth

Directors:  
Tim McCarthy  
Brian Keane  
Denis Ring  
Supervisor & Insurance Officer: Noel McKenna  
Supervisor & Director: Cyril Bates  
Supervisor: Larry Dawson

# What Future?

By: Brian Harvey

Ireland now occupies a unique position. It has the fastest expanding population in Europe in contrast to other countries of low birth rate and populations that are actually in decline. 52% of the Republic's population is under the age of 25. Politically, one voter in four is in the 18 - 25 age range.

These bald statistics will have a major effect on how we plan our country for the next 20 or 30 years. They have major economic and education implications. First and foremost is in the area of work. Purely to stand still, and without lowering the existing numbers of unemployed, 30,000 new jobs will need to be created to meet the needs of school leavers and college students alone coming into the workforce, each year for the next 18 years.

Clearly this will not be easy to achieve and may only be accomplished by reduced incomes for those in employment. The present Government scheme of a 1% levy on those in incomes to provide jobs for those without is a step in that direction. Unless positive measures are taken like this, the permanent effects of a large pool of semi-permanently unemployed young people could well be catastrophic. Quite apart from the scarring effects on school leavers of being trained and qualified yet denied access to the world of work and all that it represents in terms of status, income and self-esteem, alienation will produce severe political repercussions. The rioting of black, and white, youth in Britain last Summer is only a warning of what could happen here.

Just as investment in the provision of work for our expanding youth population will have to increase, so too will investment in our education system. Most of the people in the under 25 age group will be school or college goers, so we can expect to need to increase our allocations for schools, equipment, teachers, and training. Having said all this, it is wrong to portray large numbers of young people in the country as "a problem". It is not. It is an opportunity. Ireland is indeed fortunate in having the possibility of the youngest and most energetic workforce in Europe. With up-to-date education and technical training, such a workforce could make this country the fastest expanding economy in Western Europe.

There is an important role in all of this for youth

clubs and groups. 99% of our education budget is spent on 'formal' education - in schools and colleges. Only about 1% goes on 'informal', out-of-school education. Yet formal education's scope can be quite limited. It is mainly about the transmission of information, skills, knowledge. It does little about job and careers training, civic awareness, political or social education, sex education, or training in responsibility for the adult world. Most young people coming out of school know very little about their legal rights, how to fill in forms, how to cope with authority and bureaucracy. They do not find it easy to argue. They do not find it easy to articulate their opinions - they may have had little chance to air their views at school. As citizens they are expected to vote at 18, yet they will know very little about politics and if faced with having to take political action over a decision affecting them would find it hard to know where to start or what to do. Above all else, young people lack the experience of making, taking and living with their own decisions. Youth clubs and groups will fill a vital role here. They will provide an informal environment for young people - a freedom from parents, school and authority, perhaps for the first time. Teenagers will be able to decide to join, or not to join, or to leave the group, a freedom in itself. In good youth clubs they will be free to decide on what programme they want, and weigh up the pros and cons of what is best to do and what not to do, and to take the views of others into consideration. Being on a youth club committee is a particularly valuable experience. Being chairperson is an exercise in how to run a meeting, how to exercise authority, how to get people to work together. Being treasurer means handling and being responsible for other people's money. Being secretary means developing skills in writing letters, keeping notes and so on. As a PRO a person can develop media skills. And above all, these skills, abilities and experience are transferable. They can be applied to all areas of adult life - work, home, politics, trade unions, industry and so on. Youth clubs can be useful training in both democracy and equality. Most good youth clubs operate on democratic lines, giving everyone their say in deciding the programme, with annual elections; and status in a club is not normally important. Women may find themselves treated and working with others on a more equal basis than they will experience later in life.

In a sense then youth groups afford young people not only identity and opportunity, but training for later life. It's something positive and creative - more than just "keeping 'em off the streets". Hopefully, the more this is appreciated, resources, finance and adult volunteer help will follow.

## SOLOS & FRIENDS

"Solos & Friends" held their Annual General Meeting on the 2nd of November in Templeogue College and the following officers were elected for 1981/82:-

Chairperson -	Nora Callery
Secretary -	Rita O'Leary
Treasurer -	Eithne Byrne
Committee -	Betty Flaherty Nancy Heuston Joan Conroy Lily Baynes Con Nolan Eileen Shalloe

We had an excellent A.G.M. with a full attendance of new members to whom we extended a very warm welcome. Everyone seemed to be in a very enthusiastic mood and with such co-operation from our members we hope to make the coming year a very happy one for us all.

On the 19th of December we had our Christmas Dinner in the "Belgarde" with Cabaret and Dancing. It was a very enjoyable night with everyone full of the spirit of the festive season.

## ST. PIUS X SUMMER PROJECT

The St. Pius X Parish organised its first Summer Project last year. The project ran successfully for two weeks thanks to the dedication and trojan work of the many people who volunteered their service for the period of the project. Thanks are also due to the various local business people who contributed towards the cost of the project. The success of the project, organised at very short notice, has made the organisers more ambitious for this year. It is intended that Project '82 will run for a period of four weeks, with a wider range of activities.

A meeting has been organised for Thursday, 11th February, to be held in the large committee room at St. Pius X Church at 8 p.m.

All those interested in making a contribution of time, money, ideas, etc., for the new project will be welcome. In particular, any people with experience of Summer Project work elsewhere, either as participants or organisers, will be most welcome.

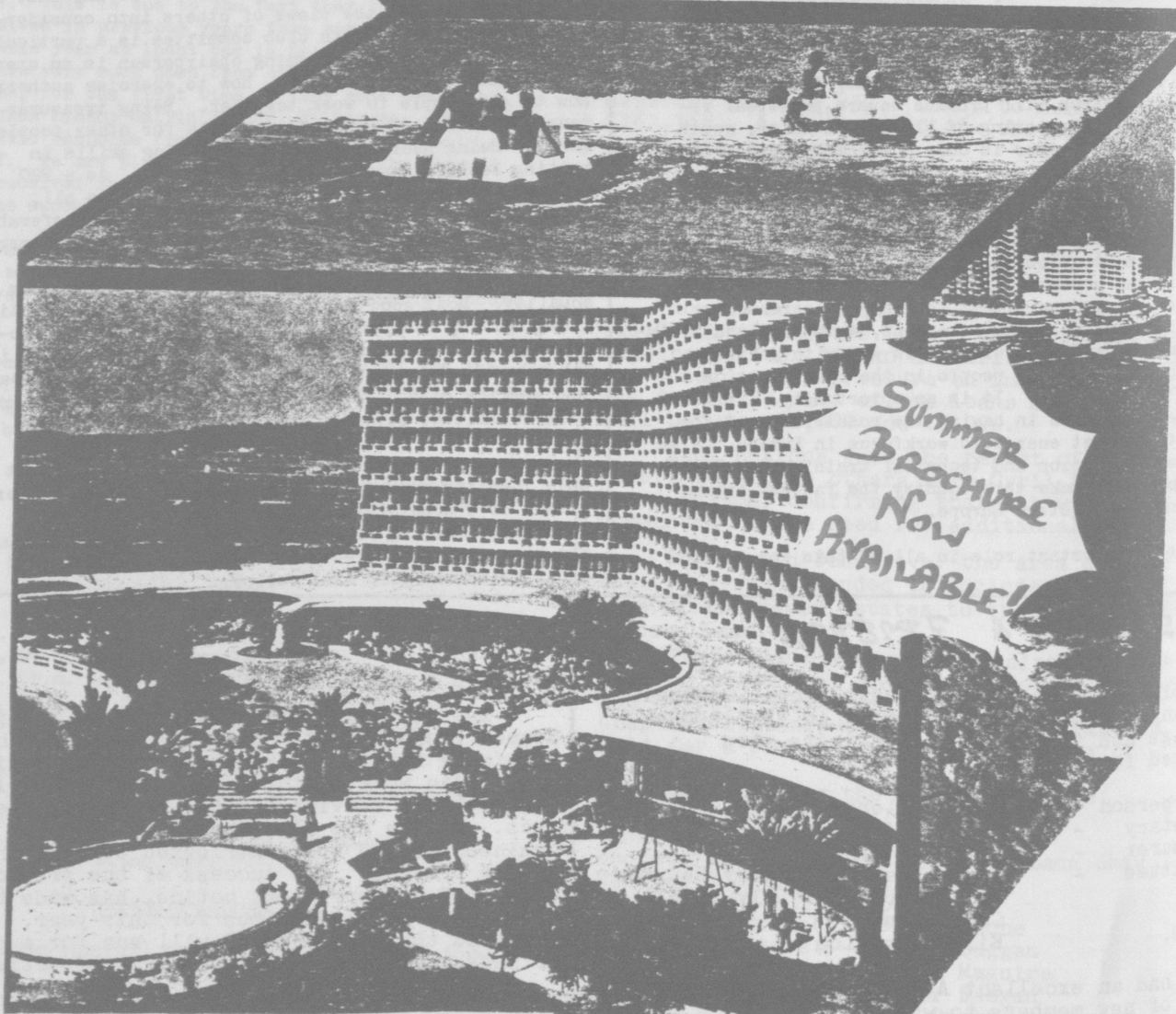
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