

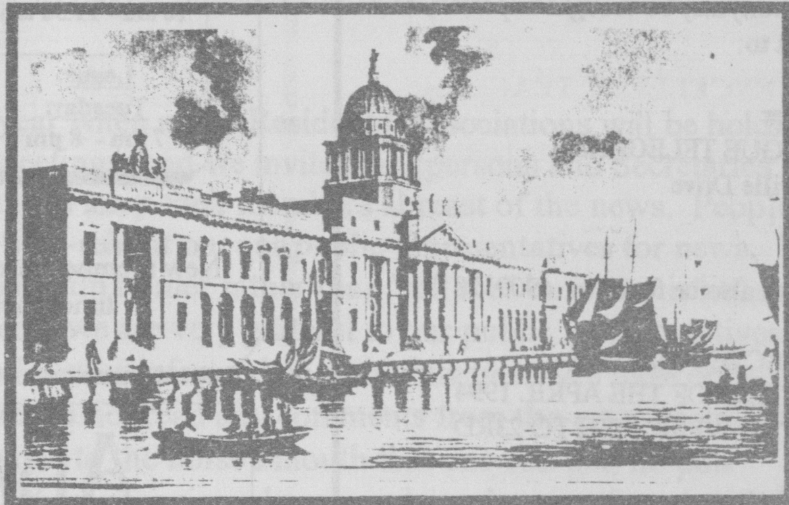
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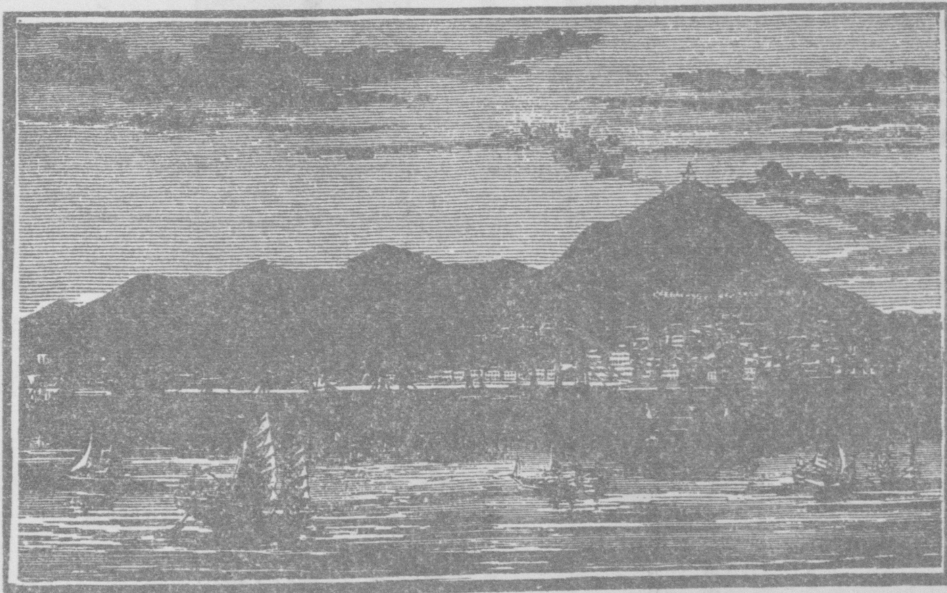
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The Place of Fragrant Streams

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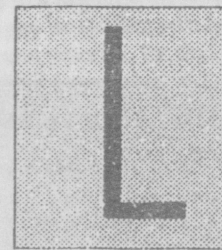
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From the Manager's Desk

by Paddy Heneghan

This month we are somewhat later than the announced time of issue with our magazine, partly by reason of the intervention of the national holiday and partly because we availed of the opportunity to add to the technology.

From now on we expect to be able to accept correspondence and material by fax (the number to use is 4909128). There will also be a telephone answering machine on this number to record messages in the event that the phone is temporarily unattended.

This is the time of the year when many Residents' Associations will be holding their Annual General Meetings, and we invite Chairpersons and Secretaries to make use of our columns to keep their members abreast of the news. People tell me that we seem to be over-reliant on our public representatives for news. I was tempted to say "complain to me" rather than "tell me" but there is little we can do about this. Indeed, we are very grateful to our public representatives for the trouble they take to keep us informed of their activities. We have only ourselves to blame if we do not read any comments from the grass roots, which one supposes is the nearest to the horse's mouth that one can get, no pun intended. I notice that other magazines have regular columns of readers' letters, but this has never developed on a noticeable scale over the many years that the TEMPLEOGUE TELEGRAPH has been appearing.

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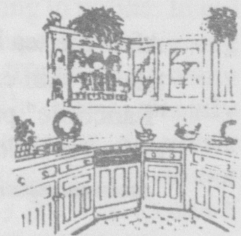
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Templeogue Ladies Club



Report by Geraldine Eaton (Hon. Secretary)

The last meeting of the Club year was held on 2nd February and as usual we had a very good attendance.

Those members who attended the Annual Dinner were full of praise for the Committee who had organised a very successful event in the Royal Dublin Hotel at the end of January and from the glowing reports we should have an even bigger attendance next year when, please God, we will celebrate our 30th Anniversary.

Congratulations this month to Nancy O'Connell who won a beautiful Cross Pen in a competition in the I.F.W.C. Magazine.

Two teams represented the Club at the Inter-Club Table Quiz organised by the I.F.W.C. and while they were not among the prize-winners they were not far behind and represented the Club very well indeed.

After the tea break we had a very enjoyable talk on skin care from two ladies representing "Lancome" products and a demonstration of make-up followed.

Our A.G.M. took place on 2nd March when nine members of the present committee who had completed their two-year term of office retired. It is always a sad time parting with newly formed friends on committee but those of us who hope to continue for our second term of office look forward to making new friends who will join us with new ideas as we commence another year of hard but rewarding work.

If you haven't been attending the monthly meetings why not make it a New Club-Year resolution to be an active member again and no better time to start than the first meeting of the Club-year on Wednesday 6th April at 8.00 p.m. at the usual venue. We look forward to seeing you there!

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION MOVEMENT

We apologise to Anne, who submitted an article to us for the February edition on the above subject. Unfortunately certain obliterations from the text passed unnoticed as we were sending it to the printers. The following were the points omitted:

(In regard to repeating your favourite prayer) ... Just repeat it over and over again, and continue doing this for the full length of the meditation - usually 20 to 30 minutes. In this way we are allowing the Holy Spirit who dwells within us to pray to God the Father for us through His Son, Jesus Christ. So profound and yet so simple.

(In regard to a welcome at the Meditation Group, St Pius X Church every second Friday, 8-9 p.m.)... You will be most welcome and you too may find Christian Meditation quite simple and most fulfilling. "Be still and know that I am God"

FÉILE BHRÍDE 1994

The annual Féile Bhríde is one of the most important cultural events in the artistic life of Templeogue. Hundreds of youngsters from schools and clubs in the area gather to play various instruments, sing solo or in choirs, to display their communications skills in speech or mime. This is a very friendly competition and is devoid of the anxiety that naturally accompanies public examinations. Both teachers and pupils alike agree that the Féile provides a very valuable incentive for everybody to give of their best.

As I sat as an invited guest at the closing concert on Sunday February 13, I could not help reflecting on the wealth of talent in our small area. The principal trophy winners regaled us with really beautiful choral singing. We heard virtuoso piano playing, several exhibitions on the Recorder, solo and ensemble. The chamber music group produced a beautifully crafted sound.

However, the talents on display were not confined to music. It was pleasing to note that our educators were also paying attention to oral and dramatic communications skills. From the eight year olds to the teenagers we heard them reciting poetry and telling stories in Irish and in English. We heard a clever and amusing version of *Glenroe*. The mime group delighted and amused us with their representation of *At the Cinema*.

The smooth running of the expertly organised final concert and presentation of awards at Templeogue College is a tribute to the work of the committee and the numerous helpers of the Féile. All praise to Anne Moloney-O'Driscoll for her competent and friendly presence as 'Comère' (feminine of Compère) of the concert. Stage Manager Tadgh Kelly and his assistants did a wonderful job in making everything run like clockwork. Sheila O'Sullivan, Moira Grace, Geraldine Eaton, Moira McKeivitt and Brian McCormack expertly marshalled the Medal and Trophy winners so that each one received the appropriate award at the right time. Gold, Silver and Bronze, it has shades of the Olympic Games. Certainly the Olympic spirit of friendliness, without the cut-throat rivalry, was very much in evidence. And what can one say of Mr Frank Feely, the Dublin City Manager, who presented the Trophies? In his short and witty speech he recalled how he himself had often been present as a parent at the giving out of awards. This was evident in the kindly manner in which he treated each of the winners. By the way, the raffle for those who had paid their pound at the door was

won by Mrs Kearney.

The concert was but the culmination of all the hard work that went on behind the scenes during the year. The first meeting to plan the next Féile was held in September. The organising committee is presided over by the Mrs May O'Neill, the founder and most devoted promoter of the Féile. In the following months there were many other meetings to arrange the innumerable details which contribute to the success of this cultural event. In November the schools have to be visited to invite them to enter contestants. The Adjudicators have to be contacted. The various venues for the holding of the competition and the concert have to be booked. Medals have to be bought, the perpetual trophies have to be returned in time and the certificates for the winners have to be written. A whole army of helpers and stewards have to be recruited — not to mention the raising of funds.

Then there is the running of the competition itself. Our Lady's School and St. Pius X School Hall become a hive of activity. It is a very busy time for parents ferrying their children to the various venues and competitions. This is where the helpers and stewards play an important role in helping parents and competitors (and adjudicators) to be in the right place at the right time. The weekend from Friday at 5.30 to Sunday evening, when the competitions are held, is a great social occasion for parents and children. The friendliness and good humour of the occasion dispels any anxiety there might be about the competition.

How important is the Féile? Well, besides fostering artistic skills, it provides an opportunity for the budding talent among our young people to have their first taste of performing in public. In my mind's eye I could see the little performers going on to greater things in later life. Indeed many former winners at the Féile have already distinguished themselves in the theatre, the music world and in the media. And even if they do not win trophies, they will certainly grow up as much more balanced and rounded personalities.

Chris O'Doherty M.Afr.

The Féile Committee

President: *May O'Neill*

Treasurer: *Sheila O'Sullivan*

Secretary: *Geraldine Eaton*

*Moira McKeivitt, Moira Grace, Ita Kavanagh,
Brian McCormack, Mary Holt, Peggy Monks,
Margaret Cronin, Joan Cotter.*

The Committee would welcome new members especially of the younger generation.

Feile Bhríde 1994 (Winners)

Solo Singing (English) - Ronan Kavanagh Perpetual Trophy: Louise Brennan
 Solo Singing (Irish) - Father Con Lee Perpetual Trophy: Niamh Tumelty
 Choral Singing - Jones Perpetual Trophy: Our Lady's Junior School
 Solo Verse Speaking (English) - Mervyn Taylor Perpetual Cup: Orla O'Dea
 Oral Communication (English) - The Doherty Perpetual Cup: Niamh O'Brien
 Solo Verse-Speaking (Irish) - Michael O'Leary Perpetual Trophy: Sheena Frost: Sarah Bolger
 Scealaíocht (Solo) - Templeogue College Perpetual Trophy: Deirdre Ryan
 Piano (Solo) - Laing Perpetual Trophy: Claire Doyle
 Recorder Ensemble Competition - Education Music Services Limited Trophy: Marley Consort
 Descant (Solo) and Treble Recorder (Solo) - May O'Neill Trophy: Fiona Murphy
 Chamber Music Ensemble of Varied Instruments - Moira McKeivitt Perpetual Trophy: Julia
 Herbert: Sinead Meany: Sara Langford: Emily Hughes
 Violin Solo - Hogan Perpetual Trophy: Claire Carroll
 Solo Wind Instrument (Unaccompanied): Mark Hogan
 Mime - Fr. Cullinan Memorial Perpetual Trophy: L.1 Our Lady's School

The President of Feile Bhríde has kindly provided us with a number of photographs taken at the Prize Winners Concert. For technical reasons copies have to be specially prepared for printing, and accordingly we propose to hold over a selection of these for the next (April 1994) issue of the TEMPLEOGUE TELEGRAPH.

LITTER WATCH

To avoid contents of green boxes being blown all around the roads, pack everything down tightly. Flatten all cereal boxes, milk cartons, etc. Put newspapers and loose paper into a plastic bag, thereby keeping it together and also dry when it rains.

John George says:

When there's a piano to be moved, don't reach for the stool.

Don't overfeed horses or in-laws

Always brush your teeth before you put your tie on.

Be suspicious of people who call meetings instead of taking decisions.

THE UNSEEN SIDE OF THE SUMMER PROJECT

Believe it or not, Summer Project time is coming around again for some. For others it never really finishes.

Most people see the frenzied activities of the month of July and may even cast a fleeting thought to the organisation of such an event. After all they spend an hour or two helping at some of the activities during the Project. However nothing just happens - everything is caused and the Project is caused by the work of a dedicated committee.

The Committee is a group of people who give generously of their time throughout the year but mainly from February onwards. It is not a closed shop and anyone willing to play their part is welcomed with open arms. It would be fair to say that these people enjoy themselves - the fact that they continue from year to year

"Everything is caused by the work of a dedicated committee"

is proof of this. There is plenty of room for more members - are you prepared for the challenge?

What does the Committee do? First things first. Every project, be it Summer or otherwise needs money and one of the first tasks each year is to ensure that sufficient funds are present to meet the financial commitments of the event. Practically all events are subsidised - thus providing the good value which is associated with the Summer project. Our fund raising event for the past few years has been a Table Quiz which is very well supported by the local community and businesses. This has been held in Spawell each year and we register our appreciation to Spawell for their facilities. Now that we have some funds what then? Great care and attention is given to planning the schedule of the Enrolment Day, which for

the past two years has taken place in Our Lady's School, thanks to their generosity. The biggest divide is the age category - Junior or Senior - and it is within these major categories that all events are arranged. The Junior Project caters for children from 5 to 12 years, while the Senior Project goes from there to 16 years. The activities include badminton, basketball, olympic handball, soccer, Gaelic football, bowling, swimming, snooker, tennis, Quasar, excursions, discos, arts and crafts,

"Great care and attention is given to planning the schedule of the Enrolment Day"

adventure park in Blessington and a weekend in Oakwood. Some of these are for Juniors only, while others are limited to the older members. Given that 400 children participate each year it is easy to see the magnitude of the task on hand.

It is fitting here to mention the Junior Leaders. These are the more senior members of the Senior Project who having had previous project experience and, having been selected by the Committee, generously assist the adults. Just in passing we might add that this summer pastime for our older teenagers goes very well on their C.V.'s.

The initial prompt for the project came from Fr. Breen some 13 years ago and since then the clergy have been one of the mainstays of the project and we gratefully acknowledge their help and support. The co-ordinator for the event - Sheila, a kind of managing director - has been doing a great job for many years and the experience gained has turned the St. Pius X Summer Project into one envied by most.

New Committee members are vital so please come along to one of our meetings in St. Mary's Room - St. Pius X Church.

LETTER TO THE TEMPLEOGUE 'TELEGRAPH

I am pleased to report that the Residents on Cypress Grove Road will be next for the Kerbside Recycling Unit, hopefully in the next few weeks when a further supply of boxes will be available.

Clr. Stanley Laing

SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL - £70 SERVICE CHARGE

Dear Manager, Templeogue Telegraph:

I feel it is important for your Readers to know why the £70.00 Service Charge?

I think it is important for Residents to understand why the Council voted by a majority to impose this charge.

Ever since Domestic Rates were abolished some years ago the Local Authority has been in a continuing crisis even though successive Governments promised to recoup this amount back to the local Authority, but that has not been the case as successive Governments failed to do so. Consequently the Rate

Support was completely inadequate and each year the Council has applied a commercial rate which is now its main source of finance.

This year the Manager included in the Draft Estimate £2.1 million to be recovered from a £90 per house Water Charge, also a 4.8% increase in the Commercial Rate.

After a number of debates we had a warning from the Minister that if we did not pass the Estimates we would be abolished and a Commissioner would be in control. After a further meeting the Council decided by a majority vote to apply a charge of £70 and 1% over the 4.8% commercial rate, to cut the Parks Programme by £700,000 and to cut Councillors' expenses by £26,000 which means that the Council will have no finance for Educational Seminars during the year. In agreeing this estimate we have maintained our Roads/Maintenance Programme and we have appealed to the Minister to re-examine Local Authority funding during this year.

If we had not approved the Estimate we were warned the Commissioner might apply a larger Service Charge and we were conscious that the Community wished to maintain their contact with the Council through the Elected Councillors.

Yours etc. Clr. Stanley Laing.

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Willington Lane	70
Templeogue Wood	2
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Glendown Lawn	1
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This work will be carried on throughout the year.

Clr. Stanley Laing

In the TEMPLEOGUE TELEGRAPH over the last year several articles have appeared dealing with the vexed subject of unemployment. Here Paddy Heneghan takes a look at the question from a new perspective.

THE PLACE OF FRAGRANT STREAMS

by Paddy Heneghan.

A little while ago I received an invitation to attend in late February a teachers' conference in Hong Kong. An air ticket and an apartment were offered as part of the package. How could I refuse?

I got to Hong Kong on 16th February and as the result of information made available to me, I am hopeful of being able to offer to about 10 young - and maybe not so young - Irish people contracts to teach English in China. While I would be very happy to talk to aspiring language teachers in our district about these opportunities, the purpose of this article is to put on paper a few thoughts which the "Hong Kong Experience" inevitably provoked.

Let's go back to the end of the last century, when Hong Kong and Dublin both formed part of the British Empire.

Hong Kong, properly Hiang Kiang (The Place of Fragrant Streams), is an island approx. 9 miles long, off the south-east coast of China, and for over a century has been an English Crown Colony. At the beginning of the century it had a population approaching 370,000, of whom almost 350,000 were Chinese. Dublin at that same time was part of the United Kingdom - described in an encyclopedia of the day as a maritime county of Leinster, length 32 miles and breadth east-west of 18 miles, having as capital the city of the same name (Dubh-linn, "black pool"), one of the finest of the Empire.

The population approached 475,000, of whom 375,000 were Roman Catholics.

Hong Kong has moved on. Nothing quite prepared me for the modern reality of the island city. Of course, there were the usual delights for a denizen of northern Europe: the balmy sub-tropical climate, the waving palms and the

"Hong Kong has moved on .."

splendid sandy beaches. Yet, within walking distance, one could reach soaring buildings, luxury hotels, gigantic fly-overs and multi-level walk-ways, all blending together in an atmosphere of sheer vitality and efficiency. My most abiding memory will surely be one of reclining at mid-night on the second night of my visit in the sitting room of my hosts' apartment, engaged, thanks to the wonders of modern telecommunications, in a three-way conversation with my wife in Dublin (4 p.m. there) and my son in Boston (at 11 a.m. he was having morning coffee). The apartment - in Kowloon - overlooked Victoria Harbour and through a 40-foot long window I had a panoramic view of the Hong Kong midnight sky-line, brilliantly illuminated even at that hour against a backdrop of mountain peaks. (For those who may have visited New York, the viewing was similar to looking at the island of Manhattan from a vantage point in Brooklyn). Great names winked atop skyscrapers across the water - Sharp, Canon, Bank of China, Marlboro - rivalling Disneyland in fairy-light displays. At least twenty craft of various shapes and sizes could still be seen making their way through the deep channel, their portholes and windows aglow - floating restaurants, junks, yachts, tankers. A huge U.S. naval craft festooned with lights glimmered in outline at its berth beside Hong Kong Central.

To convey an adequate picture of the Hong Kong experience one would need far more space than could be made available in the Templeogue Telegraph. What really interested me, however, was: what underpins this vast economy? The facts, if not the answers, were conveniently available in an excellent

publication by the Government Information Services, known as "The Hong Kong Yearbook".

The population of Hong Kong is now about 200,000 short of 6 million. The life expectancy at birth is 75 years for males and 81 years for females. The per capita gross domestic product is 127,778 Hong Kong dollars (Ir£1 = HK\$10 approx.). Health services are provided by over 7,000 doctors and about 30,000 nurses. The annual expenditure on education is HK\$3,000 per person. The student population approaches 1.3 million persons. Unemployment runs at 1.9% and "underemployment" at the same figure. The Government has 16 members and the Legislative Council 60 members, of whom 39

"Unemployment runs at 1.9% .."

are elected and the remainder appointed.

The Governor, who is appointed by the Queen, must assent to all bills passed by the legislative council and the Queen reserves the power of disallowing them. At present the terms of the Government's belated plan to give the citizens a greater measure of democracy are in dispute with the communist government of the People's Republic of China, which takes over the colony in 1997 on the expiry of the British lease.

To put the position of Hong Kong in perspective, one must remember that the area of the territory equates roughly with that of County Dublin (in addition to the island of Hong Kong, the colony includes that part of the mainland known as Kowloon as well as the New Territories, a sort of buffer zone with China). Could one picture Co. Dublin containing twice the current population of the Republic, content with one third the number of elected TDs, still sending their bills to a British Governor-General for approval, and with a royal veto from London always a possibility? To put it mildly, no way! Add to that difficult scenario the certainty of being taken over in three years' time by a communist regime whose rulers are reputedly waiting for the last member of the old guard to pop off before

re-introducing the hard line, and where are you? The mind boggles! With unemployment running at under 2%, however, the Hong Kongers are not apparently in the least bit perturbed. They already depend on China for their water supply and much of their raw materials. But they are still 98% Chinese, so their philosophy seems to be: why worry about a change of politicians when you already "enjoy" the worst features of colonial government?

If you want to know the kind of money available to big business in Hong Kong, here is a little story, which I verified from a brass plaque standing between two down-town hotels. When the hotels were being built, the terms of planning permission were that they should preserve a certain old banyan tree regarded by the citizens as an important landmark. Obviously the hotel owners had not heard of the Irish practice of sending in the contractor at dead of night and lopping down the tree "by mistake". No, indeed! They got in the hundred-ton crane, carefully removed the tree with all its roots intact, put it in a specially-made

"The cost .. was a cool 23 billion .. dollars"

structure until the hotels were built, and then carefully replaced the tree, with every ounce of the original ball of soil intact. The cost (wait for it) was a cool 23 billion Hong Kong dollars (2.3 billion punts to you!). Yes, billion, not million!

Regretfully, Dublin has not moved on at quite the same pace. So, in the light of recent experience, here is my solution for putting our own country fully back to work. Get everyone up to Dublin in 1997, sack two thirds of the TDs and all of the Ministers of State, then get "Herself" to appoint a Governor General (but not Charles, please!) and ask the Chinese government to spare us about 1,000 Hong Kongers as consultants when they take over there in three years time. Once the consultants

had let us in on their little secrets, we'd be back on our feet in no time, and flooding Europe with tellies, trannies, watches and other assorted goodies. We could then gradually get the farmers back to the rest of the country to resume supplying Europe with grub.

Apologies to Stanley, Pat, Cáit and Seán. I'm only joking, of course! But it is an interesting thought, isn't it?

Note: To save you the trouble of looking it up, Dublin (County and City) has a population of

1.024 million. The area is: 356 sq. miles (Hong Kong: 399 sq. miles). Figures for the Republic are: Population 3.523 million. Per capita Gross Domestic Product: £5,510. Life expectancy at birth: Males - 71 years. Females - 78 years. TDs: 166. Senators: 60 (of whom 43 are elected).

(In the next issue, Paddy Heneghan will describe what it was like to spend a week working in the People's Republic of China.)

Templeogue Horticultural Society

Report by Patricia Halpin, Hon. Secretary

Despite the winter weather, the Templeogue Horticultural Society had successful, well-attended meetings both in January and February.

Due to a cancellation by the original lecturer, Mr Joe Tulie most kindly came at very short notice. His talk was entitled "A garden for all seasons", and it was just that. He had planned a new garden ten years ago and, with the aid of excellent slides, he showed us how it had matured. With clever planting of shrubs there was colour and interest throughout the year - through "all seasons". To add extra colour, he had incorporated a few spring bulbs, and some summer perennials and annuals.

He gave us one very useful tip: when planting a new garden, or improving an old one, don't buy a large number of shrubs all at the same time. Instead, visit the garden centre every two weeks to choose your plants. In this way you will naturally acquire plants that will look good throughout the year.

In contrast, John Newell came in February to tell us all about pruning. With his usual clear slides, he once again took us step-by-step pruning the roses correctly. He then went on

with advice on pruning shrubs.. Normally speaking, shrubs that flower in the Spring - March to June - should be pruned shortly after flowering, whereas the summer-flowering shrubs are not pruned till February/March of the following year. All roses and shrubs need fertilizing after pruning.

Gardening Tips for March

- 1) Sow parsley on St Patrick's Day and you'll bury the Devil!
- 2) From April onwards, spray the roses for blackspot and greenfly every 14 days or so, using an environmentally friendly insecticide.
- 3) "Feed - weed - seed" is the maxim for lawns. When growth begins, apply a good lawn fertilizer three weeks before you use a selective weed-killer.

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TEMPLEOGUE: The origin of the name.

At various times local writers have speculated about the origin of the name of our district. One version of the story is that at some time in the distant past an existing old church (Teampall) became too small for the congregation, and a new one, which became known as Teampall Óg (the new church) was built, giving us our present name.

We took the opportunity to check this out with an expert in Old Irish, who discounted the proposition. "Óg" is normally translated as "young" applying to persons. "Nua" would be applied to a new building (we already have a Templenoe - or New Church - in another part of the country). Our learned friend thought we should be thinking in terms of "Teach" (for house) rather than "Teampall". In fact, An Post use "Teach Meallóg" as the translation, so we should be seeking an explanation for "Mealóg".

We then sought the views of the Placenames

Branch of the Ordnance Survey Office. An official who sounded very knowledgeable but modestly declined to give his name thought it likely that in the distant past some person named Loga or something similar had a residence here and the area became known as Teach-mo-Loga. The "mo" particle was common in old place-names, as for example in Kilmacanogue or Kilmallock (Cill Mocheallóg), and meant "my", just as in English we use phrases like "My Learned Friend" to refer politely to distinguished persons. Another possibility is that a person named "Ceall" (a common personal name, which is akin to the Ceall in the family name Ó Ceallaigh) lived here, giving a derivation similar to that of Kilmallock where the Ceallóg was a diminutive form. Anyway, that's what the expert said!

All her relatives and friends, and, of course, the TEMPLEOGUE TELEGRAPH, wish Mrs Iris Petrie a Very Happy Birthday on April 10.

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