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LAKE RESTORATION PROJECT, TERENURE COLLEGE

Sunday 30th May, 1993 sees the opening of the restored Lake in the grounds of Terenure College. Some 4 years go, a group of Past Pupils at the behest of the Carmelite Community drew up plans to restore and expand the Lake. Nearing completion after £120,000 of works, the lake will be officially opened by Mr Ben Briscoe T.D. at 2 o'clock.

To date over 600 past pupils have contributed to this worthy project. Kerbs lining the pathway on the College side of the Lake show the names of 450 former pupils with their school years. An afternoon full of activities has been organised and all interested from the neighbourhood are invited. A DAY NOT BE MISSED!



DODDER ART GROUP On Friday 28th May, 1993 at 8.00 p.m. in the S at the rear of the College Church, the Dodder A a most talented and dedicated group of artists, will hol exhibition and sale of paintings. This is being held in

at the rear of the College Church, the Dodder Art Group, a most talented and dedicated group of artists, will hold a 3-day exhibition and sale of paintings. This is being held in conjunction with the opening of the lake and a proportion of all proceeds will go towards the Lake Restoration fund. The exhibition opening times are as follows:

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The May 1993 issue of the Templeogue Telegraph contains as usual reports from various associations active in the district. In addition, there is its Poetry Corner, and articles on general subjects such as (among others) the current spate of sensational national press reporting (see EASTER TALES); the continuing problem of litter (see LITTER).

The Deadline for submission of material for the June 1993 iss ue is: Thursday 20 May.

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From the Manager's Desk

by Paddy Heneghan

The word has reached us in a roundabout sort of way that some political figures are speculating that our publicity machine may be slightly inclining in one particular direction, to the exclusion of coverage from rival quarters.

It may seem we are rather like the Arsenal fan who found that his wife thought that his only footballing thrill was to see his team beating archrivals Spurs. "Why are you always gloating whenever you beat Spurs?" she asked. "Why can't you be neutral for once?" "Neutral?" he bellowed. "Of course I'm neutral...I don't give a curse who beats them."

Joking, of course! Our position is that not only have we welcomed correspondence from any of our public representatives or local party branches who have something worthwhile to say, we have even sent out hints at grass-roots level that we might get more news items of their activities and that the last thing we want is to be accused of being one-sided.

But a few comments and guidelines may be appropriate.

We are trying to confine the items in the *Templeogue Telegraph* to those which are of local interest, or are likely to have a significant impact on life and the environment in Templeogue. We would also like to reserve our channels of communication as far as possible for those who are living in Templeogue and who are giving a service primarily in Templeogue.

Space is also limited, so that if we are to keep the price down to the modest 30p per issue, allotting a reasonable amount of space to our correspondents and balancing it with a service to our advertisers, we can accept only a limited amount in any one issue. We would hope however to establish a programmed coverage of political activity that is fair to all.

We know that there is a by-election in the offing, and we do not wish to find any future issue of the Templeogue Telegraph swamped with publicity material carrying largely the same message as the usual avalanche of election-time leaflets. What we would suggest therefore is that if our public representatives or their promoters would consider letting us have a modest and relevant input at this stage, they will be providing something that can be read - and if necessary queried - by our readers now at their leisure, so that when the time comes voters will have been able to make up their minds in the most informed way.

There is no intention to depart from the proposal for ten issues of the *Templeogue Telegraph* in 1993. It has been tentatively decided that the remaining issues in 1993 will be at the beginning of June, July, October, November and December.

EASTER TALES

number of subscribers raised the question whether the TEMPLEOGUE TELE-GRAPH was going to comment on the current rather sensational press reporting of low standards in high places. Some were particularly incensed at the offerings from the national Sunday newspapers on Easter Day, when most people felt that at least on that day we were entitled to a rest from the growing excesses of the sensational press, hitherto a description reserved for the British tabloids.

The general view of readers was that the Templeogue Telegraph should not be drawn into referring to or expressing views on actual cases but a number of readers felt strongly on this occasion about the general decline in press standards, and they have offered to write if the Templeogue Telegraph indicated it would take up the cudgels. So we invite them to put pen to paper. The following few paragraphs give the gist of the comments which have been made to us orally about some of the national journalistic offerings over the Easter period.

The general consensus was that the Sunday Independent for one really went over the top on Easter Day, displaying a complete lack of sensitivity not alone in the matter of acceptable standards of reporting, but to the unseemliness of bombarding a largely Christian population on the

principal feast day of the liturgical year with a further lurid—and, as it turned out, inaccurate—presentation about one of its former prelates. This presentation was later the subject of an apology in the following terms: "To the degree to which we were not vigilant, we are on this occasion culpable".

The Sunday Tribune seemed eager to ingratiate itself with its readers when on the following Sunday they referred to an interview in which the said former prelate reportedly denied to the Tribune aspects of the allegations made against him. The Tribune went on to give an account of the Sunday Independent's admission of errors in the pursuit of the story.

Some of our readers drew attention to a far more distressing lapse of editorial taste on Easter Day on the part of the Sunday Tribune itself, which gave free rein to a journalist who wrote under the heading: "Jesus: Just another Easter tale". Stripped of the banalities, the argument was that the trouble with Christianity is, not only the Christians themselves, but the farfrom-loving, cold, detached and remote person of its founder, who was without genuine relationships with other people. "A joyless figure, ill at ease with others". We were therefore being invited to celebrate a myth, the documentary evidence to support which is extremely negligible. Following more in this vein, the author concluded that "the life and death of this strange man has ruined the lives and brought about the deaths of so many innocent people". The myth has inflicted disaster upon us, and is nothing at all to celebrate.

It says much for the tolerance of our people that an organ of the national press could contemplate publishing an article in this vein on Easter Day. Many readers' first reaction was that they should write to the paper concerned - but what would this achieve? At best, a correspondence which might produce a more enlightened and balanced view in some of its readers, but at worst simply a further boost to that paper's circulation.

We invite readers, if they wish to express a viewpoint about any of the points above, or generally about the current trends in journalism, to let the *Templeogue Telegraph* carry their opinions.

Our local community here comprises persons of many creeds, and with variations of beliefs even within one broad faith or conviction. There is a general respect for the right to differ on religious issues as also an expectation that adherents of a religious creed can and should, as necessary and on the proper occasion, explain the basis of their faith. Indeed, there are times set aside by some groups of churches when their members get together for a sincere examination of their creeds in the interests of mutual understanding and respect, and even in some cases with a desire for ultimate union within one fold. But it seems certain that all would share the sense of indignation which our readers have expressed at an uncalled for journalistic ridicule of the beliefs of any one religious persuasion.

What do you, our readers, think?

TEMPLEOGUE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



Following on from the theme of our February lecture, in March our guest speaker, **Denise Gill**, gave us a talk on "Seasonal Work in the Garden".

After the usual recommendations about taking cuttings, potting up, sowing seeds, planting out, weeding, lawn fertilization, etc, she went on to talk more specifically. For instance, she said we should be very careful when buying the tempting packets of plants that proliferate in hardware/gardening shops and supermarkets at the moment. Those plants with weak, pale shoots, in her opinion, were too far on and it is preferable to buy less advanced plants, without shoots and keep them, still in their bags, in a cold place until ready for planting. Alternatively, they can be potted up and placed in a cold frame, prior to planting out. Another tip was to plant hostas in large tubs to lessen the risk of slug damage - though it is always necessary to declare war on slugs, they just love hostas!

Many people are keen to grow vegetables, though have little space, but it is worth considering growing garlic, a few favourite herbs, maybe French beans or mange tout peas, a few lettuces and some tomatoes, of course. Only 3 or 4 tomato plants, perhaps the "cherry" variety, are generally sufficient.

Denise Gill also suggested we should try growing some of the flowers and grasses used in the ever-popular dried flower arrangements and then went on to advise how to group harmoniously some of the patio containers now available in the shops.

She ended on a light note, reminding us how children enjoy growing sunflowers and told us of the fun and interest they could have growing a few "potatoes-in-a-bucket", heaping up the soil by degrees, as in a real potato drill.

The next meeting of the Templeogue Horticultural Society will be on the 19th May in Our Lady's School, starting promptly at 8 pm.

New members and/or visitors are always welcome.

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TEMPLEOGUE LADIES' CLUB

Report from Geraldine Eaton, Hon.Secretary

The monthly meeting of the Templeogue Ladies' Club took place on 7th March. We were very happy to welcome five new members to our ranks and we hope they will be happy with us.

Our Drama Group did us proud at the recent Drama Festival organised by the Irish Federation of Women's Clubs. The Group - Kitty Keating, Ella Keegan, Ethel Murphy, Angela Gannon and May Coen - won the Adjudicator's Special Award and the adjudicator Daphne Felton congratulated the Producer Mrs May Fannin on her excellent choice of play.

Eileen Cullen represented the club well at the I.F.W.C. Craft Competition. She had three entries and won 1st prize for her entry in the embroidery section. Congratulations, Eileen!

Not to be outdone, the bowlers - Kitty Bowden, Lilo Duggan, June Gilligan, Rose Giblin, Lily Kelly, Jo Kelly, Rita O'Looney, Liz

Payne, Nuala Lucas and Evelyn Sharkey - were successful in recent competitions at the Stillorgan Bowl. Congratulations all round!

The Art and Choral Competitions also organised by the I.F.W.C. are coming up soon, so we are hoping to have some good entries in these too. Last month some of our members had a very enjoyable evening with the R & R in the Concert Hall and this month we hope to visit Irish Distillers. And would you believe it - we are already planning our Annual Summer Outing!

At our meeting of the 7th we had a very interesting talk and demonstration of Microwave Cooking and three lucky ladies won the prepared dishes which were raffled at the end of the night.

Just a reminder now to members who do not attend regularly that the annual Sub is now due. Contact your nearest committee member or myself for further information.

Please note that the Ladies Club publication

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THE THURSDAY CLUB

The Thursday Club has now been running successfully for eight years. It is a social club for senior citizens which meets in St. Mary's Room (at the rear of St Pius X Church) between 2.30 p.m. and 4 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. It commences with afternoon tea which is supplied and served by a very willing group of ladies after which the entertainment begins. Kitty and Maebh play the piano and we have many singers Maureen, Gertie, Martin, Eleanor, Marion (song and dance act), Treasa, Patti, John, Maura, Theresa, Sheila, Gaye and Paddy on the accordion. Then we have stories and recitations from Rosa, Joan and Siveen. The meeting finishes up with a raffle (gifts supplied by members and helpers). Fr Breen attends most meetings and on special occasions - Christmas, etc. Fr Colleran and Fr Lee pay us a visit and entertain us with a song or story. These visits are very much appreciated by everybody. We have an annual outing which takes place on the third Thursday of June

At the March 1993 meeting this year we had cause for great rejoicing —one of our members, Emma Purssord, affectionately know to us as "Auntie" - celebrated her 100th birthday. We wish her health and happiness for a long time to come.

We take this opportunity to thank everybody involved in the Thursday Club - the helpers, without whom it could not function and the members, for what would a club be without members? A very special thanks to Jimmy who has been our very faithful driver over the years. We thank Fr Lee for encouraging us to go ahead when we got the idea of forming this club —it was he who christened it "The Thursday Club". Finally we thank Fr Colleran and Fr Breen for all the facilities made available to us.

If there is anybody out there who is free on Thursday afternoon, and has never been to the Thursday Club, why not pay us a visit? You would be very welcome and we think you would enjoy it.

THE PRINCIPAL WORKS OF CHARLES JAMES LEVER

In our April issue 1993 we promised a list of the works of the famous Templeogue novelist, Charles Lever. Here then is the list with dates and a brief description:

Harry Lorrequer (1837) is a rollicking story of Irish military life.

Charles O'Malley (1840). This and the two following works are in the same vein - works of abundant dash and spirit.

Jack Hinton (1843)

Tom Burke (1844)

The following were less exuberant but had much of the old brilliancy:

The Knight of Gwynne (1847)

Roland Cashel (1849)

Sir Jasper Carew (1855)

The Martins of Cromartin (1859)

Luttrell of Arran (1865)

Sir Brooke Fosbrooke (1867)

The Bramleigh's of Bishop's Folly (1868)

Lord Kilgobbin (1872)

Lever was also editor of the Dublin University Magazine (in which his first novel was serialised) and he contributed the brilliant series of Cornelius O'Dowd papers to the Blackwood magazine.

In the June issue we shall give a review of

"Lord Kilgobbin"

LITTER

Two of our subscribers, Marylou Murray of Springfield and Doris Walsh of Templeville, have written as follows:

Your readers might have noticed over the last few weeks a huge crowd of two people picking up litter in Templeogue Village. We have taken example from Bray and Malahide where the residents take responsibility for keeping the area tidy. Neither of us wishes to monopolise this fun-filled activity so if anyone would like to join us we meet on Mondays at 10 o'clock in the car park beside Monahan's. Obviously if more people join us we would be able to extend our operations into laneways and side roads off the village. At the risk of sounding patronising another way to help would be to encourage children not to drop litter in the first place.

Litter is a major problem on our streets (as well as canine obnoxia which must be put down to - or put down by - stray dogs). at the risk of patronising the writers of the above very welcome letter, we have to congratulate them on their public spirit.

Marylou tells us that her own daughter aged four in all innocence asked for permission to drop litter. Why this strange request? Because the child concluded that all the other children had permission from their parents to do this, and she felt she should have it too.

NOTICE

Help Keep Templeogue
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TEMPLEOGUE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the above Committee (Mr Stanley Laing - Tel.905571) told us that following the Committee's meeting some weeks ago, he arranged a visit to Templeogue House for 27th April by kind cooperation of Mr Moloney.

He also told us that a meeting was pending for 3rd May at 8 p.m. in the Templeogue Inn (unfortunately it is unlikely that the circulation of the *Templeogue Telegraph* will be completed by that date, so that readers would have prior notice; however it is likely that interested parties would have notice through the associations or bodies they represent). The topics for discussions were:

- · Templeogue House
- Proposed outdoor bowling green
- DTI submission
- Kimmage Manor Development

The TEMPLEOGUE TELEGRAPH hopes to be able to keep readers informed of developments.

TEMPLEOGUE TRADERS' ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the Templeogue Traders' Association was held on Monday 24th May.

The main issues discussed were

- 1. Traffic
- 2. Litter
- 3. Friday nights

A new committee was elected as follows:

Chairman: Tony Lawless (Templeogue Inn) Secretary: Muriel Doyle (Eurovideo) Treasurer: Margaret Troy (Post Office)

Committee members:

Joe Hollingsworth, Jason, John Nelson Solicitors, Liam Webb, John Ellis P.R.O.

A vote of thanks was passed to Liam Webb for his excellent input as Chairman for the past number of years.

We are grateful to those kind readers who sent us in copies of articles about Templeogue and its environs, and those who sent in their own reminiscences of the district as they knew it when they were growing up. We are hoping to make a compilation of these items for a later issue.

POETRY CORNER

BLEND By Angela McGarry

The method is simple
Good result not hard to obtain
Gather together your
Basic ingredients

In bowl of romance
Tender even measures of
Understanding.
Beat in passion
Warm slowly
Process excitement
Stir with care

If mixture curdles
Or tempers crack
Reduce heat to cool
Sieve the rage
Fold in anger
Work until smooth then,
Spoon in forgiveness
To sweeten
Add pleasant tolerance
Achieving firm consistency

Bake in moderate temperature Until happiness colours Nicely

FORGOTTEN WOMEN - NO.2 by Sheila Whittle ©

'Twas easy for Wordsworth to dream pleasant dreams,
To write brilliant poems amid rivers and streams,
To think about mountains, glass lakes and wild birds,
To pen poems of "Lucy" in passionate words,
For when he returned to his cottage at Dove,
At first there was Dorothy, whom he did love,
A sister who spent her time cooking his meals,
And washing his clothes, yes, and darning his heels.

And when Willy Wordsworth decided to marry
He wasn't a man for to stay home and tarry.
For Lucy was dead who had dwelt all unknown,
And he needed a wife while away he did roam.
He wrote poems of rivers and lakes when hard frozen,
Romantic his words and most carefully chosen.
And then stiff with cold he returned to his wife,
Who awaited to thaw out the poet - what a life!

'Twas late so his children were tucked up in bed.
To bed he himself went when watered and fed.
Romantic was Will, with words everlasting
Which would not have come if the poet was fasting.
His wife cooked and washed for him all through their days
While he loved to "dwell in the untrodden ways".
His heart "leapt at rainbows" and "boys and girls skating".

To love such a man must have been so frustrating.

She did all the things that are not so exciting,
But without them dear Willy could not go on writing.

Forgotten the deeds of his wife and her pains To prove that it's only what's written remains.

Bulletin Board

ST PIUS X SUMMER PROJECT

We have received notice that

enrolment for the project will be on

Saturday morning May 22nd, 1993

at Our Lady's School.

Readers are asked to note the venue.

(A table quiz was announced for May 6th at 8 p.m. at Spawell with tickets available from Sheila Tel.903026.

Unfortunately this date coincides with the commencement of the period of delivery of the *Templeogue Telegraph*, possibly too late for many readers to have prior notice.)

"An Réalt"

Deir muintir "An Réalt" go leantar leis na cruinnighthe gach Daordaoin 8.30 - 10.30 p.m. ag 18 Plás Herbert, BÁC 2.

The Pioneer Association

The Pioneer Association (St Pius X Parish Branch) asks us to remind readers that applications for membership can be received at St Pius X Church Vestry

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WILLINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CRIME SEMINAR

On April 22nd a Crime Seminar was held in the Bishop Galvin National School. This was organised by the Council in conjunction with the Gardaí.

Present at the meeting were Chief Supt. Michael Reid, Supt Callinan and Crime Prevention Office Nicholas Power. All three addressed the meeting, as well as some speakers from the floor who represented various organisations in the area. Our public representatives were also in attendance.

n April 22nd a Crime Seminar The second half of the meeting was was held in the Bishop Galvin given over to Questions and Answers.

We were pleased to learn that we are to have a second Community Garda with the possibility of a third to complement the excellent work done by Garda Tony Maher.

As a result of the meeting we hope to liaise with the Gardaí in the hope of eliminating crime from our area.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM was held on Thursday April 29th in the Bishop Galvin National School. There was quite a good attendance. Also present were our public representative. A lively discussion took place regarding the various projects and aims achieved by

the Community Council during the year.

The Templeogue Telegraph was advertised and a copy was available for people to see. We hope that consequently there will be a wide readership in the area.

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PADDY O'NEILL (TEMPLEVILLE) R. I. P.

We regret to have to record the passing on 12 April of Paddy O'Neill of Templeville Drive. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife Josephine and daughter Siobhan in their bereavement.

Paddy was a former employee of C.I.E. He served in Dublin in the rail department of that organisation from the fifties to the end of the eighties when he retired. A kindly man, he will also be missed by his neighbours

Leap or Lep? Spah or Spaw?

In the Templeogue Telegraph of November 1984 the writer of a piece called "Conversation" credited Bruce Barton with the thought that "for good or ill, your conversation is your advertisement every time you open your mouth you let men look into your mind". One could say with equal validity that you also let men (and women) know where you come from.

If you listen carefully to persons from Galway or Roscommon pronounce the names of their respective counties, you will notice a subtle but detectable difference in their pronunciation of certain syllables which indicates the true native and exposes the imposter.

An illustration of how you can betray your origins arose recently on radio when a young lady went to Kerry to investigate a poltergeist in Lixnaw. She referred to it as Lick-shnaw, which must have amused the poltergeist no end. Her interviewer got a little bit closer with Lick-snaw. No Kerryman would refer to the place otherwise than as Lick-snah, pronouncing the final syllable to rhyme with "Bah!".

In the issue of the *Templeogue Telegraph* of January last we promised to tell you how to pronounce "Pussy's Leap" and to giveyou a few hints on the pronunciation of South Dublin placenames should you wish to pose as a true South Dubliner. Mr Joe Fortune, Senior, let the pussy out of the bag, so to speak, by his spelling of this placename - Pussy's Lep. There you have it!

Our Kerryman arriving in Saggart, Co. Dublin, unless forewarned, would

almost certainly refer to the place as Soggert! The true South Dubliner, however, will pronounce the first syllable to rhyme with Hag! Just try it a few times for effect. The Kerryman won't, however, betray himself by referring to our local well-known hostelry as the Spahwell, since he will probably have taken a swim at The Spa, a village on the north side of Tralee Bay, which he will know as The Spaw! As our January *Templeogue Telegraph* cover indicated, the pronunciation Spaw was already established in Templeogue in 1729 for our own watering-hole.

You can also betray your age by the names you use when referring to places. Who still goes to Kingsbridge to catch the train for Maryborough? There is a story about an old gent who recently asked the Inspector on the DART how far the train was from Kingstown. "About 70 years, sir, I should think," was the reply.

LAST ROUND-UP
We have discontinued the
Community Diary feature
as we find that very few
individuals or organisations
specifically ask to avail of
it (such entries as have
appeared have been picked
out by ourselves from news
items submitted to us). If
enough readers say they find
this item useful we will be
happy to include it again as
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