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Do you recognise the two Dublin castles featured in the two illustrations? You will find them identified within.

Clue: One picture features a castle which is still very much in use and in the news. The other, having stood on a site near Templeogue for many centuries, has to the great regret of one of our readers disappeared in recent times.

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TEMPLEOGUE LADIES' CLUB
by Geraldine Eaton (Hon. Secretary)

The first meeting of the New Year took place on the 12th January 1994 and we had a very good attendance. Our speakers this month were from the Garda Síochána and they passed on much helpful advice on personal security and security at home.

Just before Christmas our President, Josephine Sheerin, represented the Club when a cheque for £6,000 was presented to President Robinson for her Somalia Fund. The money was raised through the efforts of 48 Clubs (including ours) affiliated to the Irish Federation of Women's Clubs and the cheque was presented by Mrs May Quinn, President of the I.F.W.C. On 17th January, 50 members went to Áras an Uachtaráin. President Robinson was not in residence but in her absence her Aide-de-Camp extended a very warm welcome to the group and with her great knowledge of the house she made it a very enjoyable experience for all present. After leaving the Áras the party moved on to Ashtown Castle where they saw a video of the history of the Park and viewed with great admiration the wonderful restoration carried out by the Office of Public Works. All in all it was a very successful outing.

Since returning after Christmas all club activities, bowling, swimming walking, dancing and effective speaking have recommenced and will continue on their various days until Easter. Due to the still-dark evenings, the members who play boules will not get back together again until after Easter when light and weather should be more to their liking. Names are now being accepted for membership of the Club and ladies in the parish who wish to join should give their names immediately to any member of the Club. All names go forward to the AGM in March and new members are welcomed to the Club at the April meeting.

FÉILE BHRÍDE 1994

The 14th Feile Bhríde will be held from Friday 4th to Sunday 6th February 1994. Competitions commence on Friday 4th Feb. in Our Lady's School at 5.30 p.m. and continue there until Sunday 6th. Events include Choral and Solo singing, Piano, Violin, Recorder and Chamber Music, together with Oral Communication, Choral Verse Speaking and Mime.

St Pius X School Hall will be the venue for the Solo Verse Speaking in Irish and Scéalaíocht from 2.30 p.m. on Saturday 5th, and again on Sunday 6th from 10.00 a.m. for Solo Verse Speaking in English.

The Closing Concert will take place on Sunday 13th February in Templeogue College Hall at 8.00 p.m. with performances by Trophy Winners only.

Trophies will be presented this year by Mr Frank Feely, Dublin City Manager.



THE TEMPLEOGUE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Congratulations to the TEMPLEOGUE TELEGRAPH on their 25th Anniversary and we wish them continued success.

At the December 1993 meeting of the Society, we were given a demonstration of Christmas arrangements by Mrs Pauline Tulié. With a varied mixture of flowers, candles, ribbons, coloured baubles, glittery artifacts and the odd little robin, she created nearly two dozen attractive pieces to decorate our houses. Most were inexpensive to produce but the whole secret was the innate artistry of Mrs Tulié, who had put so much thought and care into her attractive demonstration. All the arrangements were later raffled, so there were a large number of happy winners at the end of the evening. Then all our members and guests were treated to the now-traditional Christmas drink and home-made mince pies. A most enjoyable evening.

The next meeting will be held in Our Lady's School at 8 p.m. on 16th March. New members are always welcome.

Patricia Halpin

Gardening Tips for February/March

- 1 To establish snow-drops, ask a friend to give you a clump of their bulbs, immediately after flowering. After flowering is also the correct time to divide up over-large clumps of snow-drops.
- 2 Make St Patrick's Day your dead-line for pruning roses.
- 3 Cut buddleia back hard in early Spring - and look forward to butterflies in your Summer garden.

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Gaelic Football Gallery

In our last issue we indicated that we had come across a selection of current and former Dublin football players known to be living in Templeogue. With the generous aid of wives, mothers, little brothers and sisters, we have now rounded up most of the suspects, and we give our readers a run-down on the talent living quietly in our midst. We also canvassed their views as to the prospects for a Dublin win in the 1994 All-Ireland Football Final. We hope we have not overlooked anyone, but if we have no doubt we can rely on relatives, friends and neighbours to get in touch with us to put the record straight.

While strictly speaking not a player, Seán Ó Conail (Templeville) had to be included. He has given many years of service to the GAA and was a selector when the Dubs brought the All Ireland Football title to the Capital in 1963. After all, where would we be without our mentors? The remaining five are players, including two current members of the Dublin Senior Team who play club football with St Jude's, Templeogue.



Matt Fletcher (Wainsfort)

PLAYING PERIOD WITH DUBLIN: 1940 - 42
 CLUB: Peadar Macken's
 NUMBER OF APPEARANCES WITH DUBLIN: 30
 TIP FOR 1994 ALL-IRELAND : Dublin
 THE BEST OF THE REST? Down

PLAYING CAREER HIGH-LIGHTS:
 Debut with Dublin 1940, playing at wing forward over three years. All-Ireland Final 1941 v. Kerry (drew in Croke Park, Kerry won replay in Tralee). All-Ireland Final 1942 v. Galway (Dublin won by a point, Matt scoring in the closing minutes).



Seán Ó Conail (Templeville)

One-time Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of Dublin Junior Co. Board. Dublin Senior Selector, 1963
 Serving period: 1949-67
 Clubs: Synge Street Past Pupils, Peadar Mackons
 Tip for 1994 All-Ireland: Dublin
 Best of the rest: Meath

Career highlight: Seniors Selector in 1963, when Dublin won the All-Ireland.



SEAN O'MAHONY (Templeville)

Senior Football playing period: 1941 -1953
 No. of appearances with Dublin: 12
 Club: Civil Service
 Tip for 1994 All-Ireland: Dublin
 The best of the rest? Cork

Career highlights: Winning Dublin SF League 1941/42, and Championship 1944, with Civil Service. Reaching Leinster SFC Final 1944 (won by Carlow). Marking one Charlie Haughey and holding him scoreless 1945 Dublin SFC Final (won by Parnells).



Tony Gillen (Glendown)

PLAYING PERIOD WITH DUBLIN: 1955 - 59
 CLUBS: Clanna Gael (Football), Good Counsel (Hurling)
 Clanna Gael/Fontenoys (Hurling)
 NUMBER OF APPEARANCES WITH DUBLIN: 50
 TIP FOR 1994 ALL-IRELAND TITLE? Dublin
 THE BEST OF THE REST? Derry

**PLAYING CAREER
 HIGH-LIGHTS:** All-Ireland Final 1958 which Dublin won.
 Leinster Final 1957 v. Louth.



Enda Sheehy (Rossmore)

PLAYING PERIOD WITH DUBLIN: 1993 to date
 CLUB: St Jude's, Templeogue
 NUMBER OF APPEARANCES WITH DUBLIN: 5
 TIP FOR 1994 ALL-IRELAND TITLE? Dublin
 THE BEST OF THE REST? Derry

**PLAYING CAREER
 HIGH-LIGHTS:** First Senior game for Dublin (v.Meath). Leinster Minor Hurling Final 1993. Leinster Minor Football Semi-Final (v.Meath) 1993 Croke Park. Reaching Senior Status 1993 with St Jude's.



Declan O'Boyle (Glendown)

PLAYING PERIOD WITH DUBLIN: 1993 to date
 CLUB: St Jude's, Templeogue
 NUMBER OF APPEARANCES WITH DUBLIN: 7
 TIP FOR 1994 ALL-IRELAND TITLE? Dublin
 THE BEST OF THE REST? Derry and Donegal

**PLAYING CAREER
 HIGH-LIGHTS:** League debut for Dublin v. Mayo, and scoring a point.
 Winning Intermediate League with St. Jude's.



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION MOVEMENT



Anne, a member of the Meditation Group, St Pius X Parish, tells readers what it is all about.

Have you ever considered meditation as a way of prayer? You may feel it is suitable only for monks and nuns - deeply spiritual and dedicated people. This is not necessarily so - in fact it is really quite simple. Just withdraw to a quiet place - a room, the church or even the garden. Sit up straight and rest the back of your hands on your lap, settle your feet comfortably on the ground and relax. Close your eyes ... then repeat your favourite little prayer, such as, "Come, Lord Jesus", "Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner", or just simply "Jesus". Each person knows which little ejaculation appeals to themselves. Just repeat it over and

Ideally one should set aside 20 to 30 minutes each morning and evening - this may not always be possible - but even one session per day, perhaps? It does help to keep to the same time each day - that way it becomes part of the daily routine.

A small Meditation Group meet in St Pius X every second Friday from 8 to 9 p.m. We begin by listening to a short piece from a tape, possibly one of the late Fr John Main's, or by reading an appropriate extract. This helps us to concentrate. Then we sit still and meditate for 30 minutes and we finish with Night Prayer.

Would you like to try and see if it appeal to you? Come along to St Bernadette's Room (the inner room in the Bookshop) on Friday 11th February and every second Friday thereafter. You will be most welcome and you too may

SIMPLY BY APPEARING...

The TEMPLEOGUE TELEGRAPH is useful for a number of reasons.

It is offered essentially as a local service, to be availed of by persons or organisations who have news for the general community, whether it be about activities readers may be interested in, or services which they may find useful. It confines its circulation to the Templeogue community only.

Simply by appearing each month, it is continuing a tradition of 25 years. It would be a pity if it disappeared for any prolonged period (it has already faded and faltered a few times in the course of its life), leaving

the community without a regular channel of communication. The continued support of readers is much appreciated (current distribution: 1,000).

We also value highly the trouble people take in putting their reports together and getting them to us. In some months the TEMPLEOGUE TELEGRAPH will tend to be more exciting than in others. This is because certain activities are seasonal.

We would put forward a few suggestions to contributors who write about services or group activities in order to make their efforts even more effective:

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When sun shines through my window panes
After the wind and sleet and rains,
Though it be just a Winter sun,
My mind says Spring has just begun.
But do I feel like poets of old
Who wrote of daffodils and gold?
Oh no! I notice mounds of dust
And ironwork going red with rust.
The curtains that were white, now grey,
Look even worse each passing day.
White paintwork's looking sadly chipped.
All hedges needing to be clipped.
The flowers may bloom, the birds may sing,
But cleaning up, to me, means Spring.

So now, as evening birds sing louder,
Out must come the cleaning powder.
The soap, the dusters and the paints,
To welcome Brigid, our own saint.
But Brigid's Day will come and go
Before my windows start to glow
And Patrick's Day may well be here
Before the curtains clean appear.
For though these things must all be done
Shown up by watery Winter sun,
Jack Frost is still around at night
And cold winds at my fingers bite.
So though Spring cleaning's on my mind
My hands do not respond, I find.

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If you are writing very occasionally, you can't assume that all readers know who you are (we get new readers every month). Therefore put in a little about the general background. With certain types of advertisements, we will be glad to include a short background note.

We often get enquiries for contact addresses perhaps months after an article or advertisement has appeared in our pages, e.g. if an activity or movement is one they can join. Therefore name a contact person whom they can telephone or call to immediately, or whose name we can give out later to enquirers.

You may want to confine enquiries to a particular time, in which case set out the time convenient for you.

(contd. from previous column)

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CHRISTIANS TOGETHER

by Maureen Brazil

At a time when we come together during the week of Prayer for Christian Unity, it is useful to recall the words of the Second Vatican Council:

"The co-operation of all Christians is the living expression of the attachment which already connects them: it puts the countenance of Christ in a clearer light" (Decree on Ecumenism, par.12).

This reminds us that the divisions among Christians cast a shadow on the countenance of Christ. When Christians reach beyond the divisions and come together to pray and read the Bible they are helping to dispel that shadow.

In 1985 a meeting of parishioners of St.Pius X and the Church of Ireland Rathfarnham was addressed by the then Director of the Irish School of Ecumenics, Dr Robin Boyd, and was attended by the Parish Priest, V.Rev.C.Lee, and the Rector of Rathfarnham, Canon Wilson. Following that meeting a group of lay people from the two parishes formed a joint Bible group and arranged monthly meetings, held alternately in the Memorial Hall, Terenure, and St.Mary's Room attached to the Church of St Pius X.

It was helpful to have as a starting point the material prepared for common use by the authorities of both Churches through an Inter-Church Working Party. The Working Party recommended the ecumenical edition of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. It also recommended that people should feel free to bring other versions to help in their discussion of the texts.

After a few years the regular attendance settled at about eight people and it was simpler to have the meetings in one of our homes than in the larger Parish rooms. We don't embark on a lot of study but rather share in reading Scripture and reflecting on and discussing what we have

read. It has been the general experience of people engaged in ecumenism that when Protestants and Catholics pray and share the Bible together the faith of each is deepened because both come close to Christ.

We would like to encourage more people to form ecumenical groups to meet in their own homes and would be happy to give information or assistance to anyone interested in doing this.

(Maureen Brazil can be contacted on Tel.No.905774)

YOGA

If you look up Yoga in the dictionary you will find that it is "a Hindu system of philosophic meditation and asceticism designed to effect reunion with the universal spirit".

When we asked around we found that for many it conjured up the visions either of a very serene eastern personage sitting with legs crossed in a state of total detachment from the world, or else of a track-suited western personage leaning in an upside down posture against a supporting wall in an effort to get the blood to flow back to the brain.

Nothing, it seems, could be further from the truth. One of our local experts, Breda O'Driscoll, has explained to us that the system of Yoga as widely practised and taught in our Western world is a holistic health system par excellence, suitable for anyone interested in relaxation, fitness and flexibility, stress control, weight loss and improved health and energy. It also gets results with a wide variety of health problems e.g. muscles, aches and pains, stress, digestive problems, insomnia, headaches - in fact, quite a range of the ills the flesh is heir to!

Breda tells us that she is starting a course to run for eight consecutive weeks beginning February 10th in the Bishop Shanahan School and she promises a relaxed and pleasant atmosphere. She would be happy to explain what Yoga is all about in greater detail and to give you further information if you ring her at 903357.

Local Authority News

In our last issue, we welcomed the setting up of the new South Dublin County Council. The answers (kindly supplied by Cllr.Laing) to our "quiz" were: The Cathaoirleach is Cllr.Don Tipping, and the Leas-Chathaoirleach is our own Cllr.Stanley Laing. Mr John Fitzgerald is the County Manager and the New Offices will be at Tallaght Town Centre (to be ready for occupation March/April)

WILL THE NEW CO.CO. HEAD-QUARTERS BE NEEDED AT ALL?

As we go to press, there is every likelihood that our new Council will be no more by the time the March issue of the TEMPLEOGUE TELEGRAPH appears. The reason is none other than the re-appearance of that old Public Enemy No.1, the Water Charge. Our various Residents' Associations will no doubt be debating the issue, and taking stands. Meanwhile Councillor Ardagh has taken a very firm stand indeed, as we report under. But before we get down to that thorny subject, we should mention the following:

NEW FORMAT FOR COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

This month we experiment with a new format for these reports, setting out in the schedule on the next page the questions about which our public representatives have written to us. We hope this will help residents in the various estates to keep up-to-date. If they should wish to have a copy of the official questions-and-answers as sent in to us by the Councillors in order to study them in detail, we would be happy to provide subscribers with copies for a nominal sum (to cover reproduction cost).

INCREASE IN HANDBAG SNATCHING

Cllr. Laing wishes to draw attention to the increase in handbag snatching, particularly warning those who attend Mass at St Pius X Church to be on their guard. He warns of unauthorised parking attendants who are involved in this unlawful activity, and says that there is a huge increase in the number of cars stolen and NOT recovered.

WATER CHARGES

Cllr.Seán Ardagh has thrown down the gauntlet, telling the Chairman of the new Co.Council that Water Charges are not acceptable to the Fianna Fáil Group in the Council. Cllr.Ardagh believes that it will be wrong to impose charges until the outcome of the review being carried out by the Minister for Finance on taxation has become known. Cllr.Ardagh points out that the tax is inequitable as it is not levied on an ability-to-pay basis, and the choice of whether to use large or small quantities and pay accordingly is not given in the proposals. He stated: "The Fianna Fail group does not reject out of hand a form of property tax if it alleviates the burden on earned income as has occurred in the recent budget, but any property tax should directly relate to the benefits gained and ability to pay". He considers that the water charge falls down on both grounds.

We are sure readers will have their own views on the various aspects of these proposals, and they are invited to air them through our columns. We think it is fair that the Councillors should have the benefit of feedback from the grass roots as the matter is sure to be the subject of heated debates in many councils around the country.

<u>Date</u> 1994	<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Estate</u>	<u>Subject</u>
23 JAN	S Laing	County generally	Branch water mains: responsibility for maintenance/repair transferred from householders to local authorities.
10 JAN	S Laing	Fortfield Wainsfort	Opening of slip road from F.Rd to W.Rd. not recommended.
18 JAN 22 JAN	P Upton S Laing	Fortfield Greenlea	Upgrading crossing near F.Rd/G.Rd to be considered for full push-button facility.
18 JAN	P Upton	Wainsfort Fortfield	No proposal to remove stub wall from green area Fortfield/Wainsfort Grove.
18 JAN	S Laing	County generally	Declaration for alcohol-free regional parks: revision of bye-laws considered more effective.
18 JAN	S Laing	Templeogue	Impossible to make provision for further development of Old City Watercourse.
13 JAN	C Keane	Glendown	School warden to be provided at at Glendown (junction with Orwell Park Ave.)
14 JAN	C Keane	Templeogue	Double yellow lines to Village to be provided (parking restriction)
14 JAN	C Keane	Willington	Contractor asked to have repairs carried out to lighting W.Drive and W.Green (faulty cable)
18 JAN	C Keane	Osprey	Provision made for lighting path running through Tymon Pk to Limekiln Rd.
18 JAN	C Keane	Orwell	Potholes on roads adjacent to OSC to be repaired.
18 JAN	C Keane	Willington	Improvements to open space W.Green & Drive to be discussed with WORK Res.Assoc.
13 JAN	C Keane	Fortfield	Considered that the surfacing work F.Grove has been satisfactorily carried out.

Cover pictures

Top picture is the earliest known view of Dublin Castle showing the Viceroy Sir Henry Sidney riding out, from the Image of Ireland by John Derricke, 1581.

Lower picture: Photo of Timon Castle, demolished within last 40 years or so (featured in the TEMPLEOGUE TELEGRAPH OF January 1980)

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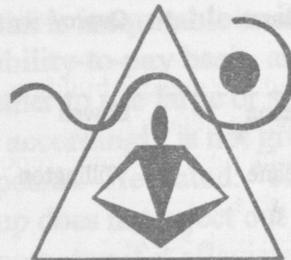
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 Bishop Shanahan School

In our last issue we mentioned that Cllr. Stanley Laing had sent us a memorandum concerning Templeogue House. We give here some excerpts from the document, which gives a description in some detail of the features of this ancient local building.

Readers may be interested to know that in the briefing document issued by ENFO (the Environmental Information Service) Templeogue House figures in a list of 54 Dublin castles the remains of which were substantial enough to be regarded as not just mere sites.

TEMPLEOGUE HOUSE

It is generally understood that Templeogue House was constructed by the Talbot family who came to Ireland in the latter half of the 12th century. In Ball's History of Dublin there is a reference to the Castle of Templeogue passing at the close of the 17th century into the hands of Sir Thomas Domville. On the site of the castle Sir Thomas constructed a handsome mansion. In the latter part of the 18th century it was reported that the house through neglect was falling into ruin, and a new residence was built into which were incorporated some of the walls of the ancient Castle.

Those who have not yet visited the present building may be interested in the following details made available as a result of a recent County Council report:

The rectangular part of the building, approx. 21.9 metres long and 9.6 metres high, with a frontage facing south-west, is two storeys high, over a semi-basement which consists of the original undercroft. It has a slated roof, hipped at both ends and supported on king-post timber trusses.

It is reported that two towers at the rear of the original castle were incorporated into the house. At present only one circular tower survives, located at the east corner of the house. It can be entered from all floors, including the undercroft. The massive walls in this area of the house suggest that they could have been part of the original castle.

Extensions to the rear of the house accommodate a three-storey block originally comprising one room on each floor level and an interesting staircase, with well-proportioned winders, serving basement, ground and first floors. These features may have been provided in the 19th century reconstruction of the house.

The undercroft has a barrel-vaulted structural arch with wattle and daub ceiling. The height over floor level at the crown of the arch is approx. 2 metres. There is evidence that the undercroft was formerly divided into two parts by a wall, stubs of which are shown on the basement plan. The low ceiling height limits the uses to which the undercroft can be put.

The available records indicate that the house has been re-built several times over the past few centuries but there is reason to believe that some of the old walls of the castle have been retained.

GLOSSARY (prepared by the TEMPLEOGUE TELEGRAPH for those who may not be au fait with architectural terms):

King-post: an upright post from the tie-beam of a roof to the apex of a truss.

Wattle and daub: a network of rods and twigs plastered with mud or clay as a building material.

Winders: A series of roughly triangular steps (wide on the outside and narrow on the inside) shaped to accommodate the turn of the stairway.

Undercroft: a crypt.

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