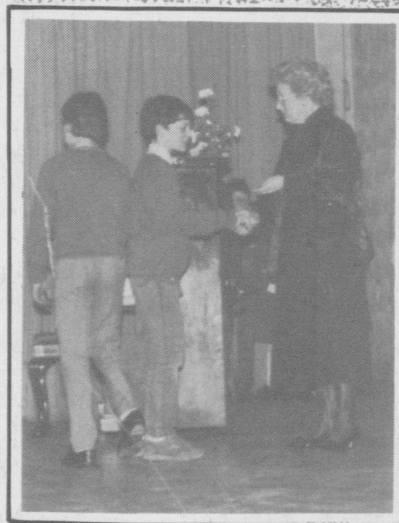


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*News, Views & Pictures*

MARCH 1987

## Diary Dates

St. Piux Junior Youth Club:  
Sunday, St. Pius Hall.

Thursday Club:  
Every Third Thursday, at 2.30p.m.  
St. Mary's Room.

Templeogue Senior Youth Club:  
1st, 2nd, 3rd. Saturday each month,  
St. Piux School.

Ladies Club:  
First Wednesday, 8p.m. at St. Pius  
School Hall.

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Friday 10a.m.- 1p.m. Orwell Shopping  
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## The Templeogue Telegraph

Sorry - Sorry - I feel like Ronnie Corbett, but as anyone who is doing something in their spare time will understand, that if all your 'spare time' is taken up (sure I haven't seen Dallas for weeks) - you just cant get everything done - this is all just to point out that this is a March/April issue.

I mentioned in the last issue that I would like to hear more about 'Neighbourhood Watch' and would you believe, nothing. Nobody was watching. I do know that there is one in Templeville, and feel that it is something that should be in the rest of Templeogue, so lets be having you.

Talking about Templeogue - I was wondering if we were going to lose the only link with the past - the possible rebuilding of the Hollingsworth Shop, and someone was telling me that we may be getting an office block - dont ask me where, do we really want this for our village. Talking about 'community' what is happening in ours - looking at the pages of the *Telegraph* it is always the same people that get information in to us - there must be more happening and if there isn't, why not, let us have some suggestions: What happened to all the concerts we had, Summer Projects, get togethers or parties, Sales of Work etc., sure where would we hold them I hear you say, why have we not got a Community Hall, should we have one? lets get some reaction.

I noticed the other night how dark it was on the Fortfield Green - who should we see about getting a light here?.

Terry Gogan, 49 Wainsfort Drive, Templeogue.

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# Féile Bhride, Templeogue, '87

Many members of the community and of neighbouring communities such as Ballyroan must have been disappointed when the 1986 Féile Bhride was cancelled because of the illness of its founder and main organiser May O'Neill but with her happy recovery and the encouragement and support of a new committee we have just recently had another successful Féile.

Although I was unable to attend the Féile I was fortunate to receive an invitation to the Prize Winner's Concert, at which the Trophies and Prizes were also presented. This was held in Templeogue College Hall on February 8th. If the pleasure of the young audience can be measured in decibels then surely a great time was had by all. There was a sprinkling of parents, politicians and other VIP's also present and teas were kindly provided by a ladies committee.

I must now comment on my impressions of the concert but in doing so will not mention every item due to shortage of space. I have to admit to a preference for instrumental works and in this respect was not disappointed. There was a dead-heat in the competition for solo piano so the Laing Trophy was shared by Sinead Ardiff in the under 15 class and Leslie Warren in the under 19's. They played Clementi and Debussy respectively with good expression and expertise even if the piano seemed somewhat muted in the large hall. The recorders on the other hand gave a good clear tone and

Ballyroan were again to the fore in a jolly jazz piece played with dead-pan expression but great clarity and vigour. Cliona Warren played solo descant recorder which was a pleasure to hear.

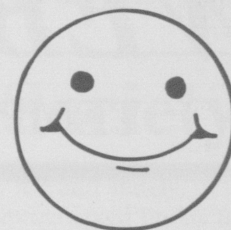
Of the singers, all of whom seemed to have been accompanied as usual by Padraig O Cuiineagain I was most impressed by Aisling Lakes, whose voice in Paisir d'Amour was beautifully rich and resonant in the lower register and Victoria Massey in an Irish Song, "an raibh tu ar an carraig" sung with fine phrasing. The remainder of the programme including mime, verse speaking, choral singing and recitation were constantly performed, with a touch of humour in Allison Brannigan's assessment of Boys in the relatively new section of oral communication. The standard all round was high as we have come to expect from previous years.

Finally the prizes were presented by Mrs. Nora O'Doherty, who spoke in glowing terms of May O'Neill without whose inspiration and initiative the Féile would not exist.

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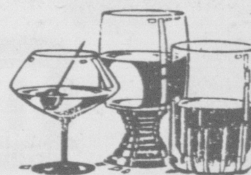
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# The Thursday Club

It was a great disappointment to us all that the heavy snow in January made it necessary to cancel our Thursday Club Meeting for that month. So we were all delighted to be back together again on Thursday, February 19th, and as if in compensation for January, it was great to have "a full house".

After our usual cup of tea, we had a special treat. Nancy Keogh brought along her talented troupe of young dancers to entertain us. The tinies were sweet in their party dresses as they did their little action songs. And the older girls looked very smart in spotted skirts and white tee-shirts with coloured neckerchiefs, and in spite of being rather cramped for space, their tap-dancing and singing was most enjoyable. We are grateful to Nancy and to the children's parents for bringing them along and thank-you also to Maebh Ardill for accompanying them on the piano.

Our next meeting takes place on Thursday, March 19th, and we look forward to seeing everybody then.

Enquiries to: Brigid Nolan, Telephone 900802; Maura Morris, Telephone 903800; Mary Kernan, Telephone 906323.

## ST. PIUS X YOUTH CLUB

Now that the Youth Club is very much back in action, it is now up to the Committee to plan activities until the end of the year and well into 1988. As a Committee we informed our leaders of our plans, at a meeting in Mid November. Many helpful and practical suggestions were made on how to improve our programme of activities. These suggestions were noted, and many of the ideas are now being implemented.

Since we last wrote in the Telegraph, we have been very busy with our wide range of activities e.g. Drama, Communications, Dancing, Art and a Youth Club newsletter. These activities are running extremely well and it is hoped this year to include many varied and interesting inclusions to our

programme.

On Sunday the 7th. of December 1986, the Youth Club members will be Carol Singing throughout the parish. Starting from St. Pius X Church and eventually finishing up at St. Pius C School. This year the proceeds of our collection will be going to the St.

Vincent de Paul Conference in our parish. So when our collectors call to your door, please be generous, because as you know the money is certainly going to a very worthy cause.

May we wish all our parishioners young and old a very happy New Year.  
F.J. McKenna.

## Horticultural Society

The monthly meeting of the Templeogue Horticultural Society was held on Wednesday, 18th. February, 1987 in Our Lady's School at 8.00 p.m. Mr. John Anderson, the Head Gardener of Mount Usher was the guest speaker.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Anderson and asked how is Mount Usher after Hurricane Charlie? Mr. Anderson said that about 200 shrubs and 6 trees had unfortunately been lost but that other gardens in both Ireland and England had come to the rescue and the Gardens would be restored to their former glory. He paid tribute to Wicklow Co. Council for initiating work schemes and also to Bord Failte for their help. When the two suspension bridges, currently being examined by engineers, are declared safe the Gardens will again open to the public in March. The Society had had a very pleasant trip to Mount Usher last June.

Now to the business of the evening. Many slides were shown depicting what trees and shrubs are available and showing that colour in a garden can be achieved all the year round: Quince, a vivid red, blooms in February, Mahonia, a yellow in March, Rhododendrons, many shades, May/June. An unusual Pearl Bush called Exchorda flowers in May but grows to 10/11' tall. Myrtle is fast becoming popular and can now be bought in Garden Centres. The white flowers last for approximately 2 months July/August. It would be very hard to choose between all those depicted so a short list follows:

Viburnum: A winter flowering shrub white/pink.  
Berberis: red/orange.  
Californian Lilac: a magnificent blue.  
Broom-Dragon Fly: red/yellow  
White Escallonia: beautiful but not as yet as popular as the pink.  
Magnolia: white tinged with pink.

Now for trees:

Japanese Maple: vivid red in Autumn but likes a sheltered spot.  
Horsechestnut: large but majestic.

Cedar: tall and stately.

Eucalyptus: noted for its lovely bark.

Birch: also noted for its lovely bark, Ash: grows to about 20/25' and have lovely yellow leaves.

Now for some small trees:

Dwarf Juniper: 3' tall and lovely cone shape.

Dwarf Fir: has outraised branches with upstanding cones.

By way of contrast slides were shown of plants from the Botanical Gardens in Glasnevin and also from Mount Steward in N.I.

NOTES: Please prepare now for a plant sale in conjunction with the Annual Flower Show. March meeting - 18th. Maria Prendiville, Kinsealy and Gerry Daly's panel, on Herbaceous and Bulbs. April - John Newell on containers.



### Prayer around the cross

There will be "Prayer Around The Cross" using the music of Taize in Terenure College on Friday, March 20th. from 9p.m. to 10p.m. also April 17th. Friday, 9p.m. to 10p.m.

This prayer meeting is very informal and is to encourage prayer, reflection and meditation. It takes place in the small community chapel - at the arches near the main Church.

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# What Templeogue means to me

Dick Blake

When we left our two chinas, they had again suffered humiliation at the hands of the Carmelites, and being strategists they decided to call it a day. The Fathers had no real objection to boys playing around the lake, but they wanted their privacy and property respected. So from then on we confined our activities to the lower end of their grounds further away from the college. After all, the apple season is a short one, and for the rest of the year there were trees to be climbed, conkers to be collected, model boats to be sailed, frog spawn to be gathered and water rats to be shot at with catapults.

Do boys climb trees any more? I never see them around this neck of the woods. Its a highly satisfying thing to do, and contrary to popular prejudice, is not at all dangerous for the agile. Boys are not fools. They will not attempt anything which they can't do. We started with simple trees, and graduated up to the really big ones. It gives a boy a great sense of pride to be in the high branches of a well known tree that he could almost climb blindfold, gaze benignly over his domain. Sit quietly there, and even the birds lose their fear and come back. Although some fifty years later, on the same theme, I nearly dropped a terrible clanger. I'd had lunch in Foxrock and set off for a walk up Sandyford, now its a peculiar fact, but people tend to carry the habits of childhood right through their lives. Don't we all still say the same prayers our mothers taught us and in the same order, although of course there have been amendments and deletions following the birth of Sammy and the death of hard-drinking Uncle Mattis, but the same basic formula is still there, I'll betya. I think the same applies largely to our eating habits. In my boyhood home, nobody drank tea after dinner (we call it lunch nowadays, begob) except me granny. Coffee was unheard of, well not quite. Coffee was something you bought freshly ground from Bewleys for state occasions. A bit like toilet rolls. They were produced only when visitors were expected. For the rest of the time we made do with squares cut from newspaper, pierced at one corner by a bradawl, and hung from a hook on a piece of string. This had the

added advantage that you could have a read while sitting on the throne. What a bonanza a discarded telephone directory would have been. It would have kept every tail in the house spotless for a month. But then of course we'd no telephones.

But I've digressed a little. Let us go back to Sandyford. To this day I never drink tea or coffee after a meal, but mine host in Foxrock had served larger cups of some hell brew, and of course I had to drink it. Now with the passage of years, and I mean a good many years, you may find, as I did, that tea or coffee can have a diuretic effect, or in simpler language, you can't hound it like you used to.

So there I am, enjoying my walk, when I realise that very soon indeed I will have to find a convenient gateway. I find me one, leading into a field, with a large tree beside it. I start to fumble, but fortunately before the moment of truth, I hear a chorcling noise above my head. I look up, and there sat a little boy and girl bright red in the face with suppressed laughter. The moral of the story is, not only should you always check the road for pedestrians, but check the surrounding trees too. Particularly if you're a bit deaf.

But to get back to tree climbing. Nothing in this world is ever simple, and our tree climbing activities were put in jeopardy by the arrival of Violet. Violet was the only child of parents who had probably married later in life. They were impeccable Protestants of the old school, and how they produced Violet

was even then beyond my comprehension. They lived in one of the red brick houses on Templeogue Road which back onto the College grounds. She arrived into Lakelands Park one day, on a bicycle, which made her very upmarket indeed in those days, and announced that she was going to play with us. Note, she didn't ask could she, she announced that she was going to. And what a girl she proved to be. She could outrun us, take a conker out of a tree with one stone, and with a catapult could frighten the life out of a water rat at thirty yards. But she couldn't climb trees. Why, you may ask. Because simply, modesty forbade. In those days boys wore short pants up to about thirteen years of age, before they got their first pair of long trousers, and girls wore skirts or dresses. Slacks or jeans had not appeared, and dungarees were worn only by decent men who painted houses. So how could a girl, wearing a skirt, climb a tree, if there were boys around the place?

Poor Violet was moidered with frustration, but being a resourceful girl, she came up with a solution which while sartorially leaving something to be desired, fulfilled the needs of both Church and convention. She smuggled out a second pair of knickers which she subsequently kept hidden in the hole of a hollow tree beside the stone bridge in the lake. Now in those days, knickers were knickers. They were navy blue in colour. They were made of heavy, hard-wearing cotton material. They had elastic at the waist, and the legs were long enough to stretch just above the knees, at the bottom of each leg there was more elastic, so that they fitted snugly to the leg, covering the tops of the long black stockings, which in turn were held up, by black garters. An additional feature was a little pocket,

## D.K. CROSSWORDS

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I would like to thank all those that entered the DK Crossword last month. I am very sorry to report that there was no correct answer, so no prize can be awarded this time.

But I put all the entries with only one mistake, the same mistake into a drum, and the prizewinner on the second drawout was Rosaleen Moore, 55 Fortfield Road.



What Templeogue means to me.

just above the knee in which the girl kept her handkerchief. It always intrigued me to see a girl lift her skirt just to blow her nose.

But to continue, when Violet wanted to climb a tree she pulled the spare drawers up on her and tucked her skirt into them, and up the tree she's go like a monkey. Now while her overgarment may have looked like knickers, they had taken on a new dimension, with bits of her tweed skirt showing at her knees, and a catapult hanging from the handkerchief pocket. I will never forget the look of awed amazement on the face of the priest who, walking in pensive mood reading his breviary, hearing a sound above him, look up to see this awesome creature some twenty feet

above him which waved to him and said "Howya Father", before letting loose a triumphant yodel.

Winter closed in, and the first nice day in Spring Geoffrey and I sent out our yodelling rallying call, but there was no reply from Violet's garden. She didn't come again, and we missed her sorely. We wondered why, until one day we saw cycling down Templeogue Road neatly dressed a young lady who looked something like Violet and who, as she passed called out "Howya fellas". Is the frog spawn out yet". We hadn't known that Violet was a couple of years older than us, and of course the inevitable had happened, the chrysalis had turned into a butterfly.

I wonder are that pair of drawers still in the hollow tree?

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## CHEESEBOARDS

The simplest way to serve cheese is in its natural state, but itself, or with a biscuit, at the end of a meal or as a snack. This can best be done with a cheeseboard. All that is required is a tray or board, a cheese knife, some butter and biscuits and a simple selection of cheese.

It is sufficient to choose one cheese from each of the five varieties mentioned above. Cut pieces neatly and always remove the wrapper from prepacked cheese before placing it on the cheeseboard. Never cut other cheeses with the same knife that has been used to cut Blue cheeses.

## STORING CHEESE

It is wise to buy no more than a week's supply at a time, so that the cheese is always at its best.

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Before storing the cheese, it should be wrapped in greaseproof paper, a polythene bag or tin-foil. The cheese should be removed about one hour before serving to allow it to return to room temperature.

### GUIDELINES FOR BODY WEIGHT

Height Without Shoes (ft. ins.)	MEN Weight (Indoor Clothes) * (st. lbs.)			WOMEN Weight (Indoor Clothes) * (st. lbs.)		
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200	150	38	24	18
300	225	57	36	27
400	300	76	48	36
500	375	95	60	48



The "Blessing" - no just the follow through in the game of bowls each week on Greenlea Green. I believe some members of the Ladies Club planned to come down - but as yet they have not yet invaded this last bastion of male pleasure.

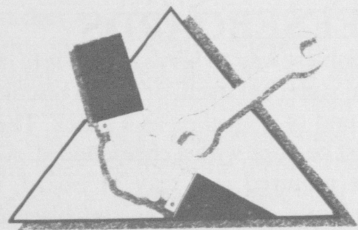


Some hopeful contestants for Féile Bhríde.

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# WHITEKNIGHTS

A short flight to Helsinki, an afternoon of window-shopping and sight-seeing there and we boarded the overnight train to Leningrad. It was fifteen years since I had last visited Russia to attend a scientific conference in Moscow and now we were on our way to stay with a friend whom I had made at the time. The train journey was uneventful except for being awakened by a smart and very polite immigration officer as we crossed the border in the early hours of the morning and then our final awakening when the train was already in "Finland Station" in Leningrad and most of the passengers had already left.

My friend Vladimir and his wife made our stay a memorable one, with many sight seeing trips in the city and surroundings and with interesting insights into the Russian way-of-life. Leningrad itself was undoubtedly the most beautiful and well planned city we had ever seen. It was founded in 1703 among swamps and scanty Northern vegetation on the delta of the river Neva. It is notable for its wide river which reaches 650 metres in width in places with its many canals and tributaries. It has about 360 bridges most in wrought iron and many with figures, statues and other ornamentation.

We stayed in an apartment on the Gulf of Finland about an hour's train journey from the city centre. Although our friends were with us most days we did spend a day alone in the city and on our return I managed to take the wrong train, and seemed to be heading for Siberia. Fortunately I had enough Russian to be redirected. Very few Russians understand or speak English. The train we then took came to our destination from the wrong direction

and on leaving the train we headed in the wrong way and managed to walk through a military hospital before we eventually found our apartment.

Among the places we visited in Leningrad was the mariner's church, with its many ikons and bearded Orthodox priests. We saw a funeral leaving the church and were struck by the practicality of the arrangements. The coffin was made of plywood and was placed in the centre aisle of a bus in which all the mourners could travel together. There was much gold to be seen on the onion towers of the churches and on the many palaces we visited in and around the city.

We were in Leningrad at the time of the White Nights, when the sun just dips briefly below the horizon at midnight and one can enjoy the novelty of reading a newspaper without artificial light at that hour. The Soviet Navy was in port and we watched the sailors with their girl friends sitting by the river bank or walking hand-in-hand. We were told that all the bridges on the river would open for about an hour to allow ships to pass through the city and this was a spectacular sight but it happened that the bridges remained open all night and as we were on the wrong side of the river we had to wait until morning to get home for some sleep.

The most popular place for a snack in Leningrad was the icecream parlours and their range of icecreams was quite good. Certain goods are in short supply at times as for example lemons and honey and that is why most Russians carry bags at all times. One day when we had set out to go to Peter's Palace with our friends they suddenly spotted a queue forming outside a shop so we immediately joined it and carried jars of honey with us for the rest of the day.

One of the articles which our Russian friends were most anxious to receive from us was plastic bags with lettering on them. This looks just as exotic to them apparently as their Cyrillic alphabet looks to us. Finally we were surprised to find gypsies begging outside the Winter Palace, one of Europe's greatest Art Galleries, and their police like the Garda tried to move them on. People are the same the world over.

R.P.K.

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# Templeogue Ladies' Club

There was a very good attendance at our February Meeting and everyone present thoroughly enjoyed the excellent demonstration of Microwave Cooking given by "Phillips Electrical" Demonstrator.

Our A.G.M. is looming ahead which heralds the start of a new Club Year and that also means some changes in our Committee but in the meantime Club activities proceed as normal.

The Fish Project Group has produced an excellent entry for the B.I.M. Fish Project Competition, the subject this year is "Fish - Facts and Fancies" and, as the Club took First Place in this Competition in 1986, we are hopeful of repeating our success this year and we wish our entry the best of luck! The I.F.W.V. has organised a Craft Competition sponsored by Sherwoods Knitting and Sewing Machine Specialists. We have had a great response from members so again we hope to take some of the honours as we have in previous years.

About seven members of the Variety Group visited St. Mary's Hospital on Saturday 31. January, and, in conjunction with St. Vincent de Paul Society, entertained elderly patients there, both the entertainers and the entertained had a very enjoyable afternoon. The Variety Group is in full rehearsal for "The Cream of the County", a big undertaking for them and one in which we wish them every success.

Outings over the next few weeks include a visit to the Meat Centre on 16th. February and a organised tour of the National Gallery of Ireland on the 9th. March.

The 22nd. Annual General Meeting of the Templeogue Ladies' Club was well attended. The President, Mildred Sargent, welcomed everyone present and introduced the Secretary's Report. In her address the President said it didn't seem like twelve months since

she had taken over the chain of office. She said we had had a very busy and interesting year and she was amazed at the willingness with which so many members entered into the many social activities in the area. There was a great spirit of generosity within the club as was evident in the support given to all the fund-raising events organised during the past year and she thanked the Committee for their hard work and great co-operation at all times. The President said she was sorry that six committee members were moving on but at the same time she looked forward to working with the six new members whose names she then announced, June Gilligan, Imelda Loughman, Ena McGarrey, Muriel McGuinness, Nancy O'Connell and Eileen Purcell. The President then wished the Drama Group good luck with their production "Our Branch in Brussels" which they were presenting the following evening in the I.F.W.C. Drama Competition. After reading her report the Treasurer asked that all subscriptions should be paid at the next Club Meeting Wednesday 1st. April - and it would be much appreciated if ALL members would put the Sub. (remaining as last year) in an envelope with members name, address and phone no. please.

The Drama Group's Production on the following evening was a great success. They not only won first place in their section but were awarded the overall trophy - many congratulations to all concerned.

On Monday 9th. March about 25 ladies visited the Art Gallery for an organised tour, all were agreed that it whetted our appetites to learn more about Art and the many treasures housed in our National Gallery.

LADIES! please make a "New Club Year" resolution to attend the monthly meetings, we have a very interesting programme lined up and we really look forward to meeting you all there.

## Gaelic Hamburgers and spicy barbeque sauce

These are excellent Hamburgers and very economical. Serves 4.  
450g (1lb) lean minced beef  
2-3 potatoes, peeled and grated  
1 onion, chopped finely  
1 tablespoon chopped parsley  
Few drops of Worcester or soy sauce  
Salt and black pepper

### Method

Mix all the ingredients together. Form into eight cakes, if you wish use a scone cutter for a neater shape. Chill well before cooking. Then barbecue or fry for 4-5 minutes on each side. If you have a freezer it is well worthwhile doing a few pounds of mince together. Make into hamburgers, wrap in tinfoil and freeze. Store for 2 months. Then you have your convenience meals when you need them. Also if you are buying a few pounds of mince together the butcher might do a deal with you!

### Spicy Barbecue Sauce

1 tablespoon oil  
1 onion, finely chopped  
1 clove garlic, crushed  
125ml (1/4pt) water  
2 tablespoons vinegar  
2 tablespoons brown sugar  
2 teaspoons mustard  
1 slice lemon  
1 spring thyme or pinch of dried thyme  
Pinch of cayenne  
2 tablespoons Worcester Sauce  
4-5 tablespoons tomato ketchup  
Salt and black pepper

### Method

Heat the oil and fry the onion and garlic together until soft. Add all the ingredients to the pan, bring slowly to the boil and simmer for 15 minutes. Remove the lemon slice and sprig of thyme before serving.

## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Dom Laurence Freeman OSB Prior of Montreal

**SCHOOL OF PRAYER** - 22-26 April 1978 All Hallows College, Grace Park Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9.  
In conjunction with the School of Prayer, Dom Laurence Freeman, will give three public talks on Christian Meditation.  
**All Hallows College** - 'Contemplative Prayer', Wednesday 22 April at 8pm, 'Meditation and Social Change', Thursday 23 April at 8pm.

**Trinity College** - Edmund Burke Theatre Under the auspices of the Chaplaincy, TCD.  
'Changing the World through Stillness', Saturday 25 April at 8pm.

Applications and all enquiries to Mrs. Yvonne Fitzgerald, Christian Meditation Centre, 62 Park Avenue, Dublin 4.  
Telephone 693466 10-12am and 7-9pm.



# Dublin's Napoleonic Links

Appreciation of paintings is a very personal matter but I think that my favourite painting in the National Gallery has a special interest for all Dubliners, whatever their taste in art. It is a large and magnificent portrait of Julie Bonaparte, Queen of Naples, with her two young daughters painted with such incredible artistry that you feel they are there beside you. But why the special interest for Dubliners?

Queen Julie was the wife of Napoleon's brother Joseph Bonaparte, King of Naples. (They later became King and Queen of Spain). Julie's sister Desiree had a love affair with Napoleon and subsequently married the famous Marshal Bernadotte, whom Napoleon appointed King of Sweden. Both royal sisters were the daughters of Thomas Clary or Cleary, a silk merchant living in Marseilles who, it is claimed was one of the ancestors of the family of Clery's of O'Connell Street, Dublin! So Cleary's were doing well even then!

The painting's new location is on the ground floor in the French/Spanish etc. room between the spiral staircase and the restaurant. Have a look!

Philip Griffin



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# The Templeogue Senior Youth Club

The Templeogue Senior Youth Club has been running for many years and takes place on the first three Saturdays in each month from 8.00 to 11.00 p.m. We cater for the 16-18 year olds in this parish. Activities for the Saturday nights include, Snooker/Pool, Table Tennis, Table Soccer, Darts, Cards and listening to music. Periodically there are organised Hikes, Music Quiz, Treasure Hunts and Coach Trips. Members are also encouraged to take part in charitable activities, for example, during October last year they collected for REHAB on their annual collection day, and this year we hope to do the same.

This Youth Club year, the Committee decided to ask for a subscription of £10.00 which was payable in two instalments. Five pounds was paid in October and £5.00 is now due this month. All the money received goes to improve the activities which we run.

From the money which we received in October, we were able to run a Disco in December and it was supported by a large number of boys and girls, all ages, from our parish. Each member helped in organising the Disco. Some ran a Cloak room and Mineral stand, which made extra money and which was quite enterprising. We made nearly £300 on that fund-raising night and the music was supplied by a generous D.J. who did the dance free of charge. Out of the money raised we bought a Stereo Double Tape Deck, which was badly needed. The members take it home on a rota basis. They take great care of it

when it is in their possession.

Other activities organised included a Cake Sale and Car Wash. At the moment we are trying to arrange a trip in the Spring for the Club. We may go to Coolure House, in Co. Westmeath, which is run by the Catholic Youth Council, or maybe we will go Hostelling. We are still open to suggestions.

On February 20th, Three Senior Leaders took a group of members camping in Cruagh Wood Park. This is about 4 miles away from Templeogue and most importantly, near home. We hope it is a great success. We also have a number of fund-raising activities arranged for the coming months, and hope that you will give us your full support. As you know, any Youth Club, be it Junior or Senior needs to have a financial backing to keep its activities for the youth in full operation.

The Committee hope that after reading this report on the Templeogue Senior Youth Club, you will realise what a good service we are offering the youth of this parish and that with your support we can continue to operate.

Parents are welcome anytime to come and visit our club on a Saturday night and a cup of tea is always guaranteed.

Below you will find an application form for the Templeogue Senior Youth Club. New members are always welcome. You can drop this application form, together with 2 passport photos, into the Youth Club during a Club night, between 8.00 and 11.00 p.m.

(Paula Clear - Secretary)

## The Templeogue Senior Youth Club

Name .....

Address .....

Parent's Signature: .....

Date of Birth .....

The Templeogue Senior Youth Club, St. Pius X School Hall, Saturdays between 8.00 and 11.00 p.m.

## Working Towards Solutions

People in Africa are growing less food today than they were five years ago. At the same time the population is rising dramatically. They are becoming increasingly dependent on food imports. CONCERN's first priority was to respond to the immediate needs of the people most affected by famine with programmes designed to bring food and health care. Today, CONCERN continues to respond to their needs in areas threatened by food shortages and to closely monitor their nutritional status.

Alongside the famine relief effort, CONCERN has been identifying long term programmes which will help the people affected by the problems of drought and famine to cope with the crisis and to find solutions which will help prevent them, thereby leading to increased food production. The reasons for the decline in food production vary from natural causes such as drought and soil erosion, to war and civil strife.

In the case of civil war and strife CONCERN can do very little to alleviate the problems. However, many of the problems can be solved by people undertaking small projects at local level. Where possible CONCERN is searching for ways to help people in their struggle to overcome the problems of drought and famine. This is true of its many rural based projects in Tanzania, Sudan and Ethiopia.

In some cases it is already too late. In the northern Highlands of Ethiopia, soil erosion has necessitated the drastic measures of resettling people to more fertile areas in the south of the country where CONCERN is helping them make a new start.

## AT A "TEMPLEOGUE TRADERS" GET TOGETHER



Photo taken at the Templeogue Village Traders Association Christmas Party. Left to right: Liam Webb, Mrs. Hollingsworth, Liam Scannell, Jack Fenlon, Siobhan Murray and John Chambers.

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## Teachers and students cycle for computers

On Friday 13th. February at 8.30a.m. three teachers, M. Garry, D. Ward and M. McCabe and a group of fifteen Leaving Certificate students from St. MacDara's Community College, undertook a sponsored marathon cycle to Limerick and back to fund the purchase of a modern computer network in the school. Luckily, the weather stayed dry, despite some early morning fog for the Roscrea to Limerick stage. Accommodation was provided by St. Joseph's College, Roscrea. On Monday 16th., many tired limbs left Portlaoise at 9.30a.m. as the long journey began to take its toll, but the cyclists persevered and returned home on Monday evening to complete a memorable 242 mile journey.

## Templeogue G.A.A.

The season is now nearing a close for the local Under 10 and Under 12 football sides. The interest in both sides was maintained to the end, the Under 10's only deprived of success in the second last match while the Under 12's went one better, losing a vital last match.

The club provides one of the few 'open' local facilities for young boys and we would like to be able to go even better in September in fielding three or even four teams on Saturday mornings in Bushy Park.

Until July on most Saturday mornings about 11.15a.m. some of the club mentors will be in attendance in Bushy Park and training sessions and practice matches will be organised. The Club is interested in getting young boys - aged under 10, 11 and 12 on 1st. September to enable us field extra teams next year.

It follows that if our team numbers increase an increase in the number of parents helping is necessary. Committee members are available in Bushy Park to discuss any aspect of the Club, at the times mentioned above or phone any of the following.

T. Dalton, 901873

A. Kelly, 900355

J. Kelly, 902386



# KIDS KORNOR



Three young ladies from Templeville have produced a little magazine called the MAGS ANNONIMOUSE.

With some poems, jokes and best wishes to all doing exams and they wish one Julia McGuinness a big GET WELL SOON.

## JOKES

'Doctor! Doctor! I've eaten a pencil, what'll I do?'  
'Use a pen'.

'Doctor! Doctor! I keep seeing double'.  
'Sit on the couch'.  
'Which one'.

'My girlfriend's one of twins'.  
'How can you tell them apart?'.  
'Her brother's got a beard'.

'Doctor! Doctor! I think I need glasses'.  
'You certainly do. This is a fish and chips shop'.

'I understand you buried your cat last week?'.  
'I had to. She was dead'.

## A COUGH

I have a little cough, sir, in my little chest, sir,  
Everytime I cough, sir, it leaves a little pain, sir,  
Cough, cough, cough, cough, there it is again, sir.

## POEMS

### THE HIPPO'S BIRTHDAY

He has opened all his parcels  
but the longest and the last;  
His hopes are at their highest  
and his heart is beating fast.  
O happy little hippo  
what lovely gift is here?  
He cuts the string.  
The world stands still,  
A pair of boots appear!  
O little hippo,  
The sorrow of the small!  
He drops two tears to mingle  
with the flowing senegal;  
And the 'Thank You' that he uttered  
was the saddest ever heard  
In the Senegambian jungle  
from the mouth of beast or bird.

### MICE

I think mice  
are rather nice.  
Their tails are long,  
their faces small.  
They haven't any chins at all.  
Their ears are pink,  
their teeth are white,  
about run about  
the house at night.  
They nibble things,  
they shouldn't touch  
and no one seems  
to like them much.  
But I think mice  
are nice.

Many thanks to Janet, Katherine and Anne and Marie, the authors.

# DUBLIN'S OASIS OF PEACE

Just a century ago St. Stephen's Green in Dublin was opened to the public. Still unchanged, it remains a haven of peace and beauty in the heart of the capital.

The earliest mention of St. Stephen's Green, Dublin's first city park, is in a Charter of 1192, in which King John, as Lord of Ireland, granted the ground to the good citizens of Dublin, defining the boundaries, which embraced an area of land to the south-east of the old city and extending as far as the river Dodder.

The incomparable Green got its name from St. Stephen's Church, originally the chapel of the leper hospital which was situated on the site of Mercer's hospital.

This tract of land, known as the Green area of St. Stephen, was used by the citizens to graze their cattle. An act of the City Council in 1577 stated "that none shall with their cattle pasture the commons but free citizens".

Any 'foreigner' who used the common was liable to be fined. The land was abused by trespassers from time to time and in 1622 there was a complaint lodged from a merchant "that the common of St. Stephen's Green is pastured on daily by strangers, and chiefly by Mr. Pheasant, of Baggottes Rath, who keepeth four hundred or five hundred sheep thereon daylie".

Sir William Petty's map of 1655 has no definite boundaries on St. Stephen's Green. Lots were drawn in 1664 on the perimeter and leased out to tenants for building. This was the advent of town planning in Dublin, as the Corporation stipulated certain regulations to those about to build that they "be engaged to build of brick, stone and

In 1752 a bye-law was introduced by a worried timber, to be covered with tiles of slates, with at least two floores or loftes, and a cellar, if they please to digge it".

The houses could not be constructed of the perishable clay and wattle, a method of building which existed in old Dublin. Each tenant had to plant six sycamores near to the wall.

The Green area of St. Stephen gave way to St. Stephen's Green, and in 1670 the land was levelled and became a residential square. The 27 acres were enclosed by a wall and the land was used as a pasture and also as an assembly place on public occasions.

Tree-lined avenues enclosed it, of which Beaux Walk on the northern side was the most fashionable. In 1711, Swift wrote to Stella from London:

"Why don't you walk the Green of St. Stephen's. The walks are finer gravelled than the mall" - and if that was not commendation enough, the noted letter-writer Mary Pendarves considered it preferable to any square she had seen in London.

The avenue on the east was named "Monck's Walk" after a family of that name who owned land in the neighbourhood. On the south was "Leeson Walk", on the west side was so called an account of the number of Huguenot families who had property in the vicinity. A considerable number of these hardworking and dedicated craftsmen had come to Ireland prior to the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685.

The small Huguenot cemetery halfhidden behind railing in Merrion Row still livens up the spring with its mass of bluebells.

Lord Mayor which forbade the shooting of snipe in the Green. He was more concerned for the passers-by and their safety than for the preservation of game. As a result the Green became a sanctuary for wildfowl.

In 1815 the wall which surrounded the Green was replaced by iron railings which had lockable gates. More oil lamps were put up around the perimeter to curtail the prowlers. The Green was turned into private property by the householders who paid a guinea a year for a key.

The railings still exist as do the granite bollards erected outside them. These were linked by chains which lasted up the second world war, when they were removed.

It is due to the generosity of Sir Arthur Guinness, later Lord Ardilaun, that the Green is a public park today. He once said:

"It was a dream of my early youth. I remember when a lad walking in St. Stephen's Green with a relative. I told her of my determination that should it ever be in my power I would do my best to effect the opening of that enclosure to the public".

Lord Ardilaun obtained an Act of Parliament in 1880 whereby the Green was thrown open to the public and put in the care of the Commissioners of Public Works. He had the swampy waste transformed into a magnificent park with lakes, lawns, a variety of trees, paths and wildfowl, though the snipe seem to have vanished!

The statuary in the Green records some of Ireland's history and poetry. Robert Emmet's solemn figure faces the house now divided into Nos. 124 and 125, where he first saw the light of day in 1778.

When the Green was opened as a public park, the grateful citizens had a statue of Lord Ardilaun erected on the west side, almost directly opposite York Street. It was in a house on this narrow street that the great poet James Clarence Mangan, famous in particular for the poem "Dark Rosaleen", was born in 1803. His work appeared in many papers and magazines such as the National, The Dublin Penny Journal and the Dublin University Magazine. A bust in the Green commemorates him.

Orator and patriot Thomas Kette, who was killed in the First World War, is commemorated nearby. The members of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers who were killed in the Boer War in South Africa during 1899 and 1900 have their names inscribed on the South African War Memorial, known as the Triumphal Arch, at the north-west corner - now the main entrance to the park.

Just across the street, W.B. Yeats's prodigal father had a studio. This effervescent man walked twice a day from Churchtown to this studio. A bronze sculpture commemorating his son, W. B. Yeats, is in the Green.

The people of Germany presented a statue of the three Fates spinning a thread of destiny and people throw coins into the surrounding waterscape. A bust of Countess Markievicz commemorates the occupation of the Green during the 1916 Rising by the Countess, Michael Mallon, and a contingent of the Irish Citizen Army. Their headquarters was situated in the Royal College of Surgeons on the west side of the Green.

A stroll around the Green will reveal many more interesting memorials, including those of O'Donovan Rossa and Wolfe Tone. The poet-priest of "Pied Beauty", Gerard Manley Hopkins, must often have admired the Green from his window at the Royal University in number 86, where he was a professor from 1884 to 1889. Just opposite is the most recent monument a chair commemorating "John Stanislaus Joyce, Corkman" and his son "James Joyce, Dubliner".

Little has changed since Lord Ardilaun presented St. Stephen's Green to the citizens of Dublin. It is an oasis of peace in a bustling city centre and is used as a place of enjoyment by old and young.

Reproduced from the Genuine Irish Old Moore's Almanac.

# THE TEMPLEOGUE POLITICAL SCENE



Councillor Sean Ardagh - Fianna Fail.  
**DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

As well as the Government agreeing the budget for the country during this month, Dublin County Council has also to agree its budget this month.

In 1986 the Council had a budget of Ir Pds 160 million.

Because of the way the estimates are prepared it is difficult for the councillors to know whether the residents and ratepayers are getting value for this money and whether it is being spent effectively and in an efficient manner.

No one seems to care how the Ir Pds 160 million was spent, just so long as the whole Ir Pds 160 million was spent and not a penny more.

For the March meeting of the Council, I have tabled a number of provocative questions for the officials questioning the effectiveness and efficiency of the spending such as, how many miles of road did the council estimate it would repair and how many miles did it actually repair? How many recreation and amenity facilities were planned in the estimates and at what cost and what in physical terms was achieved?

Now that there is all party agreement on cutting back on spending, a special effort has to be made by public representatives to ensure that value for money is received by the taxpayer for each scarce pound of his tax that is spent by Government or local government alike.

I will continue the officials's response to my questions and motions on the

effectiveness, efficiency and value for money we are getting from the Council in the next edition of this magazine.

## Local Fianna Fail Organisation

On behalf of the local cumann of Fianna Fail, I would like to thank the residents of the area for the courtesy you have shown to our canvassers during the election campaign. I wish to congratulate Ben Briscoe and Mary Mooney on their victory in the election and also to say how disappointed all the cumann members and myself are that Dr. John O'Connell was not successful. Our posters during the campaign were many and colourful. All of our posters were removed before the count was complete. It was generally recognised that the Eamon de Valera Cumann here in Templeogue had the best presentation of posters and publicity of all the 21 cumann in the Dublin South Central Constituency at the polling station on election day. The Eamon de Valera Cumann is continually growing in size and is an exemplary unit of the organisation. Details on membership and meetings may be had from Frank O'Reilly, Secretary at 906429.



## LOCAL MATTERS OF INTEREST

Many residents have been in touch with me about the defective light in the centre of the Templeville/Wainsfort Roundabout.

An attempt was made sometime ago but unfortunately the machine got bogged down in the soil and so a further attempt was delayed. However I have been assured by the Lighting Dept. that this is a priority matter in the area. I have also been assured that the E.S.B. has an order to cable the new light outside Cypress Park Shops.

I have also asked An Bord Telecom to carry out a survey of our area of the number of defective Public Telephones

and indeed to consider increasing the number for the area as there is a need to improve this service especially during emergencies.

Councillor Stanley Laing P.C.  
Phone 905571

## MOTIONS BEING CARRIED OUT BY NEW DUBLIN GAS IN TERENCE ELECTORAL AREA

MOTION: Councillor S. Laing.

"That the Manager seek an assurance from the Dublin Gas Company that the number of test holes and repairs that have been carried out recently in the Terenure Electoral area are in a perfectly safe condition and that the report refer in particular to the repairs carried out on Templeville Road, Templeogue Road, Cypress Grove Road and Cypress Grove Park local shopping centre and that this matter be discussed".

### REPORT

If this motion is passed its terms will be conveyed to New Dublin Gas".

This motion was approved and got full support from the Dublin Belgard Council and I have requested a full detailed report and if possible for the New Dublin Gas Company to send a representative to our next Council Meeting.

Cllr. Stanley Laing.

## CABLELINK

Dear Cllr. Laing,

I would like to update you with the results of our latest examination of the system in your area.

Our Area Inspector, Mr. Eddie Lyons recently completed a random survey of twenty houses in Templeville Road and Drive. Apart from a small number of in-house faults, he found reception to be very good indeed and a high level of satisfaction with the system from those interviewed.

It is his intention to carry out further random checks from time to time to ensure that this happy situation continues.

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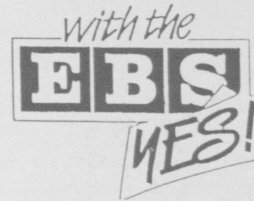
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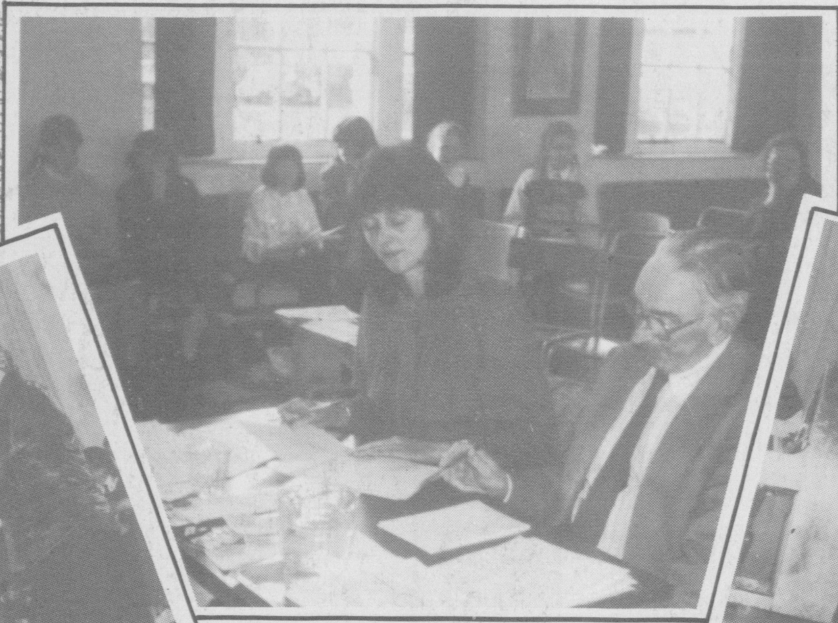
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