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## Seven-a-Side Champions



*Did you see a future Liam Brady, a David O'Leary or a Packie Bonner in this group?*

They are (from left to right) back row, standing: Donal Dunlop, Gavin Macken, Simon Roche, Michael Cruise and Cathal Connolly; and, front row: Paul Barron, Alan Dunne, Ken Burke-Moran and A.Kirwan.

This team, playing as "Glasgow Celtic", won the Heather Cup for 7-a-side Soccer on May 7th, 1993, the 23rd tournament in the series which commenced in 1970.

*For full report by Deirdre Reid of St Pius X Parents' Association, see within.*

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In view of the number of references to animals in this issue we propose to include an article about cats in the July 1993 issue. In connection with one of the incidents reported Mr Brian Rickaby of the Cats' Protection Association has been in touch and has recommended extreme caution when approaching feral (i.e. wild) cats. The CPA can be contacted on Tel. 322822 or 908652 for advice.

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Would owner of stray cat in Templeville area please contact 904439 (dark smokey grey male with old injury to one ear).

Thanks, Fr. Chris O'Doherty, White Fathers, for typesetting this issue.

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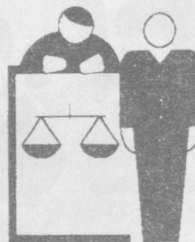
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# CALLING ALL SCHOOLS!



We are making this a special "Schools Edition" of the *Templeogue Telegraph* to mark the close of the "academic year", though this may not be the time of year most relished by the families whom it affects. Breaking up (not too literally, we hope) for the holidays, the approach of public examinations time (the usual signal for an unwanted heat wave producing unwanted butterflies elsewhere than in the garden), the "changing of the guard" as teachers take on new classes in national schools, the trauma for the "babies" of starting school and, for the older students, the BIG DECISION: what second or third level college to attend (if, that is, you can get in) - these are matters which will be leaving some families in a tail-spin (spin now, laugh later - hopefully!). In the following pages we take a brief look at the first- and second-level education systems, and how the various schools in Templeogue correspond.

## THE SYSTEMS

"Education systems?", we hear you say. "What systems?". Nothing is easier than to get cynical or controversial about the education scene. As, however, we go on our monthly round of the schools to deliver copies of the *TEMPLEOGUE TELEGRAPH*, we cannot but be impressed by what we see "on the ground".

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It is really only in the context of their history that "the systems" can be understood. They are not per-

fect, that we know. We might however as a starting point view our present good fortune in the light of the miserable conditions endured by many of our forbears

**"Still crouching 'neath the sheltering hedge or stretched on mountain fern**

**The teacher and his pupils met feloniously to learn".**

## PRIMARY EDUCATION

The year 1831 was a major landmark in Irish education. Ireland, still part of the United Kingdom, was emerging from the gloom of the penal statutes of the previous century. The London government's offer to finance a scheme of national primary education was accepted and thus began a system which has survived in still-recognisable form down to the present day. The scheme had central control in the hands of a board of commissioners, state grants, training schools for teachers, a system of inspection and a work-programme to be followed.

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"What book (or standard) are you in?", became a common question asked of the older generation of national school pupils. This referred to the set texts which marked each year of the progress of the child through the curriculum. These beautiful text-books of the last century, a pleasure to read even to-day, were made available at virtual cost to the schools, and were produced by the Commissioners themselves. In time they became prized throughout the Empire. Indeed so good were they that a trade grew up with the English-speaking colonies. Where is this feature now in our national schools system? It was suppressed even before the last century had run its course - on petition to the Government by greedy cross-channel book publishers thinking only of the profits! Yes, London calling! Anyone out there for bring-

ing back the Commissioners and their standard text-books?

The early decades of the national schools system were marred by bitter controversies. For example some Protestants and Presbyterians objected because of the exclusion of the Bible during school hours, and certain Catholic groups, most notably the Irish Christian Brothers, held aloof because of fears of proselytism.

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Nevertheless, the system survived - a good old British institution creaking with compromises, but to this day trundling merrily along (reconstruction always pending). In the modern book of official regulations which sets out the standards and procedures to be applied in the running of national schools (the famous "Blue Book" that can be obtained from government publications offices) one can see the pattern of the very earliest handbooks.

Even to-day no one is obliged to come into the national school system. Indeed, the term "primary school" does not equate with "national school", and you can start your own primary school any time you like without "official permission" and without becoming part of the national school system - that is, of course, if you have the resources to do so. Catch 22!

## SECONDARY EDUCATION

**Second-level education is not quite so easy an animal to describe.**

The system embraces secondary schools, vocational schools, technical schools, comprehensive schools, community schools, community colleges and many minor variations in bewildering variety. We have

some of these categories operating in or within easy reach of Templeogue. To confuse matters, the so-called secondary tops (which some of our senior citizens may have attended) were primary schools!

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Again, we have to refer to history to understand how a unifying factor was eventually found. Very broadly, the second-level schools established in the 18th and 19th centuries were conducted by the churches or religious. These provided education which was overwhelmingly of the "grammar-school" or classical kind, to use two of the vast variety of descriptions applying to education which was not what we now call technical or vocational. A typical course of instruction might include Greek and Latin, Modern Languages, Mathematics, Natural Philosophy, History and Literature.

Eventually, in 1878, a board of commissioners for intermediate education was appointed to set up a system of public examinations, to grant prizes, exhibitions and certificates, and to pay to school managers fees which depended on results in the board's public examinations. Until the mid-sixties secondary schools depended significantly on the payment of fees by their pupils, but most secondary schools now qualify for a range of generous state grants, including state payments in lieu of pupils' fees.

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**An Irish College of Gardening for Women was conducted in Cypress Grove early in this century.**

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The impetus for the promotion of technical education on the other hand came largely from Government, although the revival and extension of education in the area of agriculture was always underpinned by strong local initiatives (the RDS is an institution which resulted from one such movement and it is interesting also to note that an Irish College of Gardening for Women recognised by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction in Ireland was conducted in Cypress Grove early in this century). In 1887 the City of Dublin technical schools were opened, supported by voluntary contributions and a corporation grant from the library fund. Various statutes followed to provide administrative and financial structures for a national system of technical and vocational schools. These were provided in large numbers in the cities and towns of Ireland under a statute of 1930, and were state supported from the outset.

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The typical pre-1960s choice in the matter of second-level schools in the early part of this century in most Irish towns lay between a girls' secondary school conducted by nuns, a boys' secondary school conducted by brothers or diocesan religious, or a technical school conducted by the local Vocational Education Committee which could be attended by both boys and girls, and offered "practical" subjects such as woodwork, metalwork and mechanical drawing, which were often taken by the girls as well as the boys!

Approximately 25 years ago a series of second-level schools known as Comprehensive Schools began to make their appearance, financed by the State, and relying on the combined resources of the local vocational education committees and of the religious teaching bodies. These schools were co-educational and made available to boys and girls

under one roof both "classical" and "technical" education, in other words, a comprehensive education. This break-through later developed into the Community School idea as we know it to-day, where vocational education committees and secondary school authorities combined their applications for state finance to build and manage jointly one school to provide a comprehensive curriculum to an entire locality.

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**"Community" in this context is therefore a political rather than an educational term.**

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These developments had the knock-on effect of encouraging many secondary schools to introduce "practical" subjects such as metalwork, woodwork and others, up to then associated almost exclusively with vocational schools. In turn, the vocational schools grew in size and importance and provided complete secondary education to Leaving Cert level and beyond, styling themselves Community Colleges. So despite the plethora of names, most modern second-level schools can now offer a complete range of subjects up to Leaving Certificate level.

A book of official rules and regulations (similar to the national schools' "Blue Book") unifies the whole second-level system, setting out the standards to be applied in running the schools wishing to qualify for state aid, and the courses of study to be pursued with a view to admission to the public examinations set by the Department of Education.

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As is the case with primary education services, you are quite free to start your own private secondary school if you can handle Catch 22!

# Our Templeogue Schools

*In this page are listed and categorised with brief details the various Templeogue schools (in alphabetical order) which we visit on our monthly "rounds".*

We are rightly proud of the achievements of our schools, in both their academic and sporting endeavours, but many of the young people of this locality express disappointment that we do not carry more news of what's happening in them. So we thought we would make bold to suggest to the schools that each one should from next September appoint an "honorary" extra "post of special responsibility" - that of "Correspondent to the Templeogue Telegraph". Come on now, schools, we're not looking for an arm and a leg here - just someone to put in a couple of hundred words a few times a year!

## **ASHFIELD COLLEGE (Secondary):**

Located in Main Street, Templeogue, this college was founded in 1977, and specialises in the Leaving Cert giving a choice of 21 subjects, with higher and lower options usually available. The directors are Joe Griffin and Frank Sweeney, and the principal Margaret Lynch. The college occupies a modern building on its own grounds adjacent to the village of Templeogue. It is a private fee-paying college catering to Leaving Cert stage for students of both sexes who have completed the Junior Cert or 5th year, and for Leaving Cert "Repeat" students.

## **BISHOP GALVIN NATIONAL SCHOOL (Primary)**

This is one of the national schools conducted by St Jude's Parish, Willington, where Fr Brian Connolly is the Parish Priest. It caters for girls and boys between the ages of eight and twelve, and within the national school system would be called a "senior school". It is situated off Rossmore Road and adjoins Templeogue Wood. It was named for a famous missionary bishop of the Columban Fathers (Maynooth Mission to China), which congregation provided

part of the land on which the parish built its schools.

## **BISHOP SHANAHAN NATIONAL SCHOOL (Primary)**

This is the sister establishment of the Bishop Galvin school in St Jude's Parish, and is on the same site. It caters for girls and boys between the ages of four and eight, and would therefore within the national schools system be called a "junior school". It was named for a famous missionary bishop of the Holy Ghost Congregation who has residences, schools and lands in the district and who provided the parish with part of the site.

## **OUR LADY'S SCHOOL (Secondary)**

Our Lady's School, located on extensive grounds between the Templeogue Road and the River Dodder, and adjoining Bushy Park, is conducted by the Religious of Christian Education and comprises a girls' secondary school within the state-aided system and a private primary school (junior school). The building complex contains the former Bushy Park House, where the Shaw family lived until 1951 and which is still in use. The school was established by the nuns in 1953 and numerous building extensions followed (1955, 1956, 1963, 1977 and 1978).

## **ST MAC DARA'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE (Secondary)**

This College is conducted by the County Dublin Vocational Education Committee which supports it financially. It provides secondary education for boys and girls. It is situated off Willington Lane, on the site of the former Willington House, now demolished.

## **ST PIUS X BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL (Primary)**

This is one of the two national schools conducted by St Pius X Parish, Templeogue, where Father Gay Collieran is the Parish Priest. This and the girls' national school were established in 1964, originally in prefabs on the

former St Mary's Rugby Club site (now AIB) adjoining the parish church. The school later moved to modern premises on a site off Fortfield Park and caters for boys between the ages of four and twelve i.e. the entire range of the national school programme. It was named, as was the parish, for the Pope who died and was canonized in this present century and was noted for his liberal approach to the age restrictions for reception of the sacraments by children.

## **ST PIUS X GIRLS' NATIONAL SCHOOL (Primary)**

This is the second of the two national schools conducted by St Pius X Parish, Templeogue. It shares the site at Fortfield Park with the boys' national school and caters for girls between the ages of four and twelve i.e. the entire range of the national school programme.

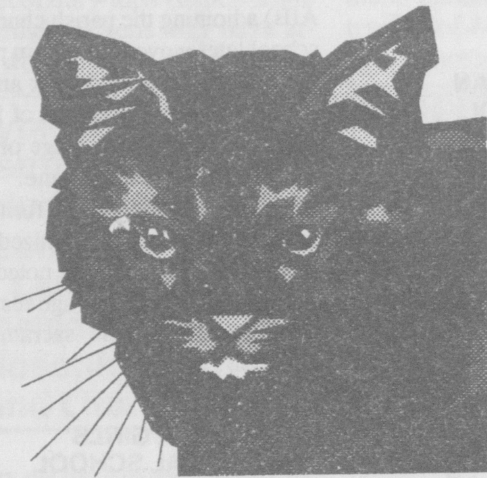
## **TEMPLEOGUE COLLEGE (Secondary)**

Located on extensive grounds off the north side of Templeville Road and adjacent to Kimmage Manor, this boys' secondary school was established in 1966 by the Holy Ghost Fathers (C.S.Sp.) who conduct it. The modern building constructed in the early 1960s has been substantially extended in latter years. The college is within the state-aided system.

## **TERENURE COLLEGE (Secondary)**

This is a boys' fee-paying secondary school with a boys' junior primary school attached, and is conducted by the Carmelite Fathers (O.Carm.). Established in 1860, the college is the oldest institution of its kind in the Templeogue area and is now housed in an extensive range of buildings on grounds off Templeogue Road. The original building was occupied in their time by the Bourne and Shaw families, and the demesne once extended down to the R.Dodder and included Bushy Park. The College oratory is much favoured by residents of Templeogue as a place of worship.

## THE ANIMAL GANG



At one time in Dublin during the 1930s the phenomenon known as "The Animal Gang" arose in our city suburbs. We have never met anyone who was actually attacked by a member of the gang, whose existence was always a matter of shadowy rumour, but many youngsters were kept within the confines of their own districts by parental warnings of what would happen if they fell into the clutches of this beastly bunch!

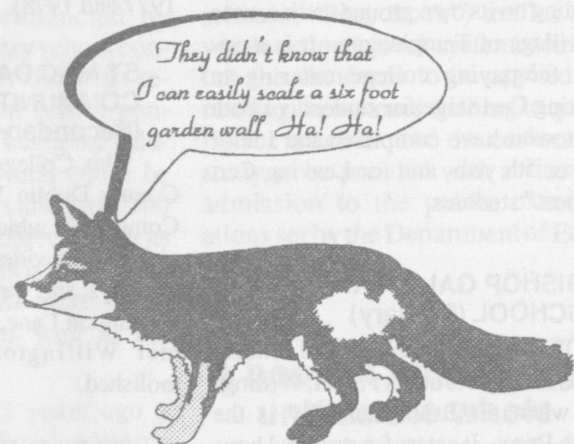
The Templeogue Telegraph is in a position to report that an "animal gang" is currently operating in the Templeogue district, and there is nothing of shadowy rumour about their attacks. Their attacks have been verified by some of our readers who have suffered loss and injury.

In one recent incident a domestic pet disappeared from a back garden surrounded by a substantial wall, and the finding of parts of its dismembered body in several gardens nearby gave rise to several days of speculation not alone as to how the gruesome deed could have been accomplished, but as to how the body could have been transported over several high walls the distance it was. In another part of Templeogue the father of a family was attacked in his garden and, having suffered serious injury, was subsequently hospitalised.

In the first instance reported, it seems fairly certain that the culprit was one of the urban foxes which are now becoming quite common around the Templeogue area. Indeed, the owner of the pet referred to actually saw a fox crossing a road near his home several days after the event described and scaling a six-foot high garden wall with consummate ease.

A wild cat was responsible for the second attack referred to, and again the presence of this feral species is becoming common.

We feel that people should know and be warned about the presence in Templeogue of these potentially dangerous wandering animals, and take the necessary precautions. There is a natural tendency for young children in particular to regard certain species of animals with the sentimentality engendered by programmes like Basil Brush or Tom and Jerry, and it no easy task for parents to preserve the right balance between the cartoon and reality. But seemingly the task must now be on the agenda of teaching caution where animals are concerned.



Perhaps residents would report similar incidents of which they have first-hand knowledge, and if any are any experts among our readers as the precautions that should be taken, we would likewise be obliged to hear from them.



## Templeogue Ladies Club



*Report by Geraldine Eaton (Hon. Secretary)*

On the 5th May 1993 the Templeogue Ladies' Club had its monthly meeting. There was, as usual, a good attendance with good lively discussion on various subjects. The speaker, one of the best we have ever had at the Club, was Rene Dempsey, an Environmental Liaison Officer. She spoke to us about the Earth Watch Conference held in Rio de Janeiro and which she attended. Her talk "The Road to Rio" was most informative and spiced with humour and it gave us great encouragement to know that no matter what conferences or seminars take place, caring for the environment begins with each of us. So the thought we took away with us and which I pass on to you is..."Let it begin with me".

All Club activities are going well and Pitch and Putt, which was abandoned during the winter months, is scheduled to recommence on 13th May. Just get to Spawell any Thursday morning before 10 am.

Entries for the Irish Federation of Women's Clubs Art Competition, sponsored by Calor, will be judged before the end of May and we are hoping to have prize-winners to announce in the next issue.

The book - "The Story of Templeogue" - produced by the Project Group has been selected to be part of the Dublin Co. Council Community Project Awards Exhibition in the Riverside Centre. Many people in the

area have found the book a most welcome gift for family and friends who have moved away from the area - it forms a great link with home.

Some of our members hope to visit Leopardstown Hospital on Saturday 22nd May to entertain the patients there. We look forward to this event as we have happy memories of our visit there last year.

We are also looking forward to our Summer Outing in June, when we visit Kilkenny - we have fingers crossed for a fine day!

Last meeting before the Summer break is on 2nd June. If you are a member and haven't been attending lately do make an effort to come along - we look forward to seeing you there - 8 pm sharp!

**Please note that the  
Ladies Club publication**

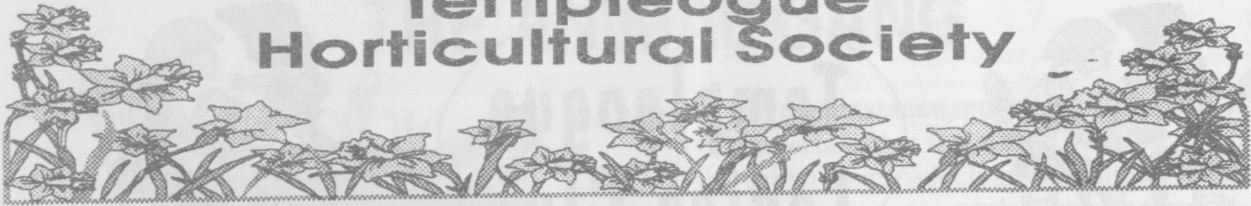
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## Templeogue Horticultural Society



### Report by Patricia Halpin, Hon. Secretary

*Please note the change of venue and time for the June 1993 meeting - see below.*

A meeting of the Templeogue Horticultural Society was held in Our Lady's School on Wednesday 21st April 1993. A large audience was present to hear a most unusual and interesting talk given by Thomasina Harman, gardening designer and free-lance gardening correspondent. The title of the talk was "*Garden Design through the Ages*" and she illustrated how many old designs are now incorporated in the gardens shown at the Chelsea Flower Show and our own garden shows run by UCD and the RDS.

Starting with the Middle Ages, when most gardens were in the monasteries, we were told of a convent in Louvain which was really a walled-in town within a town for women who didn't wish to marry (perhaps the first "women's libbers"). These good women built houses for themselves in varying sizes, according to their means. They made gardens which were nothing much to look at, but contained herbs and medicinal plants grown mostly for the benefit of the poor and needy, and of the many soldiers wounded in the French wars. Their plantings were enclosed by box hedges which were reputed to keep down disease and infection.

For the 17th century we were shown Villandray, a much more elaborate garden where the course of the river bed had been altered to provide water, to the detriment of the unfortunate peasants in the area. Here roses were grown and used in pot-pourri to perfume the rooms of the house. Low espalier type apples were grown and again much box hedging. It is said that roses and box have a calming effect and have been used by Charles de Gaulle and other notables. Our own restored Drimnagh Castle was also built in the 17th century and now a typical garden is slowly being re-created.

Fortfield House, Terenure House and Bushy Park House were all built in the 18th century before plantsmen had gone on journeys collecting

rare and exotic species. These houses favoured tree planting, parkland, lakes, rivers and vistas.

Kimmage Manor was built in the 19th century when trees were still a feature. In fact, a large oak tree was strategically planted to hide the difference in styles when the original building was extended.

In contrast at Heywood House, Co.Laois (built in the 18th century), from the lovely original landscaped garden a new romantic garden was created in the 19th century, designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens and planted by Miss Gertrude Jekyll with many beautiful and rare plants. Lutyens was a young man in his twenties and Gertrude Jekyll was in her late 50s, having turned to gardening when she could no longer embroider due to failing eyesight. The two worked happily together for about 40 years. Heywood Gardens and the memorial gardens in Islandbridge are the only examples of their work in Ireland (as far as can be ascertained).

Thomasina Harmon went on to show slides of various gardens, some very good, others less successful, incorporating many of the traditional features of other days and other cultures. There were box hedges, herb gardens, Tudor towers, pergolas, Grecian pillars, Japanese simplicity of stones and raked gravel, and so on. We were shown the garden restoration started in Pearse Park, Rathfarnham, and the old, carefully preserved trees at the Avoca Handweavers in Kilmacanogue, Bray.

The talk ended with a slide of the well-known front garden in Ballyboden. "*Our private garden is our private fantasy*".

**Due to exams in Our Lady's School, the June meeting of the Templeogue Horticultural Society will be held in the Minor Hall, Christchurch, Rathgar at 8.10 pm on Wednesday 16 June 1993.**

*Please note change of time and venue.*



## POETRY CORNER

### FORGOTTEN WOMEN NO.3

by Sheila Whittle (Copyright) ©

'Twas easy for Yeats, known as W.B.  
 To ordinary folk just like you and like me,  
 To write poems and plans for the whole of his life.  
 He lived for such pleasures, but what of his wife?  
 She stayed in the background, asharing his bed.  
 She was Georgie Hyde Lees till the day the two wed.  
 But Georgie's world shrank upon wearing his ring  
 Except that she bore him a family, poor thing.  
 When Yeats went off dreaming to Thoor Ballylea  
 I wonder what happened to poor wife Georg-ie.  
 She must have stayed home, she had children to rear -  
 But that kind of thing we don't read anywhere.  
 And then she must almost have gone "round the bend"  
 When he went to Coole Park for the odd cool week-end.  
 Lady Gregory kept open house in those days  
 For Yeats and his friends to dream dreams and write plays  
 Or even to carve out his name on a tree  
 While his thoughts soared on high, he was so fancy-free.  
 Georgie knew that his love was for "that other wan" -  
 The one that he wrote about, namely Maud Gonne.  
 Maud Gonne didn't love him, though madly he sought her  
 And so after years he tried courting her daughter.  
 His love for Maud Gonne was his great inspiration  
 By then he'd become the playwright of the nation.  
 But what happened Georgie while he was inspired?  
 She knew that she wasn't the one he desired.  
 And yet she stayed with him for all of her life,  
 And as far as we know was an excellent wife.  
 The words on his tombstone saying "Cast a cold eye  
 On life and on death - horseman pass by"  
 Are there by his wish. Georgie knew that he planned it.  
 Neither she nor the rest of us folk understand it.  
 Oh, W.B. you were known far and wide,  
 But what of the woman who stayed by your side?

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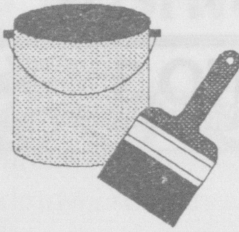
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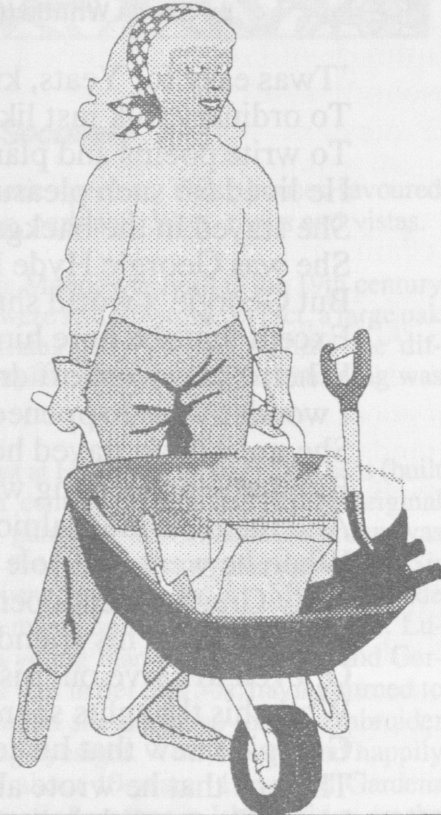


## CLEAN-UP TIME

May I take this opportunity through the *Templeogue Telegraph* to appeal to all residents to undertake a "clean-up" and support the Residents' Association in your area at this time of the year.

Dublin County Council will shortly be judging each area in the Tidy Districts Competition and it is only through "self-help" will we achieve the high standard necessary to obtain a prize in this competition.

We were very pleased last year when three of our Associations received high marks in this Competition and it would be well worth while our residents having a look at these areas (Glendown, Rossmore, W.O.R.K.)



### BIENVENIDOS A NUESTRO AMIGOS DE HABLA HISPANA!

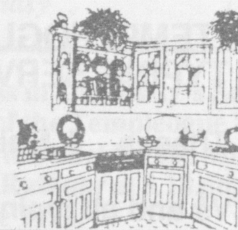
This is the time of the year when Templeogue opens its doors to our Spanish-speaking friends, and the TEMPLEOGUE TELEGRAPH would like to join in welcoming all of them to our shores once more, and wishing them a very happy holiday. We suspect of course that their stay is not intended (by their fond parents in many cases) to be without its onus of a little work in between times. We would hope that since most of our visitors will be studying English they will find the TELEGRAPH an interesting or even a useful read, and if any of them would like to favour us with a contribution - in English or in Spanish - we would be happy to include it in our July issue. What do you think, amigos?

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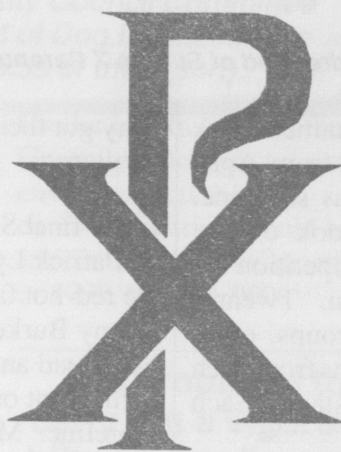
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## EVENSONG AT ST MAC DARA'S

On 23 March at 4 pm St Mac Dara's held its annual Evensong in its school oratory, for its Protestant students and their parents.

St Patrick's Cathedral Choir, under the direction of John Dexter provided the hymns and music.

The following members of clergy were in attendance. Rt Rev M Stewart MA, Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral, Rt Rev R Kingston MA, Rector of St Maelruain's, Tallaght, Rev Jack Robinson, Methodist Minister, Rathgar, Rev Aubrey



Young, Minister Assistant, Crumlin Church of Ireland, Fr M Noone CC, representing St Jude's Church, Fr J McElroy SM and Fr E O Cleirigh SM of the Marist Order,

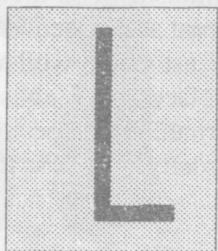
Sr Carmel Neiland, Daughters of Syon.

Also present on the day were Ald G Mitchell, TD, Councillor Stanley Laing, Chairman of St Mac Dara's Board of Management, members of the County Dublin VEC - Mr J Cronin, CEO and Mr B Gallagher, Education Officer.

They were welcomed to the College by Mr S MacPhillips, Principal of St Mac Dara's, Staff and College Prefects. The service was followed by a reception in the College.

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# HEATHER CUP (Seven-a-Side Soccer Tournament)

*Report by Deirdre Reid of St Pius X Parents' Association*

The 23rd Heather Cup tournament took place in Terenure College from April 25th to May 7th, 1993, in glorious sunshine. This year Tony Burke-Moran took on the onerous task of organising the competition for the St Pius X Parents' Association. Twenty-three teams, divided into four groups, competed in a league. The top two teams from each group qualified for the knockout stage. Each team was managed by an adult.

Terenure College were very generous in providing four seven-a-side pitches and this allowed the matches to run concurrently. Referees were in short supply and very often the best referees were found on the sideline. However, three people stand out in particular, Brother Éanna Ó hÓbáin, Brother Micheal

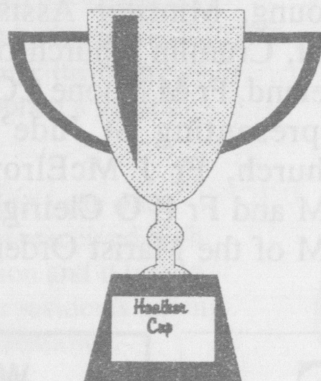
Troy and Eoin Webb, who volunteered their services every night and remained impervious to the comments of the knowing hacks on the sideline. It also helped that they were very fast runners and after the match you could argue your point only if you could catch them.

The quarter-finals were hotly contested events with the Monaghan Utd.- Bray Wanderers match having to be decided by a penalty shoot-out. This match was so intense that even passers-by got caught up in the tension of the moment. Onlookers cheered and groaned as spot-kicks were scored and saved. Lady Luck favour Bray who held their nerve and progressed to the semi-finals.

On finals night the only two girls' teams to take part in the competition battled it out in a display of friendly rivalry. The third and fourth place play-off between Man.City and Bray Wanderers got off to a blazing start. Bray's Captain Damian Fox was resolute in his determination to win against the much-fancied City, led by Paul Travers.

Bray got their way and won the day with a 2 - 1 victory.

In the final St Patrick's Athletic, captained by Patrick Lynch, fought valiantly against the red-hot favourites Glasgow Celtic, led by Kenny Burke-Moran. Ken's team took an early lead and being the better side on the night went on to win by a convincing 3 - 0 scoreline. Many thanks to Mr Peter Malone, well-known referee in Dublin Schoolboys circles, for arbitrating the final so well.



Children from every corner of the parish, accompanied by their parents, ensured the success of the evening. It was necessary to rope off the pitch to keep the crowds away from the playing area. Thankfully Coca-Cola were very generous in their sponsorship

and nobody went home thirsty. The local shops, Murphy's, Walshe's and the K.C.R., were also very enthusiastic in their support and provided a great assortment of goodies for all to enjoy. Last year's well-worn footballs were replaced by Webbs Hardware and Sean McKiernan. This special mention for all your generosity is no less than you deserve!

Tony Burke-Moran presented the Heather Cup on behalf of the Parents' Association to Glasgow Celtic. The medal ceremony was followed by the eagerly-awaited post-match party.

A word of thanks to the Prior, Fr. McCouaig, and the Carmelite Community for their help on the various nights, especially to Fr Kelly for his memorable photographs of the occasion.

Finally, all those who enjoyed this year's competition owe a great debt of gratitude to Mr Tony Burke-Moran whose unbridled enthusiasm ensured the success of the tournament.

# DOG LICENCES

*(We are indebted to Councillor Stanley Laing for a copy of A recent County Council Committee debate on the subject of Dog Licences - the following is a precis of the report):*

**O**n 6th May a debate on Cllr. Laing's motion took place at the meeting of the Sth. Dublin Environmental Services Sub-committee on this subject.

The Council, it was learned, provides finances in its estimate each year for the provision of the Dog Warden Service. This year a sum of £175,000 has been made available to the ISPCA for this service, and £5,000 for the licence reminder system. Licence fees, fines, etc. will, it is estimated, produce £140,000 leaving a shortfall of £35,000.



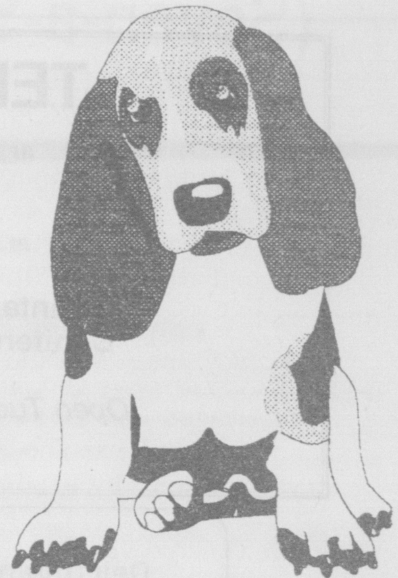
On the introduction of the Control of Dogs Act it was envisaged that the dog control operation would be self-financing. The shortfall in 1992 was £46,000.

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**It is proposed to carry out a vigorous blitz on dog licences over the summer months throughout the county. This action is to be backed up by both radio and newspaper advertising.**

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There is an approx. 60% take-up on licence renewals following reminders. Dog wardens in selected areas make calls to houses checking dog licences and from time to time successful campaigns have been undertaken using radio and local newspapers. Despite these measures, however, there is still a considerable number of unlicensed dogs throughout the county, where the dog population is estimated to be between 35,000 and 50,000.



There is pressure on the Council to be rigorous in its licensing activities, as a reduction in income would inevitably lead to a weakening of the service.

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**The current licence fee is £5 per dog, with a general licence fee of £100 for an unlimited number of dogs. Licences are issued by Post Offices and are also obtainable from the Dog Pounds at Castleknock, Rathfarnham and Ranelagh.**

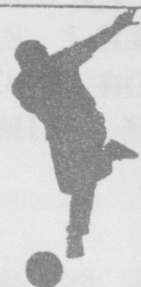
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## LAST ROUND-UP

The Widows' And Solos' Club has been in touch to say that they had 45 people on 12th May at their outing to Ashtown Castle. There was a very interesting tour of the Castle followed by afternoon tea. The weather was beautiful - a bonus in the month of May - and added to the enjoyment. The Club is planning a further day's outing - the venue has yet to be decided. New members are always welcome. (Unfortunately at the time of writing we do not have a contact address for the Club but if interested readers would like to ring the TEMPLEOGUE TELEGRAPH office at 909128 we should be able to put them in touch).

We have heard that the St Pius X 12th Summer Project 1993 has now enrolled its members this year numbering 350. The project caters for 5 - 16 year olds, with the 5 - 12 year olds in the Junior Project - they will take part in activities including Arts and Crafts, Fun & Games, Quiz, Bingo, Papercraft, Fabric Painting, Junior Discos, Basketball, Soccer, Gaelic Football etc each afternoon and evening. Wednesdays will be for tours - this year to Ardkill Farm for Juniors, Blessington Leisure Centre for Seniors, Clara Lara and a family trip to Brittas when all families members are welcome. The Senior Project caters for the 13 - 16 year olds, who have activities in the evening. This year the following are on offer: Quiz, Hockey, Basketball, Fabric Painting, Cookery, Quasar, Discos and other choices. There will be a return to Oakwood in County Wicklow for a weekend with many activities to absorb the energy of the project members - there will be a long mountain hike and later a barbecue when parents are welcome to visit for a social evening. The Committee of '93 wish to thank everyone for their support for the Table Quiz fund-raising event and look forward to seeing everyone when the Project swings into action with a Special Mass 12.30 pm in St Pius X Church followed by the Father Lee Cup and sports in the afternoon.



### LORD KILGOBBIN

We regret to have to report that a certain Mr JG Foley who was deputed to read and review the above novel by the famous Templeogue novelist Charles Lever has scarpered off to his country estate (that his, Foley's, not Kilgobbin's) and is incommunicado if not incognito. If he does not turn up with our copy (costing about £15) he will be sued.

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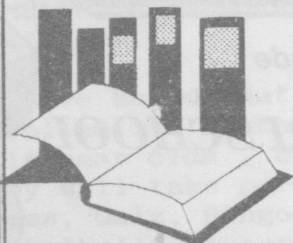
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