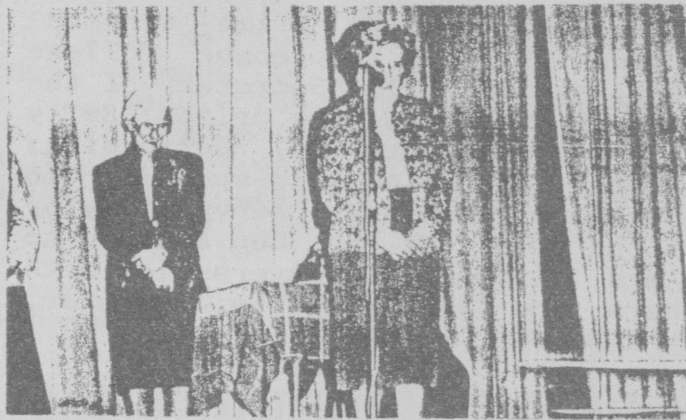


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COMMUNITY DIARY



Wed	Mar 3	AGM Templeogue Ladies' Club St Pius X School Hall 8.30 p.m.
Thur	Mar 4	Light Rail Transport Meeting Tallaght RTC
Sat	Mar 6	Last date of Exhibition on subject of Light Rail Transport at The Square, Tallaght
Wed	Mar 10	Meeting Templeogue Horticultural Society - Our Lady's School 8 p.m.
Wed	Mar 17	St Patrick's Day

COVER PICTURES

Our cover pictures from the Féile Bhríde Prize Winners' Concert held Sunday 14 February 1993 at Templeogue College Hall (from top left, clockwise): May O'Neill, Secretary of the Féile, introduces Mary Becket, who presented the prizes; Emily Hughes (winner of Solo Recorder Descant Cup) performing; Gráinne Keenan (winner of trophy for Solo Verse-speaking in English) after Cup presentation; Minister Mervyn Taylor (library photograph) who was the donor of the Cup awarded to Gráinne; the Lord Mayor and Mrs Mitchell in conversation with Father Doherty of White Fathers; and Sisters Bourne, Magnier, Hannay and Mullen of Our Lady's School.

Mervyn Taylor takes a Ministry!

We offer our sincere congratulations to Springfield resident Mervyn Taylor on his recent appointment as Minister for Equality and Law Reform. Mervyn has over the years been a very good friend to the TEMPLEOGUE TELEGRAPH, regularly supplying a monthly column on "Questions of Law" - he was always, it can be said, first in with his article. His last contribution was a mere two months ago (January 1993 issue) and he has expressed his regrets that due to mounting pressures of work he could not continue. We feel that in the circumstances we can "let him off the hook" for the moment!

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From the Manager's Desk

by Paddy Heneghan

Our green cover heralds the month when we go all sentimental on national, cultural or religious grounds, if not on all three. Sheila Whittle's poem light-heartedly captures the mood we get into and will maybe provide the pick-me-up we need to restore our sense of humour after the devaluation let-down. And do look at the suggestion made by a reader for a Templeogue Market! This might give outlets to people struggling to get a start. The Féile Bhríde report should re-assure us that all is well in Templeogue in the cultural department.

The TEMPLEOGUE TELEGRAPH continues to expand its circulation at a steady rate and every week brings requests for inclusion in the circulation lists from would-be subscribers who were missed out in the January campaign to relaunch the TELEGRAPH. We expect that the next intensive house-to-house canvass can

be undertaken during the Easter holidays, and will bring the circulation to well over the thousand. Meanwhile individual calls for copies of the magazine will be dealt with promptly.

Readers will notice that we are experimenting with a variety of layouts and presentations - exploring the technology, so to speak - without losing sight of the main aim that the TELEGRAPH should be of adequate quality, reach subscribers regularly and on time, be reasonably priced and cover what is relevant to Templeogue.

We aim to finish by the end of March initial contacts with customers for their subs. The general method which seems to suit is to make a once-off payment of £3 for the year, but customers can be given a pay-as-you-go option (30p a copy), or the option of making three subscriptions of £1 each at intervals over the year.

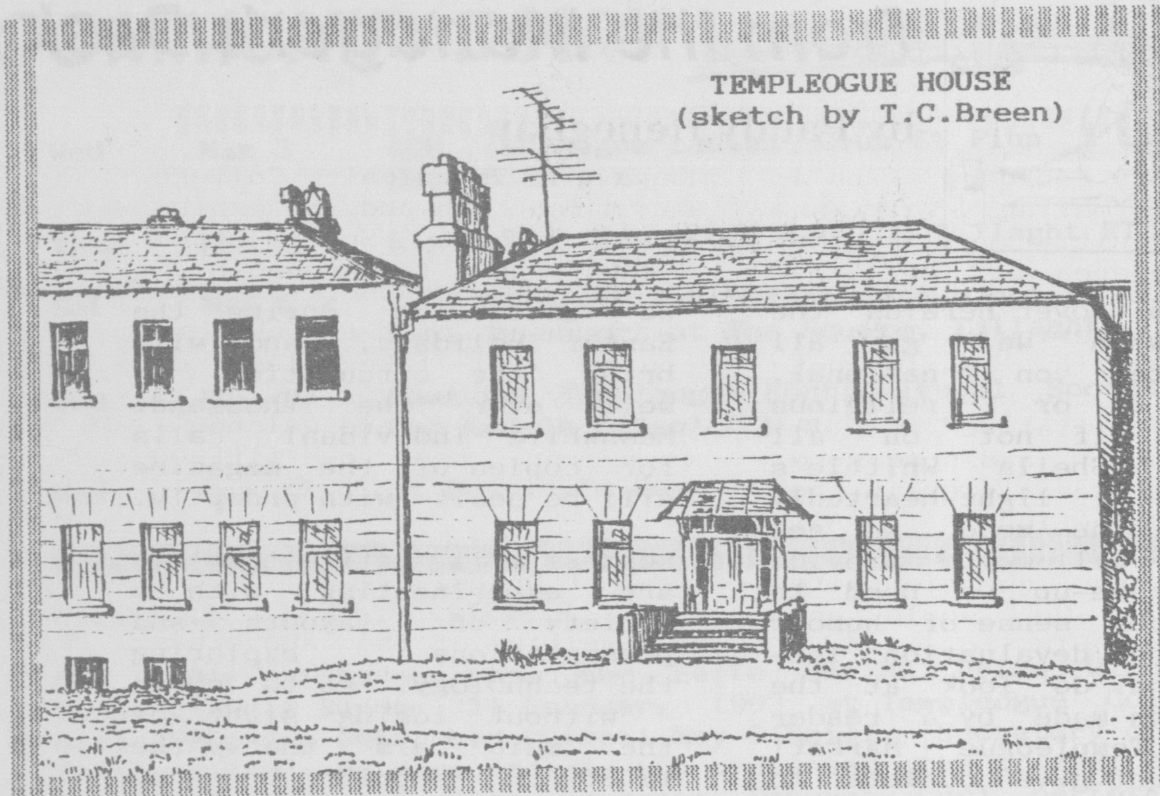
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TEMPLEOGUE HOUSE
(sketch by T.C.Breen)



Dublin County Council
Seomra an Chomhairle

18/2/93

Re: Templeogue House

Dear Editor

I am sure your many readers will be delighted to learn that St Michael's House have very generously agreed to hand over to Dublin County Council, free of charge, the old historical building of Templeogue House, the main condition being that continued full access be provided to St Michael's House itself.

For some years now I have been following up this matter on behalf of the community, and I have no doubt that this building can provide an important centre of heritage and community service. I will be recommending to Dublin County Council to take the building in charge and to set about providing the necessary funding to upgrade and refurbish this valuable building.

This is the best news we have heard for years.

Very sincerely

Councillor Stanley Laing PC

**WILLINGTON
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

On Wednesday February 17th a very interesting talk on Transport Initiatives in the Templeogue area was given by Simon Perry, Professor of Civil Engineering, Trinity College, Dublin. While not involved in the new "Dublin Transport Initiative" (DTI) he thought it had some good points and was a step in the right direction. All households will receive a leaflet and questionnaire from DTI. He would encourage people to inform themselves on the proposals and to push for LRT (Light Rail Transport) in this area, Templeogue. A meeting will be held in the Tallaght

Regional Technical College on March 4th and an exhibition in The Square from February 26th to March 6th.

A clean-up of the Watercourse will take place on Saturday February 27th at 11 a.m. Helpers are welcome - even for ten to fifteen minutes.

C.A.D. (Community Action against Drugs)

A committee of the above has been formed in the Willington area. It deals with the primary prevention of drug and substance abuse.

TEMPLEOGUE LADIES' CLUB

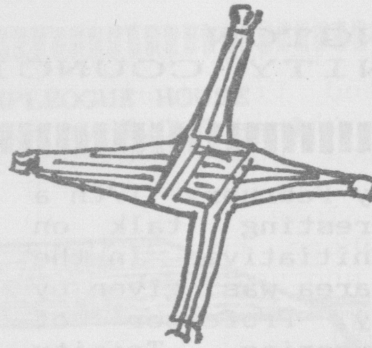
The AGM of the Club is on March 3rd at 8.30 p.m. in St Pius X School Hall. The Club is hoping for a big attendance. The President-elect is Josie Sheerin and Hilary McCrae will be Vice-President. No rush so far for the Secretary's position but the members are keeping their fingers crossed!

The outing to St Enda's on February 17th was a great success. Members met there at 11 a.m. and first went to see the Wildlife Exhibition which is across the courtyard from the tea-rooms. There was then a talk on the history of St Enda's given by Tárlach Breathnach. Then there was an audio-visual show and a tour of the Pearse Museum after which refreshments were available. Then it was back to the Halla Mór where members were entertained by

seven young musicians to an hour's concert of traditional music and song interspersed with poetry by Tárlach. The staff spared no effort in making the visit enjoyable. They cater for groups such as the Ladies' Club on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays until the end of March. There is a cover charge of £1 but members all agreed they got great value on their visit which took three and a half hours in all.

In the Federation Quiz in mid-February two teams from the Club got through to the Final which is scheduled to take place on February 22nd in the Hollybrook Hotel. Good luck to both teams. The Club will have the results and news of the AGM in the next issue of the TEMPLEOGUE TELEGRAPH.

FÉILE BHRÍDE
TEACH MEALÓG
1993



The first Féile Bhríde was held in 1980 when the entries averaged 300. This year over 400 solo entries and 14 choral and mime groups entered.

Competitions were held from 5th to 7th February in Our Lady's School and St Pius X School Hall by kind permission. Adjudicators were delighted with the high standard of performance throughout. We are indebted to them for the encouragement and advice they offered competitors and thank them for their interest and co-operation. We congratulate all the competitors in their efforts and thank them for the great pleasure they gave to all of us. Despite the good entries it is sad to note that for the first time none was received for tin whistle or choral verse-speaking in Irish. Four entries for choral verse-speaking in English were withdrawn because of lack of competition. Entries for solo verse-speaking in English increased greatly: the same subject in Irish had a good response, as well as story-telling in Irish. Solo recorder entries increased as also did recorder ensemble.

The Closing Concert was held on 14 February in Templeogue College Hall. A trophy is available for every subject on the Féile syllabus - 16

in number were kindly presented over the years - this year 13 of them were awarded. The large audience was entertained by winners in music, song, mime and the spoken word in Irish and English. Winners are listed overleaf. Mary Becket, writer, very kindly agreed to present the awards to all the winners. She is a prolific writer of novels and of stories suitable for children. She lives within our own community where she is known to her neighbours as Mrs Peter Gaffey. She delighted us with an anecdote of her schooldays in Belfast in a similar competition. She said she found the department as well as the talent of the young people here a rewarding experience. We echo these remarks wholeheartedly. Parents and teachers can be proud. We thank Mary for accepting our invitation to be with us. Our thanks also to Ann Moloney-O'Driscoll, our Commere for many years now and without whom the concert would not reach such a high standard of presentation. Back-stage we thank our new Stage Manager, Tadhg Kelly, for a job well done.

It is not possible to thank sufficiently the Sisters of Our Lady's School who have never failed to accommodate us down the years and who also find time to help us

over the big weekend. Best thanks also to the Reverend Managers and Principals of St. Pius X Schools where we sought extra accommodation. We thank parents and others who gave long hours in assisting where required and to parents who undertook

catering commitments. We appreciate greatly contributions received from local Associations and bodies, including Dublin County Council for the grant under the Arts Act. The Féile Committee is indebted to you, one and all.

FÉILE BHRÍDE 1993 - TROPHY WINNERS' LIST

Choral Singing Junior (Jones Perpetual Trophy)	Our Lady's School Jun. Choir
Solo Singing in Irish (Fr Lee Perp. Trophy)	Antonia Boyle, Sancta Maria College
Solo Singing in English (Ronan Kavanagh Perp. T.)	Muiríde Kennedy, Our Lady's Senior School
Solo Verse-speaking in Eng. (Mervyn Taylor Perp. T.)	Gráinne Keenan, Beaufort Jun. Sch/ Coffey School of Speech & Drama
Solo Verse-speaking in Ir. (Michael O'Leary Perp. T.)	Deirdre Dunne, Our Lady's Junior School
Scéalaíocht (Templeogue Coll. Perp. T.)	Anna Magnier, Scoil Naomh Pádraig, Baile Ruain
Solo Piano (Laing Perpetual Trophy)	Claire Crehan, St Colmcille's Senior N.S. Knocklyon
Recorder Ensemble (McCullogh-Pigott Trophy)	The Marley Consort, Ballyboden
Solo Recorder Descant (May O'Neill Perp. Trophy)	Emily Hughes, St Pius X Girls' National School
Chamber Music Ensemble of Varied Instruments (Moira McKevitt Per. Trophy)	Sylda Langford, Jean Tormey, Ciara Herbert and Julia Herbert
Oral Communication (Doherty Perpetual Trophy)	Orla Kearney, Our Lady's Senior School
Solo Violin (Hogan Cup)	Heather Thornton, Alexandra Coll. & Young European Strings
Mime Senior Group (Fr Cullinane Mem. Trophy)	Class B4, Our Lady's Senior School

May O'Neill, Secretary of Féile Bhríde, who kindly forwarded the above report, adds: "I find it intriguing that now, 14 years on, our Report is intended for inclusion in our local Magazine which suffered demise but is now returned. Glóir do Dhia! Go mbeirimid beo ar an am seo arís." Many thanks, May, for your good wishes!



TEMPLEOGUE
HORTICULTURAL
SOCIETY

The Society met in Our Lady's School on January 20th. The Chairman, Peter Cleary, welcomed all present, including a number of new members, and then proceeded to show slides he had made of the Garden Festival in Ebbw Vale, Wales.

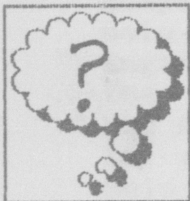
This was the last of the current big garden festivals in the British Isles. Previous festivals had been held in cities, but the Garden Festival Wales took place in a valley of 200 acres of land reclaimed from coal mines and slag heaps. It was landscaped with flowerbeds, parkland, roads, rivers, lakes, etc. Some of the old mine shafts, iron wagons and large pieces of machinery were left in situ, as a reminder of the valley's past history. Over a half million trees had been planted over 50 acres. There were 80 "Theme Gardens", including a "Potter's Garden", with beautiful ceramics filled

with plants and flowers, "Welsh Myth and Magic" with many dragons and misty fountains, a re-created 12th century Centenary Fort, complete with moat, and so on. There were restaurants, children's playgrounds and a "Sky Shuttle" which soared to 300 feet, circling widely and giving a panoramic view of the wide festival ground.

It took £12,000,000 to develop the site, but it is an on-going project. A village called "Victoria" has been created, along with houses of different sizes. New small industries are being started and they will give employment and bring the valley of Ebbw Vale back to life.

The March meeting of the Society will take place on the second Wednesday 10th March, at 8 p.m. in Our Lady's School. Please note the change of date.

Patricia Halpin (Hon.Sec.)
Tel. 908766



DO WE HAVE A WINNER HERE?

A reader recently got in touch with the TEMPLEOGUE TELEGRAPH with an idea that may give valuable outlets and even more valuable future contacts to persons with goods, skills and services to sell - namely the establishment of a periodic TEMPLEOGUE MARKET where people could come along with their wares and find outlets. Obviously accommodation would have to be found, as also a group of people who would be responsible for organizing the "infrastructure" (provision of stalls, supervision and subsequent cleaning of the market place, settling a calendar for openings and so on). What do our readers think? Is there anyone out there prepared to call a meeting to discuss the idea? Other communities are doing it. Why not Templeogue?

GROUND RENTS. WRITS THREATENED IN TEMPLEOGUE ESTATES

Many readers rang the TEMPLEOGUE TELEGRAPH since its last issue to ask whether it had received any reports of landlords demanding excessive sums in ground rents. There has in fact been a spate of telephone calls to the TEMPLEOGUE TELEGRAPH and it seems that, in the case of many of the older dwelling-houses, for years ground rents have neither been collected nor paid. Dozens of letters carrying threats to take proceedings for unpaid arrears plus costs have lately descended on the Templeogue area. The following summarises the result of enquiries made by the TEMPLEOGUE TELEGRAPH. This is not, it should be emphasized, a legal interpretation of the law, and should be treated with discretion.

During the 1950s a strong resistance to the ground rent system developed, spearheaded by the various residents' associations and co-ordinated by the Association of Combined Residents' Associations (ACRA). This resulted in a series of statutes from 1978 onwards whereby the creation of new ground rents was declared unlawful, and houseowners were given the right to buy out existing ground rents. A limitation was introduced of six years within which landlords could recover unpaid ground rents. The right to recover possession of sites for unpaid rent was also removed. The present stance of the Government appears to be that there are constitutional difficulties about "abolishing" existing ground rents, and there are no proposals at present for further change.

What then are the options and the costs involved in dealing with ground rent problems?

1 If the ground rent landlord is cooperative, you can write "Without prejudice" seeking negotiations to buy out the rent. If there is no co-operation you can serve formal notice of intention to buy out, and after 21 days if there is no reply you can send your documentation to the Land Registry with a request for arbitration. The Land Registry fee for this process is £89 (for an owner-occupier). You will also have to budget for payment of 6 years' ground rent (if so much is in arrears) plus something of the order of 10 years' ground rent as the likely price of the "buy-out". It seems advisable if the landlord is uncooperative not to tender any money and after service of the formal notice to deal only through the Land Registry (send no money to that Office with the forms - wait until the Land Registry asks for it)

2 If more than 6 years' rent is due, and you don't wish to buy out the rent and you propose to meet the demand in full, it would still be prudent to check whether your records and those of the landlord coincide. If you are proposing to pay only six years' arrears, apart from the check suggested, when writing you should state clearly (keeping a copy of your letter) that the amount tendered must be applied to specific years (the last 6 years obviously) as otherwise the landlord might apply it to earlier arrears and still proceed for recovery of outstanding rent for later years.

3 "Do nothing for the moment" seems to be the general line which residents are taking. Residents' associations are keeping matters under review. If the landlord takes proceedings, this is likely to come in the form of a civil bill for arrears and costs. You might then consult your legal adviser, or if you want to handle the matter personally, you can go to the Clerk of the court concerned, explaining your case and taking any advice offered. It seems likely that if you send a letter to the Court Clerk enclosing six years' arrears of rent (which must be specified as the last six years') plus the costs (which will be stated on the civil bill), that

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HOME AND AWAY ON PATRICK'S DAY.....by Sheila Whittle

Once upon a time in
Tenerife I went to pray.
I wore a blouse of green because
It was St Patrick's Day.

From clear blue skies the golden sun
Shone down upon the scene
Of wooden church so very white
And waving palms of green.

A tiny bunch of shamrock
Was worn by everyone.
I felt a little out of place
That day - for I had none!

And really one has got to be
In places far away
To have these sentimental thoughts
Upon St Patrick's Day.

I thought of home, of course,
When on O'Connell Street

I watched the Patrick's Day parade
Quite wet from cold and sleet!

For on that day the weather could
Be harsh and very raw
When as a child the rifle-tops
Were mostly what I saw.

Now children see, on TV screens,
The great parade go by.
It may not be the same - but they
Can watch while warm and dry.

In Tenerife I thought of home
Upon that Patrick's Day.
But now I'm here I'm thinking
Of that place so far away!

Dear Patrick, send a day of sun
To us who stay at home.
But may we wear the shamrock
Wherever we may roam! (Copyright)

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PROGRAMME FOR THE SETTLING OF TRAVELLING PEOPLE -
SITE IN KIMMAGE MANOR TO PROCEED IN CURRENT YEAR.

Councillor Stanley Laing reports (10-2-1993) as follows:

At Dublin County Council Meeting this month we discussed an updated Report on the present position on the programme for the settling of travelling people.

We now have 320 families living in County Dublin on unauthorised sites and this increased figure is due to an influx from country areas and an annual marriage rate of twenty one.

The Department of the Environment provide the finance for setting up the sites and the Council have to bear the cost of

maintaining the sites (now over £1 million per year).

The Report highlights the many difficulties which the travellers face and the poor health of this community but stresses the need for co-operation both from the settled community and indeed the travelling community themselves.

The Council passed a resolution calling upon the Government to implement a national programme and to ensure that all local authorities throughout the country play their part.

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The modern game had its origin in the codification of rules during the last century. Kenilworth was founded in 1892 and has two bowling greens in its extensive grounds at Grosvenor Sq., Rathmines, with club house and bar facilities. Her Excellency President Mary Robinson (see photograph) unveiled a commemorative plaque in the Club House last year. There are many members of the Club resident in Templeogue.

Bowling is a pleasant summer sport with a season from April to September. An indoor version can also be played. Basically bowling is a game of skill, and can be played on an equal footing by both men and women.

To assist an introduction to the game, the Kenilworth Club will run a series of tuition and practice sessions free of charge in April and May next. Those interested should write to the Hon. Secretary, Kenilworth Bowling Club, Grosvenor Sq. Rathmines, Dublin 6 as soon as possible.



President Robinson with John Brennan of Kenilworth B.C.

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will conclude the matter for the time being. But keep in touch with the Court Clerk to ensure that the landlord has accepted your offer and that the case is not inadvertently listed for hearing.

In conclusion, the TEMPLEOGUE TELEGRAPH will do its best to keep readers up to date. The most practical thing it can do in the short term is to note the names of any persons who would like to get together with other residents in the same boat, and pass on the list for someone to call a meeting.

BULLETIN BOARD

The Pioneer Association ask us to remind readers that applications for membership can be received at St Pius X Church Vestry on First Saturday (6th) March immediately after the 7 pm. Vigil Mass. Any readers deciding to make this Lent an alcohol-free one might consider taking the Temporary Pledge.

Deir muintir "An Réalt" go leantar leis na cruinnighthe gach Daordaoín 8.30 - 10.30 p.m. ag 18 Plás Herbert, BÁC 2. Rachaidh Oilithreach na nGael go dtí Cnoc Mhuire Dé Domhnaigh 25 Aibreán 1993. Ticéidí ó Knock Shrine Bureau, Teach Veritas, nó glaoigh ar 325138, 973662, 500693, 2694640, 28966644.

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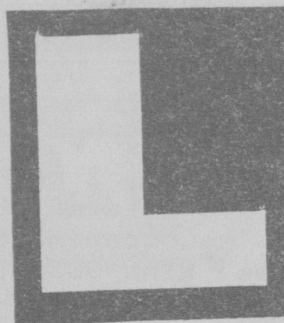
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