

Templeogue Telegraph

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T.C. Breen 1981



THE CHRISTMAS CANTATA

"THE GLORY OF CHRISTMAS"

One of the highlights of our Christmas celebrations was, undoubtedly, the splendid performance of the Cantata "The Glory of Christmas" in the Parish Church on December 22nd.

This Cantata, composed by husband and wife, Carol and Jimmy Owens, presented through music, song and narration, the joyful story of the birth of Jesus Christ. The performance itself was most prayerful and meditative and helped all understand the true meaning of Christmas.

The Cantata was performed by a mixed choir of about 190 voices (youth and adult) made up of the Parish Choir, the Folk Group, the Junior Choir, the Choirs of St. Pius X and Our Lady's School. There was a professional orchestra of about 33 musicians who very generously offered their services. The performance was coordinated, guided and directed most professionally and with great sincerity by Mrs. Nuala Levins-O'Reilly, who is also the Parish organist and directs the Parish Choir.

Solists were:-

Narrator	Bill Goulding
Gabriel	Billy Lang
Mary	Ann Fetherston
Joseph	Gary Mountaine
Shepherds	Derek Manning, Arthus McEvoy, Michael Fennell.

Other Soloists:- Maebh Ardiff, Gifford Whittle.

Many other parishioners worked very hard to arrange the Church for the performance, to act as stewards, to promote and publicise the Cantata, to construct and direct the delicate and relevant lighting, to set up and control the sound system, to train individual choirs. Everybody gave their services free and with great enthusiasm. The packed church very much appreciated every moment of the Cantata.

We in this community owe a great debt of gratitude to the Parish clergy and all who worked with such dedication, especially Mrs. Nuala Levins-O'Reilly, to make this Cantata such a rich and memorable experience. With God's help we look forward to another similar experience.

M.H.

ST. PIUS X BRIDGE CLUB

A very successful Christmas Party was held in the School Hall on 12th December last. The Bridge Club committee wish to thank all those who helped to make the night such an enjoyable one. A special word of thanks is due to those who generously donated prizes, particularly the shopkeepers and business people in Fortfield Park, Wainsfort Drive, Greenlea Road and Rathfarnham Shopping Centre.

A sizeable cheque was presented to Father Breen to aid Parochial funds.

The Club is indebted to Father Lee and to the Boards of Management of St. Pius X Schools for the use of the Hall every Thursday night. The Bridge Club provides a worthwhile social amenity in the Parish.

E. Counihan, Hon. Sec.

COUNCILLOR LAING

It is good to have this opportunity once again to keep the residents of Templeogue informed of the various items coming before the Dublin County Council and in particular those of our own area.

I have just been thinking - what is the most essential requirement for our area? There is no doubt but that the Southern Cross Route is still the most important and outstanding, with the ever increasing traffic, the speed with which it is approaching residential areas and Templeville Road is particularly bad. Recently I was nearly killed when coming out of Templeville Drive and turning left when to my surprise a van passed out a line of traffic on his wrong side on the approach to the pedestrian lights. There is a Government commitment that the Southern Cross Route will commence in 1987 and money has been provided in a three-year roads programme. However, the final line of the Route has not been decided, nor indeed the C.P.O's. I am making this a high priority for 1986 and I have tabled a motion for the January meeting of the Dublin/Belgard Council.

I shall, of course, continue my efforts to have the Pedestrian Lights on Templeville Road changed to a full automatic system, in spite of the Traffic Study Group, as I feel this is essential to fully control the traffic.

During recent weeks I have been successful, after a number of site meetings and deputations with Minister Fergus O'Brien, in getting extra funding for the provision of a "masonry wall" and landscaping along the new Templeogue to Tallaght Road. A special pedestrian crossing will be provided adjacent to Cheeverstown and St. Michael's House, with back-up traffic wardens, and safety barriers at the pedestrian access into Templeogue Wood.

Once again I have asked the Manager to repair and construct new footpaths in Templeogue Village on the North side, which are badly needed.

All the best for 1986.

Councillor Stanley Laing.

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Diary

- Wed. Feb. 5 Ladies Club 21st Birthday Dinner
Buses leave 7.15pm. sharp.
- Tues. Feb. 11 St. Joseph's Young Priest's Soc.
- Wed. Feb. 19 Horticultural Soc. Our Lady's 8pm
Brian Wood - Container Plants.
- " " Angela Gray's CAKE SALE for Little Sisters of Poor St. Mary's
rugby Football Club 11am-3pm 6pm
- Mon. Feb. 24 Solos and Friends Meeting
- Thur. Feb. 27 St. Pius X Youth Club - Cheese & Wine at Terenure RF Club 7-10pm

Kindergarten School (Bilingual teaching) in 2 Rosehall Templeogue run by Mrs. Keenan, trained National Teacher for children 3-5yrs. Booking now for September - Ring 907248

ANNA LIVIA

I remember well the Dublin of my childhood with the Guinness barges on the Liffey, the military parade in the capital at Easter, An Tostal, pantomime at the Royal with Tommy Dando at the organ for the sing song, the Regal cinema next door, the Tivoli in Francis Street, the Lyric in James Street and the Phoenix on the Quays. I recall the queues outside the Phoenix on Saturday afternoons with dozens of children selling jam jars in the shop next door to raise the sixpence admission. I can see the rows of 'auld ones' with their black shawls outside the Corporation dispensary in Benburb Street, sauce and stout bottles at the ready to obtain a dark brown concoction always called 'the mixture'. It was the original cureall and was swallowed by the gallon. You could still get a G.N.R. bus at O'Connell Bridge, get off at Sutton and go up the Hill of Howth on a tram. Hector Grey sold books at the Halfpenny Bridge on Sunday morning. Bang Bang, Shellshock, Pickarooney and Fortycoats were still alive. That was the early 50's. By the 60's many of these things were gone. But.....

The intervening years have not dimmed my brain,
And these haunting visions of childhood still remain.

DUBLINORIGINE.

"988 - AND ALL THAT"!

Michael Sheehan

Isn't it great news entirely? First the Galway 500, then the Cork 800 and now in only another two years the "Dublin Millennium"! In 1988 the City of Dublin will be celebrating the submission of the Norsemen to our great High King Malachy after he had cut off their water supply in 989, give or take a year.

I'm glad it's not being celebrated in 1986 because after exhaustive research I have discovered that 1986 is the 250th Anniversary of the blocking of the Templeogue watercourse by the then owners of Templeogue House. This action cut off the supply of water to the large area of Dublin to pressurise the course of justice - but that's another story which could be told in greater detail by Thaddeus Breen.

The point I am making is that for all of June 1986 a "Templeogue House 250 Festival" is envisaged for Templeogue Wood - which stands in the grounds of the House. (For those readers who are not sure where Templeogue Wood is - and they are many - let me inform them that it is the OASIS behind the White Fathers House and the Holy Ghost Novitiate!).

So watch out for this festival in June. There will be coach loads of Americans waving little tri-colours - High Kicking Majorettes - hordes of Scandinavians looking for Harp - Fireworks - displays - guided tours - Dessie O'Malley and Mary Harney. By kind permission of the Waterworks Department it is hoped to re-enact the Battle of the Watercourse and there will also be discos - dances - more Americans - Harp etc. etc.

There's only one small snag - it isn't really the 250th Anniversary! But who cares? The City Fathers don't. What's another year?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DOES ANYONE CARE ABOUT THE ROUNDABOUT?

Judging by its dilapidated and run-down condition it would seem that those responsible for its upkeep (namely Dublin Co. Council) view it as a very low priority. Some years ago it was quite well kept - the grass was cut regularly and it presented a pleasant touch of green in the area. However in recent years it rarely gets more than two cuttings during the summer season, and when it is done the machine which is used appears to be totally unsuitable for the job. Invariably the appearance after the cutting is even worse than before. The grass is strewn all over the surface in clumps, and large swathes of grass seem to escape the blades of the cutter completely. I cannot believe that the Council do not have suitable machines as in other areas the grass is beautifully cut and presents a lovely appearance which enhances the area.

One has only to travel out along the new Bray Road to see the heights to which the Council can rise when they wish to make an area attractive. The grassed areas are well maintained and delightful to the eye. Nearer home one can see a very attractive grassed and walled area which the Council have recently completed near the traffic lights at the upper end of Ballyroan Road. Surely something can be done to visually improve our Roundabout. Lack of funds is the usual excuse for such neglect but I cannot accept that the amount required to put the Roundabout in order would be so vast. Practically everyone living in the general Templeogue area passes through this pivotal point a few times a week (if not a few times a day) and the run-down appearance reflects on the whole area!

I wrote to Dublin County Council (Parks Dept.) on 2nd September 1985 complaining about this matter and making some suggestions for its improvement. On 24th October 1985 I got a reply saying that my letter had been passed to the Roads Dept. for attention - since then I have heard nothing.

As I feel the Roundabout is the concern of the whole area could the various Residents' Associations try to get some movement from the Council. Surely it should be brought home to the Council that the Templeogue area (which is nearly 35 years old) deserves better treatment than it has been getting of late. Even the directional signs which are erected at each junction look as if they had been erected at night by someone with poor sight - though I can vouch for the fact they were put up this week in broad daylight (by four men) and each of the signs is crooked.

If anyone is interested in trying to have something done to improve this eyesore I would be interested to hear from them. Maybe if enough people care we could send a further petition to the Council. I would be willing to collect signatures.

Templeogue deserves better...

Bunny Williams (phone 906268)

▶ **AFRICA FAMINE RELIEF** - Help Urgently Needed Still - Contact Fr. Eddie Brady W.F. Cypress Grove House - Tel. 01-909362

Gleanings from:

THE IRISH BUILDER.

JULY 15, 1877.]

THE PROPOSED CHANNEL TUNNEL.—A provisional association, formed for constructing a tunnel under the British Channel between England and France, has held a meeting in Paris, to receive a report on certain geological explorations and soundings executed last year. The report stated that the clay of the zone through which it was proposed to carry the tunnel was perfectly continuous and homogeneous, and the engineers concerned considered the contemplated tunnel quite practicable.

A TUNNEL BETWEEN IRELAND AND SCOTLAND.

In a pamphlet of sixteen pages, two civil engineers, whose names are given below, lay before the "inhabitants in the districts of both countries likely to be benefited by the completion of the enterprise," a plan for the formation of a railway tunnel between Ireland and Scotland. They put down as the cost of the work, including approaches and pumping machinery, £3,152,400; and as the cost of making about 140 miles of connecting lines, £1,072,000. (JULY 15 1868)

ANGLO-FRENCH RAILWAY BRIDGE.
THERE is an old proverb that teaches something about doing more with a silken thread than with a rod of iron: and, recognising its truthfulness, Mr. James Moncrieff, of Belfast, has (says the *Mining Journal*) designed a new bridge for connecting the English and French coasts, which for lightness and simplicity is certainly unsurpassed. He proposes to erect at each side of the Channel an abutment of masonry, of sufficient strength to resist the strain of hydraulic power necessary to tighten the wire-ropes of which the bridge consists. (JUNE 1 1869)

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templeville and fortfield residents' association

claire o'regan

SPECIAL JUNK COLLECTION: We have requested this service from the Department of Environment Section, Dublin County Council. We hope it will take place in June or July. More details later. Plenty of time to collect unwanted items.

GARDEN COMPETITION: At a function held in Terenure College awards were presented to the following -

- 1st Prize 149 Fortfield Rd - Silver Cup presented by Webb Hardware, Templeogue.
- 2nd Prize 8 Hyde Park
- 3rd Prize 45 Fortfield Park
- Highly Commended 142 Templeville Drive
90 Templeville Road.



First Prize Winners - Mr. & Mrs. Ryan with Claire O'Regan and Jack Doran.

LITTER: As the Association is having a clean-up each week at trouble spots, i.e. Fortfield Park Shops, Laneway Templeville Drive to Templeogue Village, we appeal to you the Residents to co-operate with us in keeping litter at bay. We also ask you not to give clothes to callers at your door, these items are just left on the pathway, and we have to clean them away. There are societies and organizations who will collect and distribute clothes to needy people.



Third Prize Winners - Mr. & Mrs. K. Cannon with Mr. Doran Chairman of Association.

Highly Commended: Mr. & Mrs. Dunne & Niall Purcell with Secretary & Chairman of Templeville & Fortfield Residents' Association.

LADDERS: The committee members are getting requests for the loan of Association ladders. The Association has no ladders. They were sold at an A.G.M. about ten years ago. It was felt at that time that it was too difficult to keep track of them, as people would not return them to where they got them.

Now the Association has made arrangements for the hire of ladders from Murphy Hire, 1 Ormond Road off Palmerston Road, Tel. 971834. 26' ladder £5 per day or £15 per week. Please phone direct to Murphy Hire if you require this service.

neighbourhood watch

Many people think there is no need to take special measures to ensure that their homes are secure, or they may think they have nothing worth stealing. Articles of sentimental value may be worthless in cash terms, but to their owners would be priceless.

Here are some simple ways to avoid a break in -

When going out for an evening leave a light on in a room (not the hall). Close curtains.

Secure windows and lock all external doors.

The back of the house is often more vulnerable than the front. Windows near flat roofs are particularly vulnerable and should be fitted with security locks.

Never leave lavatory or bathroom windows open during your absence.

Keep garden shed locked: some of the tools could help the thief to gain entry.

Never leave ladders lying around.

It is advisable to check the fittings and fastenings in your home. Mortice locks on doors, bolts at top and bottom of external doors, fitted by reputable firms, are advisable.

Windows: Metal casement window locks should be fitted to all accessible outside windows. There are various kinds of locks for metal framed windows, sash windows and other wood framed windows.

A powerful light on the back of the house, to light up a dark garden, is a very good idea. This to be left on in your absence.



St. Pius X Junior Youth Club

Since the Senior and Junior Youth Clubs have been divided, the Junior Youth Club has affiliated itself to the parish. The Senior Youth Club is still affiliated to the Templeogue Community Council, thus emphasising the difference between these two completely separate organisations. Since our last report, we now have eighty-five members in our Club, which makes it vital for arranged activities. Outdoor activities have included a hike in November, which was a great success, and Carol Singing which took place on the 8th December. Our gratitude goes to people living in Templeville, Ashfield, Cypress and Fortfield who gave so generously. The proceeds were divided between ourselves and the local Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

On the 15th December our Club closed for Christmas with a Mass and party. The parents of the teenagers were also invited and nearly all the parents arrived. The emphasis in the Mass was, of course, on youth, with Youth Club members taking an active part in the celebration. The chief celebrant was Fr. Sean Breen, C.C., the Mass was con-celebrated by Fr. Gay Colleran, C.C. For many of the leaders it was a very moving occasion. The party was for the members only and a good night was enjoyed by all.

The Club re-opened on the 5th January, 1986, with a social for the members and friends. The following week we proceeded with a quiz which tested the knowledge of our members.

It is our hope to build up a good relationship with the parents of our Youth Club members, so on the fourth of February parents are invited to a meeting, St. Mary's Room, with light refreshments afterwards.

With the large membership in our Club it was up to the Committee to raise finance for equipment and for outings or excursions which we may wish to take during the coming year. We plan to hold a Cheese and Wine in Terenure College R.F.C. from 7 - 10 p.m. on Thursday, 27th February. It is our wish that parishioners will buy tickets to raise much needed funds for our Youth Club. Hopefully you will contribute towards us and buy tickets which will be on sale in the Church porch after all Masses from Sunday, 25th January, 1986. The subscription is £3.00 per ticket. Please give us your support in an event which, we are sure, if you attend you will enjoy.

Thank you for your valued encouragement since October, 1985 and we look forward to your help and financial support in 1986.

FINTAN J. McKENNA.

(Chairman, St. PiusX Junior Youth Club)

St. PIUS X Junior Youth Club

Cheese & Wine

Thursday 27th Feb.

7 - 10pm



Terenure R.F.C. Lakelands

Admin: £3.00

Tickets for sale in Church Porch

St Pius X Altar Servers

Since the feast of Christ the King in November, we have been very busy. On that evening in November we went out to serve Mass in Clonliffe College. It was a very moving ceremony, but, unfortunately, since this was also the eve of the Synod of Bishops in Rome, we were unable to have Archbishop McNamara with us. Following the Mass, refreshments were provided. We were then brought home by Mr. and Mrs. Power. We would like to thank Mr. Power for all the help and guidance throughout the past few years.

THE SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS: Late last November our parish church celebrated twenty-five years in existence. The Mass in our church was a very moving and special occasion. Bishop Carroll was the chief con-celebrant, with priests past and present in attendance.

Continuing the celebrations, on December 22nd, 1985, a Cantata celebrating the joy of Christmas took place in our church. It was very enjoyable. All the parish choirs sang at the Concert aided by an orchestra, which was conducted by the Director of the Cantata, Mrs. Nuala O'Reilly. The concert was a credit to her and to all who took part in it.

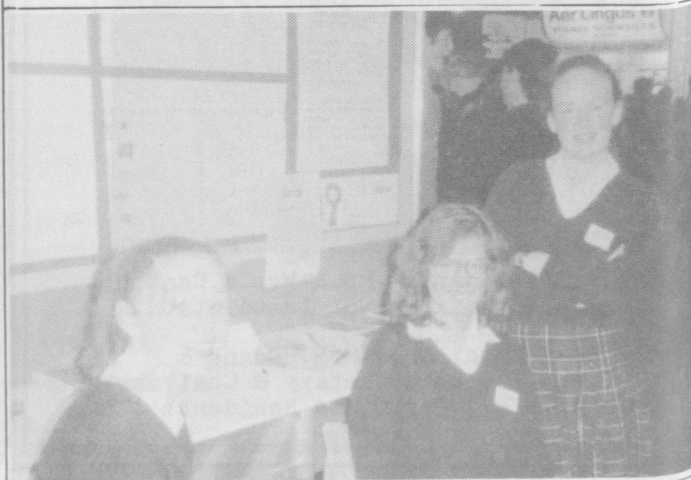
PENITENTIAL SERVICE, Friday, 13th December: The service was conducted by Fr. Eltin Griffin, O.Carm. (Prior of Terenure College). This form of confession is very important as it brings us together as a community to confess our sins. Anyone who was present at this occasion in December would have appreciated how excellently Fr. Griffin conducted this event.

INVESTITURE: Every year before Christmas we have our annual investiture of altar-servers, who have been on trial for the past two years. They are then invested by Very Reverend Fr. Lee, P.P. They each receive a cross and a missal. This is the highpoint of our year.

CHRISTMAS: Christmas is a time of joy and giving. We celebrate the Birth of Christ. We had our first Mass of Christmas at 10.00 p.m. The Church was full with people taking part in this joyous Christian festival.

Finally, we would like to say special thanks to our priests, Fr. C. F. Lee, P.P., Fr. Breen, C.C., Fr. Colleran, C.C. and Fr. Carey, who have taken a special interest in the affairs of our organisation throughout 1985. Mr. Jim Rock, our Sacristan, also must be thanked for his kindness and tolerance throughout the past few years.

DAVID DUFFIN.



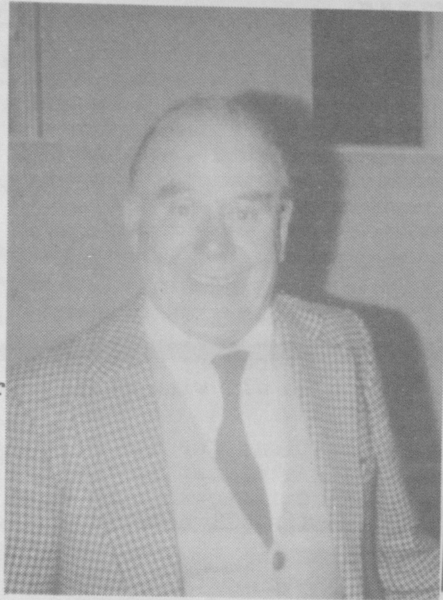
WHIST DRIVE

The St. Pius X Whist Drives are held on the second and fourth Fridays of each month and ever since they started as far back as the mid-seventies they have attracted a full attendance each night. So popular have they become that people are now asking "why can't we have whist every Friday night" but that is not possible as the room is not available.

These Whist Drives create a remarkable sociable atmosphere - "people meet people" and can enjoy a chat between games.

Every so often, say at Christmas and Easter the hostesses plan a party and treat us all to a beautiful supper with delicious home-made fare that would melt in your mouth! Also on these nights there is a raffle for prizes like Bottles of Whiskey, Tins of Biscuits and perhaps a bit of Helena Rubenstein or Estee Lauder - seldom do patrons go home empty-handed. To make all this possible there is a hard-working men's committee, which is also on the spot to answer questions and sort out any little problem that might crop up - they have the patience of Job!

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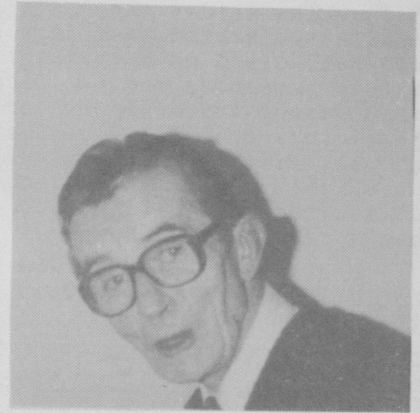
MAT FLETCHER
calls for the
highest score.



MARTIN BARRON
takes in the
money and gives
out the cards.



Hostesses Greta Carrol, Lyla Duggan and Nuala Barron at the Christmas Party.

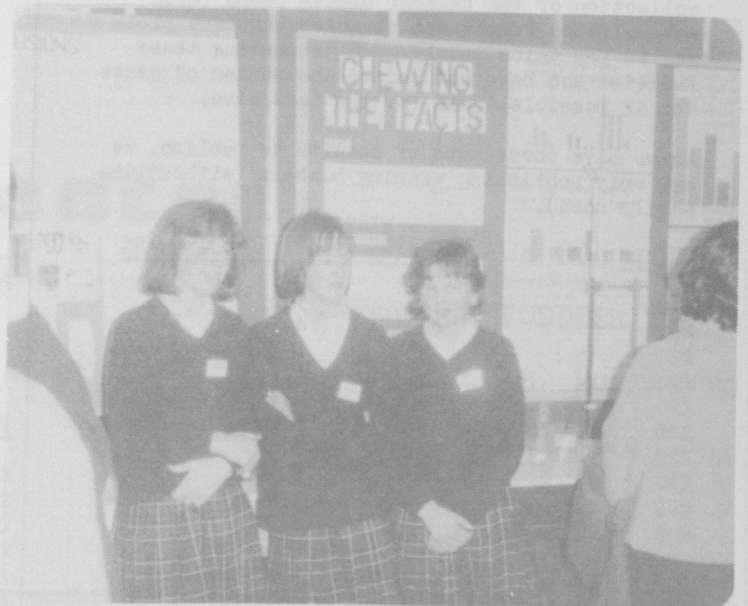


KEVIN CARROLL
puts up the
trumps and
announces
the "MENU!"

**AER LINGUS YOUNG SCIENTISTS
EXHIBITION 1986**

L. Michele Magrane of Templeville Drive, whose joint project with Sarah Cassidy and Clare Burke, "How Healthy is the air in Templeogue and its environs?" was highly commended. Through experiments with lichens, leaf yeasts and acid rain they found the air has more than the acceptable level of pollution.

Karina Curley of Wainsfort, whose project with Susan O'Reilly and Elaine Murphy, "Chewing the Facts" a study of food additives and their possible responsibility for allergies was highly recommended.



templeogue ladies' club carmel dunne

The visit of Brona Rooney, demonstrator from Fruit Importers (Ireland) Ltd., at the December meeting was most entertaining and she introduced the members to many exotic fruits and dishes.

In December the Bowlers had three teams in Global Windows Bowling Finals and all competitors received crystal glass as prizes. Mary Kernan is competing in the Sectional Finals of the B.I.M. Seafood Cookery Competition later in January, and we all wish Mary good luck.

As part of our celebrations for our 21st Birthday we are having a dinner in the Spawell on February 5th, and it looks like a record attendance. We promise all a very good night.

'100 Years of Sound' Sean Logue's audio-visual show tracing the history of recording the human voice from 1877 to 1977 gave absorbing entertainment for about two hours at the January meeting. We saw important aspects of Irish and World history through the changing years. The slides were of historical significance and seldom seen in public. They featured Edison on to aviators, singers, actors, inventors and politicians, etc. Many world famous Irish people during the 100 years, 1877 to 1977, were featured, for example, McCormack, de Valera, Douglas Hyde, the flight of the 'Bremen' and Colonel Fitzmaurice. We all thought that we had seen a really 'Big Show'.

A REMINDER LADIES! The bus leaves Fortfield Park shops at 7.15 p.m. February 5th for the Spawell.

ST. PIUS X SCHOOLS FUNDRAISING

As we have now completed four of the series of ten draws, we are nearing the half-way stage. During the month of February each family in the School will receive a circular which will give an up to the minute report on Fundraising.

Part of the circular will be set aside for the collection of the balance of ten pound (£10) subscription from those families who have pledged to pay twice yearly, and requesting those families who have not joined the series of draws to, if possible, join for the last five.

As we have three sets of results to publish, we are only publishing winning numbers (without the family name).

PRIZES	WINNING NUMBERS		
	NOV. '85	DEC. '85	JAN. '86
£100	17	555	435
£20	483	469	179
£20	95	198	454
£20	131	424	384
£20	50	444	533
£20	83	131	487
£20	103	274	43
£20	49	120	236
£20	562	315	21
£20	-	247	-

On behalf of the Committee
BRIAN McCORMACK.

solos and friends

A Happy New Year to all our members and readers. We welcome Joan Conroy and Siaveen Healy who have joined the Committee since our last report.

At the November meeting we had a 'Bring Out Your Talent' Competition, which indeed revealed a hitherto unsuspected high standard of craftwork. Winners were:

- 1st Nora Callery
- 2nd Jo Lynch
- 3rd Kathleen Doyle.

Those of us who attended the Ladies Club Concert and subsequent Autumn Evening thoroughly enjoyed both, and were highly entertained with various concert items of a really professional standard. Our congratulations and thanks to all concerned.

A full attendance at our Christmas Dinner in the Spawell on 10th December voted that it was our best so far and was enjoyed by all. The Spawell was full to capacity that night, and though ours was the smallest group present, it included the only man in the "audience". A brave man indeed - he got a lot of "stick" from the cabaret artists, but took it all in the best of spirits!

We look forward to continued success in our activities during 1986, and wish good health to all our members. E.B.

poetry corner

A FRIEND

A friend will never ask you for a reason
A friend will never ask you why or when?
A friend will pay no heed to time or reason,
She's a friend.

A friend will never ask for smiles or laughter,
A friend is there in gladness and in tears.
A friend is there tomorrow and thereafter
through the years.

Karen E. Rene.

Poppies

Scarlet is beautiful, where poppies bloom
or grace a corner of a living room
Spring up in cornfields, mingling with the gold
in cottage gardens eager to unfold.
Their crumpled tissue, to delight the eye
of every unsuspecting passer by.
Words are too pale to paint their loveliness
Or bring to vibrant life their dazzling dress.

Ida Holmes Moss.

TEMPLEOGUE COLLEGE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

300 CLUB DRAW - RESULTS OF JAN. '86 DRAW

PRIZE	NAME & ADDRESS	COLLECTOR
£100	Gretta Carroll, Lavarna Rd.	Mrs. Milner
£50	Mrs. Sheehan, 96 Fairways	M. Naughton
£25	Mrs. Feighan, 12 Ann Devlin Rd.	Mrs. Denehy
£25	Mrs. Delaney 42 St. James Rd.	Mrs. Forrester
£25	Gerry McKinney	N. O'Brien
£25	Mrs. Lenane 74 Fortfield Rd.	Mrs. Brady

SOLOS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

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horticultural society

The speaker at the January meeting of the Society was Richard Sullivan, a young and enthusiastic member of the Alpine Garden Society. The evening was a particularly enjoyable one for a number of reasons. Firstly he had come well prepared with over a hundred excellent slides some showing even such detail as veins on aubretia petals. His choice of plants also showed imagination and included some rare beauties, such as the Black violet - penny black or Irish Molly and Hacquetia with its green narrow petals and golden centre and Osteosperma -Whirley-gig blue, a flower reminiscent of passion flower. He illustrated and named a very wide range of miniature plants suitable for the small garden and gave many hints on propagation and maintenance of some rarer varieties.

In terms of popularity with our members in general Alpines or Rockery plants probably do not rate highly in spite of the fact that they probably require less attention than do roses and herbaceous plants. In fact this was only the second talk on this subject since our Society was founded over six years ago. The last speaker on the topic was Verny Naylor in 1983 and she spent more time describing the construction of the rockery than in dealing with the plants so the present talk was very informative. While Mrs. Naylor seemed not to favour too much colour in the rockery Richard Sullivan clearly had not such inhibitions. The plants which he included were Aubretia, Cyclamen, Heathers (Erica & Calluna), Saxifrage, miniature daffodils and tulips, Primulas, Crocus, dwarf Iris, Phlox, Sempervivum and Gampanulas to name but a few.

He recommended two books on his subject, namely Alpine Plants by Michael Upward and Collins - Alpine Plants by Anna N. Griffith. He also drew our attention to a sale of such plants which will take place in Cheeverstown House, on May 10th 2pm and to the fact that the Alpine Garden Society meet every month at Wesley House, Leeson Park, their Secretary is Joan Carvill (Telephone 983956).

Much as Richard Sullivan's talk and slides contributed to our enjoyment of the evening, it was the presence of Charlie Ellison looking in great shape after his recent serious illness that really made it complete - welcome back Charlie. RPK

CALL TO PRAYER

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Interdenominational

March 7th 1986 8PM

"CHOOSE LIFE"

Our Lady of Good Council Church, Ballyboden.



NEWS FLASH! The Horticultural Society, The very popular Audiovisual Show on the National Gardens Association Competition⁹² will be shown at Our Lady's School

19TH MARCH. ALL WELCOME MORE DETAILS LATER

WHEN IN DOUBT - DO BOTH

After I told a teacher friend that I might go to College in the Autumn, he merely remarked, "The next three years will go by anyway".

What's that supposed to mean, I wondered, feeling cheated of the encouragement I desired. That night, I suddenly understood. The next three years were going to go by - whether I did something or nothing. At the end of them, I could look back and say, "Well I want to college, now I am three years ahead of where I was then", or I could say, "Because I didn't go, I am no better than I was, and what did I do instead?".

Now, whenever I have a choice between doing something and doing nothing, I say to myself, the next years will pass anyhow. It clarifies choices in a wonderful way.

But what about decisions not between something and nothing, but between something and something. So it was when I realised that to pay for my course I would have to use the money I'd been saving for something special. I struck a bargain with another friend. An acquaintance supplied a deliciously paradoxical phrase for such a situation - "When in doubt, do both". Soon I found myself using the phrase in all sorts of circumstances. Should I go to the country for the weekend or have lunch with a friend in town? When in doubt, do both. Go to the country and come back early.

Do you occasionally feel you have no option at all? Nonsense! You only think there's just one thing you can do - which is almost invariably what someone else wants. Look at the problem from a different angle. Think for yourself and be yourself. Even if a decision doesn't work out, taking action breeds the possibility of more action - doing nothing often increases the possibility that the next time you will simply drift. Drifting is easy and it may be tempting when the alternative is to turn and row upstream. What do successful people do? - People who make risky decisions and make them stick. They ask themselves, what's the worst that can happen?

It's exciting to take charge of your life. To find you have a will of your own and you are not entirely at the mercy of fate, other people - Even the "facts". Never let adverse facts stand in the way of a good decision.

Sometimes, when making a choice we dwell so exclusively on the probable or the wished-for result, that, we fail to consider what will go into making up the result - weigh up what you may gain against what you will give up. Choices are journeys, not simply destinations. Don't be put off by the steepness of the way. The easy choice isn't always the most desirable. Drifting, too, can be a choice, perhaps, not the best one.

Don't let life get away from you by default. Remember all the years will pass and only by making good choices can you truly say you have lived those years.

R.S.

TRAVELS WITHOUT A DONKEY!

"Travels With A Donkey" Robert Louis Stevenson's classic, written over a hundred years ago, describes a journey of 120 miles which he made in the Cevennes, a mountain range in south central France accompanied by a donkey, Modestine, which carried his sleeping bag and supplies. By his account it was not an easy trip, particularly when the donkey became difficult and stubborn. To commemorate this journey an American journalist Carolyn Patterson repeated the trip just 100 years later accompanied this time by a photographer in addition to the donkey and she reported on her journey in the National Geographic Magazine on October '78. Her impressions she summarised as follows "It had been hard, with some daylong hikes of 15 miles or more. But the land had been a glory and the people met along the way a revelation in friendship. As with Robert Louis Stevenson, I had the best of luck to the end."

WAYMARK, a London-based travel agent catering for walkers listed in their brochure a holiday entitled "Travels without a Donkey" and intrigued by this and the article mentioned above, my wife and I paid our deposits and flew to Montpellier in 1981 to join a party of eleven walkers from the UK which included two medical doctors and a dentist. We were taken by bus to the village of Le Monastier at the northern end of the Cevennes from where we were to start our 160-mile walk southwards. The walk was longer than Stevenson's because main roads had encroached on what was formerly dirt tracks and we had to make detours to avoid these. The journey took twelve days of walking from the volcanic region in the north to the limestone in the south and it was an unforgettable experience.

The deal was that our luggage was carried each day from one hotel to the next so we set out with just a rucksack carrying out picnic lunch, camera, field-glasses and waterproofs which we only needed once, when we were approaching the highest peak in the mountains at about 6,000 feet. So, for us there was little of the hardship that Stevenson had to endure and we didn't have to worry about a contrary donkey. The walking was very enjoyable and interesting as the countryside was continually changing because of the geology and altitude and of course we never had to retrace our steps, a new view around every corner and time to take in every detail. The flora and fauna were interesting with really remarkable butterflies, plenty of lizards and snakes and even the occasional bird of prey like the Montagu Harrier. Wild fruits were also plentiful with strawberries, gooseberries and raspberries to choose from. There were also very large thistles growing along the way, which were so ornate that the locals would dry them and fix them on their doors.

On one stretch we walked on an abandoned railroad which included several tunnels and we also walked by rivers and streams. On some days we had a choice of routes so that the more energetic could take a longer walk but we would arrive at the end of our days journey in time for a swim in the Loire, Allier or Tarn, for a rest and cool drink in the sun before our well earned evening meal washed down with liberal quantities of

the house wine. We stayed at 11 hotels in all and so had plenty of variety; some were fancy, others primitive but the latter had the better food as a rule.

We had just two complaints. Firstly there was not much night-life and although we took our time over the evening meal with splendid company and conversation, there was not much to do after 10 o'clock except read or sleep and all the exercise and fresh air did indeed make us sleepy. The second complaint was about the Monastery which we visited about midway on the journey. Our Lady of the Snows, the Trappist Monastery, was not quiet and secluded like New Mellifont but as we arrived on Sunday when they sold most of their wines and many drove there from miles around to purchase, it was more like a noisy supermarket. The timing of our visit was just unfortunate.



We enjoyed our travels in the Cevennes even without the donkey and so popular has that walk been with WAYMARK that they now include in their brochure a similar walk "The Pilgrim's Way" starting at Le Puy which is also done in stages and is well way-marked as a Sentier de Grande Randonnee. We are thinking of trying this next summer.

RPK

FIANNA FAIL DIARY

The recent party members' lottery to fill the party coffers was a great success and results were published in the Sunday Press on December 15th.

At a recent meeting of the Eamonn deValera Cumann (Templeogue) in Terenure College, Clr. Sean Ardagh was welcomed as a new member of the Cumann. Sean is anxious to play his full part as a Cumann member and is available at Fortfield shops, Credit Union Office, between 12 and 1 o'clock each Sunday if he can be of service to anyone in the area.

Topics touched upon at the last meeting included unemployment, drug abuse, the more widespread use of Irish and the use of membership cards.

Wainsfort Road: The continually increasing volume of traffic is causing great concern to residents along the road. Clr. Ardagh is pressing the County Council to take traffic counts at the shops to see if a pedestrian crossing is warranted.

Glendown/Grosvenor Court: Clr. Ardagh has informed us that agreement has been reached for the purchase of the strip of land along the river Poddle.

Membership: The Cumann would welcome new members. Please contact the Secretary, Frank O'Reilly at 906429.

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