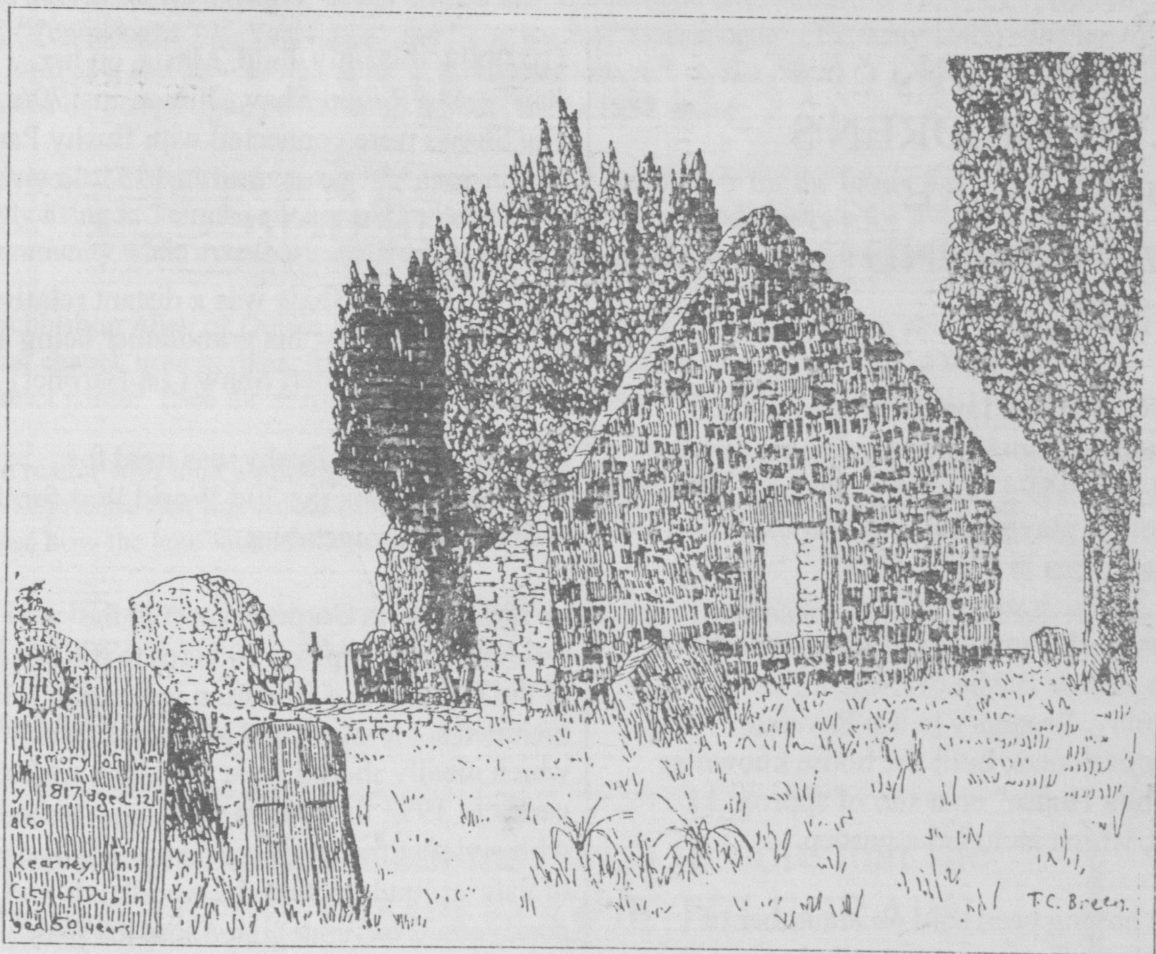


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Old ruined church at Templeogue

"Close to the mill, and on the brink of the city water-course, stands the old ruined church, and burial-ground of Templeogue. The church measures about eighteen yards by six. It is in complete ruin, and covered with ivy. The churchyard, becoming overcrowded some years ago, was surrounded by a high wall, and no further interments permitted. Templeogue signifies "the new church". About 1615, the ancient church of Killsantan, near Castle Kelly, was found inconvenient. This church was then erected. It could not have lasted more than fifty or sixty years. I often wondered how a graveyard was allowed here, for it drains right into the city water-course, which runs through or rather bounds it. In old times, however, people were not so particular and sanitary measures were not so much the fashion".

Extract from "History of Tallaght" by William Donville Hancock, first published 1876. Revised and enlarged edition first published 1899. Sketch by Thaddeus Breen. See article "Templeogue - the Name" Page 8, and Templeogue Graveyard news items (2) at Page 11.

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BUSHY PARK. NEW CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND OPENS.

The Rt.Hon. the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Councillor Tomás Mac Giolla, on Sunday 22nd May 1994 officially opened a children's adventure playground and new extension to the park area in Bushy Park .

Bushy Park came into being prior to 1700 when Arthur Bushe of Dangan, Co. Kilkenny, Secretary to the Revenue Commissioners, built the house known as "Bushe's House" on a site of approx. 11 acres, which included a garden.

After having been sold on a number of occasions, the area eventually became the property of John Hobson, of Tobber, Co. Dublin, in 1772 when he changed its name to Bushy Park, possibly after the park in London of that name.

In 1791 it was sold again, to Abraham Wilkinson, who added almost 100 acres to the estate and gave it as a dowry plus

£10,000 to his only child, Maria, on her marriage to Robert Shaw, Junior, in 1796. The Shaws were connected with Bushy Park for the next 155 years until in 1951 they sold it to Dublin Corporation.

George Bernard Shaw was a distant relative of the Shaw family, his grandfather being a nephew of Sir Robert Shaw (1st Baronet).

Like many parks, Bushy was used for allotments during the 2nd World War for the cultivation of vegetables.

In 1953 Dublin Corporation sold the residence with approx. 20 acres to the Sisters of the Religious of Christian Education - this included some woodland and pond areas which ideally should have remained with the park. In 1991 the Sisters were approached with a view to selling back approx. 2 hectares of their grounds so that the woodlands and ponds could be reintegrated into the park. This they readily agreed and these lands together with the adjoining woodlands and ponds are now a major attraction.

The new playground was constructed at a cost of £30,000. The playground materials are in the main natural products of timber and bark which are user-friendly and integrate well into Bushy Park. ■

A FORMER RIVERSIDE RESIDENT REMEMBERS

It gave us a great measure of satisfaction this month to be able to respond to a letter from a former resident of Riverside. He is now living in Bray, and was seeking copies of various articles from back numbers of the TEMPLEOGUE TELEGRAPH, which he had seen in the Terenure Public Library. He was on his way to England to visit his son, who was eagerly awaiting the arrival of the material, the son having carried away happy memories of their home in that peaceful corner of Templeogue.

He was interested, for example, in our articles on "Templeogue and Vicinity in 1821" (TT, March 1986), "Templeogue 140 Years Ago" and "The Rape of Templeogue" (TT, May 1983) - the latter not as lurid as it sounds - as well as in "A Christmas Reverie" (Nella Allen) (TT, Dec. 1978) and old photos of Templeogue published in the December 1982 issue.

This gives us the opportunity to say once again how important it is for the future that those of us currently living in Templeogue should do our best to chronicle and illustrate the lives and times of our community while events are still fresh in our minds and the remaining landmarks still in place.

Did Archbishop Allen of Dublin ever think 450 years ago when he was writing about the status of our local chapel, now in ruins, that we would to-day be poring over his account of the origin of our district name? (See the article "Templeogue - the Name" elsewhere in this issue.)

Did the reader who took a photograph of Wellington Lane in the early 1960s (published in TT Dec. 1982) realise that this would be one of the few records we now have access to which illustrates how the lane looked 30 years ago.

Could somebody 100 years from now be reading your literary contribution to the TEMPLEOGUE TELEGRAPH?

The Manager

Readers and advertisers may wish to note that the next issue of the TEMPLEOGUE TELEGRAPH will be out towards the end of June and will cover the months of June/July 1994. We then propose a further issue early in August to cover the months of August/September 1994. Then with the October issue we will be inviting contributions for the celebration of our 25th Anniversary with the November 1994 issue.

WILLINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Annual General Meeting of Willington Community Council took place on April 21st 1994 in Bishop Galvin National School.

The Chairman's address referred to the achievements of the Community Council to date. These included the "Restoration of the Old Dublin Watercourse" which has taken shape and which, according to Dublin County Council, will be completed during the year.

Also mentioned was the Willington C.A.D. Group. This Group started off as a sub-Committee of the Community Council, and is now recognised in its own right.

Following the first meeting of the new Committee, the following are the officers for the year:

Sean O'Connor	Chairperson
Frank Duggan	Vice-Chairperson
Eleanor Brady	Hon. Secretary
Gerry Hughes	Assistant Secretary
Pierce Power	Treasurer
Mary Heffernan	P.R.O.

Bobby Carty, Kevin Halloran, Michael Mangan,
Wilhelmine Daly, Colm Murphy, Liam Dolan

The next full Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday June 8th in Bishop Galvin National School.

POETRY CORNER

Whatever happened...?

by Sheila Whittle ©

To blouses that fitted well, sleeve darts and all,
Dresses that hung well, large, medium and small,
Men's shirts that were cut right, sleeves with bias backs,
Collars that sat straight, and well-fitting slacks,
Jumpers with sleeves that were properly shaped,
Space between buttons that never once gaped?
Yes, whatever happened to well-fitting clothes?
Gone, like all good things, where nobody knows!

And what have we got that replaces all these?
Skirts just like bandages, high o'er the knees,

Dresses all crooked, no sizings at all,
Denim for casuals, the same for a ball,
Men's trousers slipping down soon as he bends,
Big baggy shorts worn with hanging-out ends.
Oh! shapeless they are, but "unstructured" they say,
When describing most clothes that are "with it" to-day.

Some females in leggings are terrible sights,
For leggings are really just nothing but tights,
And string vests and muslin will fill all their needs,
Except for some lacings, and colourful beads,
And some of the lassies who live in their jeans
Must be unaware what a good figure means.
Yes, well designed clothes for a woman or man
Are gone with the wind", but do we "give a damn"?



Templeogue Ladies Club



Report by Geraldine Eaton (Hon. Secretary)

The monthly meeting was held on the 4th May and there was the usual good attendance. During the business of the meeting the President congratulated Kay Dawson, Eileen Gannon, Rita McGuirk and Liz Payne who were successful in the "Tuesday Trios" Bowling Competition in Stillorgan recently. She also congratulated and thanked some members of the Club who have been engaged over the past few weeks in fund raising for various charities e.g. Irish Cancer Society and Gorta, the Club members also gave a donation to a new unit at St Vincent's Hospital for the treatment of Breast Diseases and helped to send a group of handicapped children to Lourdes at Easter. At the end of May about 30 members will go to Leopardstown Hospital to entertain the

patients there. This has become an annual event looked forward to and enjoyed as much by the club members as by the patients.

The speaker at the meeting was Alan Shatter, TD. He spoke about "Family Law" - a most interesting subject which held the attention of his audience right through the evening and evoked many questions which he was more than willing to answer.

We meet on 1st June for the last meeting before the summer break and we hope to see a very good attendance for what should be a real fun night. If you are a member (and remember membership fees are now overdue!) do join us at the usual venue, 8.00 p.m. sharp!

REACH TO RECOVERY

REACH TO RECOVERY is a programme for women who are about to have, or who have just had, breast surgery. For support and information the local REACH TO RECOVERY volunteer is May Ryan, Tel. 4900301. Interested parties may also telephone Freephone Irish Cancer Society 1-800-200-700.

FLIES CAUSE DISEASE

Paper bags may be obtained at the Corporation Depot, Marrowbone-lane, and at the Sanitary Office, 17 Castle Street. If filled with dead flies 3d per bag will be given to those who will deliver the bags at the Disinfecting Depot, Marrowbone-lane.

Boys who are not at work might occupy themselves in killing flies. These insects cause much of the diarrhoea now prevalent in Dublin.

Milk, bread, meat, &c., should be covered up so that flies cannot get at them.

We found the above notice, believe it or not, still on display in one of the City offices of Dublin Corporation. What a good idea, we thought, for harassed parents who might have missed the deadline for applying for a place for the lads on one of the Summer Projects, or could not find gainful summer employment for their male offsprings. But why the sexist approach to fly-catching? What would happen if some girls should turn up with a few bags full of dead flies? Who thought up this seemingly daft scheme, anyway, and when?

The Corporation officials on duty could not, on the spur of the moment, answer our questions. They didn't think anyone was taking the scheme very seriously at the present time. They couldn't even speculate on how payment would be made in modern currency. When we hazarded the view that the modern equivalent of 3d, namely, 1pp would not be calculated to attract too many takers, and that the rate would surely have

to be index-linked, the bureaucratic machine seized up and the exchanges ended.

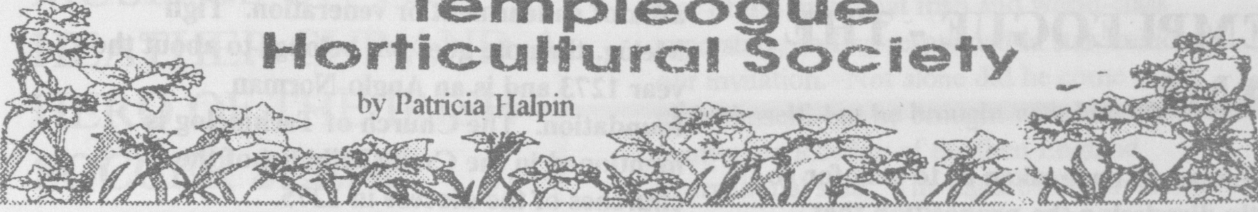
We later found out independently that the idea arose around the year 1911, when there was a long hot summer and many babies dies in the inner city. The health authorities blamed disease-carrying flies for the high infant mortality.

Sir Charles Cameron was the Chief Medical Officer for the City, and he decided to wage all-out war against the flies.

Fly-papers, formalin solutions, Keating's Powder and even the use of electric fans to blow the flies out were all tried.

Finally the CMO proposed as an extra incentive that dead flies should be purchased by the Corporation. While it could not have been faulted on the count of originality, the proposal was met by widespread ridicule and even gave rise to various cartoons. It is said that in all about a quarter of a million flies were bought - not a great number considering the breeding rate of the common fly. Sir Charles blamed the small numbers on the fact that the scheme was introduced late in the season. We do not know how many flies constituted a bag, so that we cannot readily calculate what the outlay on the scheme was.

The scheme surely deserves inclusion in the Book of Glorious Failures, the only remaining evidence of it to-day being the outdated posters on the Corporation walls.



Templeogue Horticultural Society

by Patricia Halpin

At this stage we are wondering if summer will ever come. However, at our last meeting on 20th April, Paul Cusack from the Botanic Garden was very positive and encouraging to all would-be gardeners. He said that interest in gardening was heightened at this time - the fleeting beauty of spring bulbs and the fresh green leaves on the trees make us want to create summer artistry in our own gardens. Ideas are got from many of the excellent TV programmes and from other people's gardens. Your neighbour's success with certain plants generally means that that particular species does well in your area, with similar soil and conditions.

As is usual with our speakers, he illustrated his talk with good slides. He showed us that, in a small garden, a simple uncluttered lawn best shows off the surrounding flower beds. He demonstrated too how the use of old brick and stones gives a lovely gentle effect when paving hard surfaces, and how a simple water feature can be incorporated into quite a small area.

We were given advice on taking cuttings and growing geraniums and fuchsias, and also how to prepare and care for the ever-popular hanging basket. Paul ended his talk with some slides he had made in Japan. The Japanese have very different but very beautiful concepts of gardening.

The Templeogue Horticultural Society are now looking forward to its Annual Outing and preparing energetically for its 12th Annual Flower Show on Saturday 16th July. Let's hope we have fine weather for both events.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 15th June at 8 pm in Our Lady's School.

Gardening Tips for May/June.

- 1) Bedding plants can now be planted out.
- 2) Chives or garlic grown among the roses reduce infection by aphids.
- 3) Alternatively gather some lady birds and put them on the roses, as they are very fond of aphids.

TEMPLEOGUE - THE NAME

Some readers have taken us to task for so lightly dismissing the proposition that Templeogue was named for the new church which was established here in centuries gone by (see the March 1994 issue of the TEMPLEOGUE TELEGRAPH). This prompted us to carry out further researches on the origin of the two versions of how our district got its name.

Our starting point was the 1910 edition of the *Onomasticon Goedelicum* (An Index, with Identification, to the Gaelic Names of Places and Tribes) by Edmund Hogan, S.J. This defines the word "Tech" as "teg, a house" and goes on to list "t.molaca; in Ui Cellaig Cualand (Tachmelog in Cr), Ll.368, Lec.118, which has T.Molochae, became Tempul Molog, now Templeogue, nr.Tallaght, c.Dublin".

According to the *Onomasticon*, the abbreviations refer to the following: "Cr" to *Crede Mihi*, written about 1270 (ed.Gilbert), "Ll" to the *Book of Leinster* (T.C.D.) and "Lec" to the *Book of Lecan*, in Ormond, Co. Tipperary, so called by M.Kearney in 1635 (see *Kilkenny Journal of Archaeology*, ii.379).

One of our experts referred us to Dr George A Little's book "Malachy Horan Remembers", which discusses the point. Malachy Horan, who was born in Killenarden in 1847, in the course of telling a story about an encounter in the Dublin Hills with the "hungry grass", referred to an area around St Moling's Well. A footnote explains that Moling and Mel are quite distinct saints, the "óg" in "melóg" being an

affix of endearment or veneration. Tigh Melóg, the note goes on, belongs to about the year 1273 and is an Anglo-Norman foundation. The Church of Tachmelog is mentioned in the *Crede Mihi* list of the churches of the diocese in 1275.

Around 1273 the O'Tooles were engaged in a war on the district of Tallaght. The area in the vicinity of the River Dodder adjacent to Tallaght was populous, and the church of Cillmosanctan in the mountains then served Tallaght as well as Templeogue. (St.Sanctan was a Welsh missionary saint who came to continue the work of St Patrick.) Because of the war, the Anglo-Normans were compelled to build the church of Tachmalog on the city side of the Dodder as a safe place for divine services. The people chose as patron of this church St Mel, as they wished to add another landmark to commemorate St Brigid of Kildare. However, there were numerous Kilbrides in the general area, and Mel was chosen as the one to be commemorated in the dedication of the new building, as it was he who had marked out, at the request of Brigid, the foundations of her Kildare settlement.

It seems that the translation of the name into English as "the new church" can be traced back to one John Allen (Archbishop of Dublin from 1528-1534). He described "The Church of Tachmelogue" as a chapel annexed to the church of Kilmasantan which stood outside the boundaries of the Pale. "Hence," he explained, "in the Irish tongue it is baptised rather as Temple Oyge because it is new". According to another scholar, The Rev.Myles V.Ronan, the popular name, given by the Irish of the mountains, survived, while the ancient dedication, Tachmelóg, was forgotten generally until recent years.

MUSINGS ON THE HEATHER CUP AND A HERO OF THE IRISH SOCCER SCENE.

by Paddy Heneghan

As we go to press the final stages of the Heather Cup 7-a-Side Soccer Competition are in course of completion. As a local activity, the Heather Cup must come high up in the list of long-established institutions still "alive and kicking" (apologies for the pun) from the earliest days of the urbanisation of Templeogue. In next month's issue we hope to publish the names of the winners and other details of the 1994 competition. Meanwhile it seems worth while to recall the early history of the competition, and in the light of the huge current interest in the game of soccer to put some of the stars involved in the World Cup of 1994 into perspective.

I was talking a few weeks ago to Father Lee, the retired Parish Priest of Templeogue, happily still living among us, and we recalled the time when we both worked in Westland Row Parish, for it was from there that one of Ireland's greatest soccer stars and the first gleam of inspiration for the Heather Cup competition came. St Andrew's Boys' Club, founded by Father Lee in the Westland Row parish of St Andrew's, ran a yearly 5-a-Side Soccer Tournament. I joined that Club in the 1950s as a club leader. It was an area of soccer-mad boys, a fever nurtured by the footballing accomplishments of some famous "Rowmen" (as the pupils of the local school were called). Fr Lee laughed when I reminded him that, turning impressario in the name of the Club, we had the temerity to invite a former "Rowman" and star international footballer, one Jackie Carey of Manchester United, to present the medals at the end of one of the first tournaments. I wonder whether this is a name which means anything to the young

followers of the game to-day? Jackie Carey was one of the first great Irish and world-class superstars, and he responded in star fashion to our invitation. Not alone did he come to the club himself, but he brought with him his team-mate Rowley of the then England international side. The night of the presentation of the Cup in the old national school building was the only time we ever saw the irrepressible "Row" boys overawed!

In time both Fr Lee and I wound up in Templeogue. When some of the neighbours and I in 1970 met to devise a way of occupying the growing number of young lads around Templeogue who needed meaningful summertime activity, I recalled the experiences in Westland Row and proposed we should have a soccer tournament similar to the one I had experienced in Westland Row. We then had to go scouting around for a sponsor for a trophy. The generous donor was Charlie Heather, who had at that time a shoe shop in Cypress Park, and presented the Cup which to this day bears his name. Because of the numbers involved, we decided that it should be a seven-a-side, rather than a five-a-side, competition.

As detailed in last month's issue, the running of the first tournament corresponded with the 1970 World Cup in Mexico, which had 16 teams in four groups. A similar number of teams entered for the Heather Cup, and the scores in the deciding match in the Terenure College grounds ended level, the game being decided on a penalty shoot-out. I doubt if any subsequent tournament in Templeogue generated such interest and excitement as that of 1970.

Some of the spin-off effects of that tournament were unexpected and embarrassing. A few of the players who became involved in the final stages refused to move when the time came for them to go on holidays with their families, and they had to be "fostered out" with neighbours until the competition ended. The rules also

allowed players to form their own squads, and some teams included a concentration of lads who were playing football on a regular basis. These teams dominated the games, producing some fairly weird and lopsided scorelines in the early stages. These problems were dealt with in amendments to the rules in subsequent years, which stipulated that teams had to include players from various age levels, and had to average out at 63 years over the 7 players (to give an average age of 9 years). The numbers of players involved with clubs in regular competitions which any Heather Cup team could play were restricted, and the competition was also arranged to finish before regular holidays commenced.

Another spin-off from 1970 was that some of the parents involved in running the tournament went on to form a schoolboys' soccer club named for the parish (St Pius X), and the boys did very well in inter-club competition. The teams were managed by Mr Brian Smith (RIP) and Mr Bernard Byrne, who later went to live outside the district. Visits cross-channel to English League games were arranged from time to time, and became highlights of the season between Heather Cup Competitions. The great team of that era was Leeds United, who had many supporters in the St Pius X Club. Those were bleak years for Manchester United, to-day's kingpins.

**Forgotten hero? Jackie Carey
(Man. United, Republic of
Ireland, Northern Ireland and
Rest of Europe)**

In this year when every member of the Manchester United team is a star, including Corkmen Roy Keane and Denis Irwin who will

help Ireland in the 1994 World Cup competition, those of us who can go back to the 50s and earlier will be arguing that Dubliner Jackie Carey must rate as the finest United player of them all. The genial, pipe-smoking and slightly balding figure may not have looked the part off the field, but consider the following: The late Matt Busby described him as one of the finest Manchester United players of all time, and up to the time of Sir Matt's recent demise he was not known to have changed his mind. (Jackie Carey, of course, married Matt Busby's daughter, so that Sir Matt's opinion might have been slightly biased.)



Jackie's record on the field, however, speaks for itself, and most of to-day's stars would have a long way to go yet to equal it. In 1947 he was Footballer of the Year in England, and was captain of the Rest of Europe side which played Great Britain in Hampden Park that same year. He captained Man. United to take the FA Cup in 1948 (4-2, against Blackburn Rovers in the final). In 1949 he captained the Ireland team that inflicted the first ever defeat on England on home soil (2-0 in Goodison Park), a match England likes to forget. In 1950 he was voted "Sportsman of the Year". In the 1951-2 season he collected a League Championship medal also with Manchester United. As a player he spent 17 years with the club, appearing on approximately 350 occasions in league and cup.

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SUMMARY OF RECENT REPORTS FROM LOCAL COUNCILLORS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Estate</u>	<u>Subject</u>
18-4-94	S.Laing	General	Kerbside Dublin Project - success of
18-4-94	S Laing	General	Vandalism Templeogue Graveyard. Securing of entrance. Council have no proposal to change existing arrangements.
6-5-94	S Laing	General	Public transport - Cityimp 150 to operate on old Route 50 with extension from Willington Roundabout to Rossmore Estate. Old doubledeck Route 50 to be cancelled
16-5-94	S Laing	Glendown	Provision of 30 mph speed signs. Council say this road is within 30mph speed limit zone and signs are in position at the beginning of the zone.
16-5-94	S Laing	Cypress	Procedure shortly to be initiated whereby laneway Cypress Garth- Templeogue Road will be closed (paper advertisement and site notice).
16-5-94	S Laing	Glendown	Lighting. Council intends to replace the 125 W MBFU lanterns with more modern cost-effective 55W SOX type. Lanterns currently in disrepair will be replaced following examination. Replacement of the balance to be considered in the context of the 1995 estimate preparations.
17-5-94	C Keane P Upton	General	Templeogue House. Surrounding land area to be handed over not yet determined. £10,000 to be provided in 1994 estimate for preservation etc.
23-5-94	C Keane	WORK	Gate at Rushbrook View to Tymon Park to remain locked. Opposing petitions on this have been received. The resulting inconvenience of locking the gate is a relatively short walk to the main entrance at Osprey Rd.
23-5-94	C Keane	General	Templeogue Graveyard. See 2nd item above. Securing the rear of the graveyard would be very costly (£15,000), would exclude public save for restricted opening times and may not succeed in keeping out determined vandals.
23-5-94	P Upton C Keane	General	River Dodder - source of litter along trees. Co. say that Friarstown tiphead is not the major contributory factor. There is extensive unauthorised dumping and fly tipping along the river. Co. are trying to identify the main sources and follow-up action is promised. Voluntary community group clean-ups are to be encouraged.

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23-5-94	C Keane	WORK	Gate to Tymon Park at Osprey Rd. The Co. have agreed that this gate will be opened and closed at Park times and reviewed in 6 months.
23-5-94	C Keane	Rossmore	Cllr Keane has asked that the Co. Manager consult with the Rossmore Residents' Assoc. on this matter.

Jackie Carey (continued from Page 10)

He was capped 29 times by the Republic of Ireland and 7 times by Northern Ireland. It must be taken into consideration that the six years of World War 2 from 1939 to 1945 interrupted his career, although during the latter part of this period he played professional football in Italy. After 1953, in the role of manager, he brought Blackburn Rovers to the First Division, and after a spell managing Everton took over at Leyton Orient, whom he also brought to the First Division. He then managed Nottingham Forest, before ending his managerial career back with Blackburn Rovers.

A Glendown resident (a former "Rowman" himself) tells me that in fairly recent years he met Jackie Carey, now in his seventies, when he was honoured at a past pupils' function in Dublin.

Those of us who had the pleasure of seeing Carey perform on the field still regard him as

the most complete and versatile footballer in the history of the game. The supreme all-rounder, he was signed by Manchester United for his attacking qualities, yet played for them in virtually every position on the field, including goal-keeper. The claim that he was the finest right back in First Division was unchallenged in his time. Such was his extravagant talent that many of the faithful at Old Trafford consider him to have been superior to Bobby Charlton and George Best, which is praise indeed.

Perhaps the greatest tribute of all used to come unwittingly from the old-style Dublin youth club managers back in the 40s and 50s. I recall that if a young lad didn't turn up for football training at the appointed times, the usual managerial threat was: "Anyone who doesn't turn out for training, doesn't play. Not even if you were Jackie Carey!". That says it all!

WARNING TO PARENTS

What follows is not a pleasant news item, but in the world we live in it is necessary from time to time to bring the subject up.

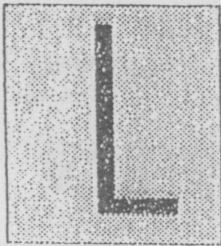
At this time of year, with the approach of Summer, it is usual for the Garda Síochána to renew their warning to parents to ensure that their children do not speak to or accept gifts from or have any dealings with strangers.

Our Community Garda Tony Maher explains that with the advent of good weather, children are out and about more, and that fine weather also attracts into the open the type of persons who target and abuse children.

The warning is all the more relevant at the moment in the aftermath of recent sexual assaults on two local children which took place in Tymon Park. It is understood that someone (not from this area) has been taken to the Garda Station in that connection and a hearing in the courts is expected to follow.

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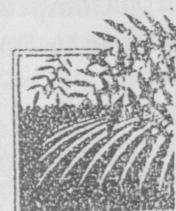
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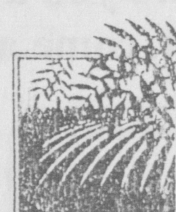
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