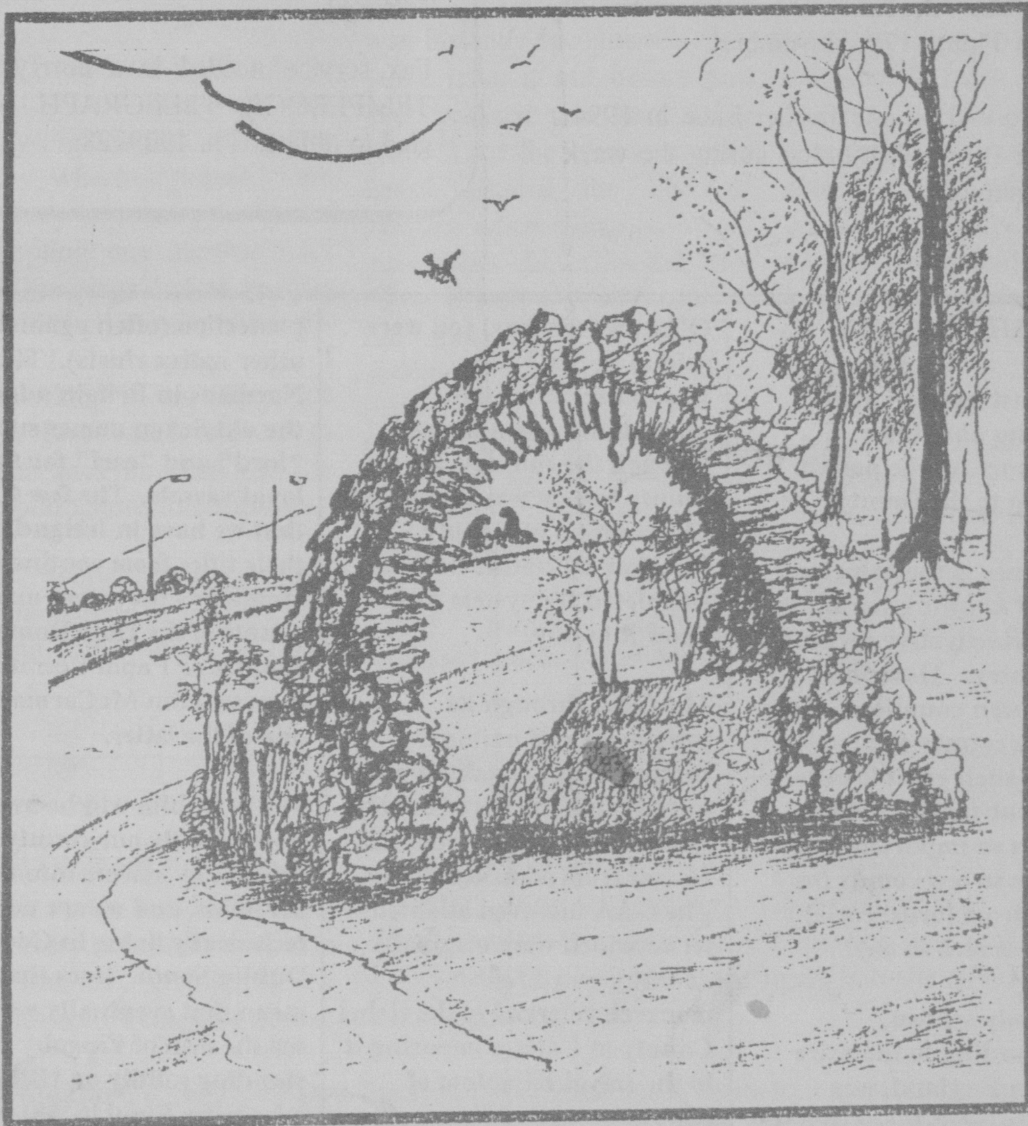


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This fine pen and ink drawing by Benvon Ward
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from the South on the dual carriageway.

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THE COUNTY

In our last issue we said something about the significance of the parish. We now turn to the county.

The county is the principal and best known geographic and administrative division of our country. Have there always been counties? How come the county connection inspires such great loyalty among our people? If the county is so important, why are there so few counts (as distinct from lords, earls, marquises and so on)?

The county system, corresponding to the shire system in England, was gradually introduced into this country by the Normans. Dublin was among the original counties. Previously various parts of the country were known mainly through the families that controlled them (if you were in say

O'Leary territory, you were said to be "in Uibh Laoghaire"). As the plantation system worked through the country, the county system was completed. The creation of County Wicklow by statute in 1606 completed the system as we know it to-day.

The GAA through its provincial and national competitions is credited with introducing the fierce county spirit that we know from Hill 16 and from Munster Finals. The GAA has even adopted terms which were originally derisory - an English monarch referred to the Rebel County of Cork, comparing it to the Loyal Kingdom of Kerry.

The Normans were arch-diplomats and based their administrative divisions on the loyalty of local chiefs who were prepared to pay them tribute in return for

protection (often against other native chiefs). The Normans in Britain adopted the old Saxon names such as "lord" and "earl" for their loyal vassals. The few Counts that we have in Ireland derive their titles from continental creations - they were mainly counts of the Holy Roman Empire or Papal Counts. The famous John McCormack was one of the latter.

We in Dublin will be aware that recently our county was divided by statute into three divisions, and we are now technically living in County Dublin South. Does that mean that eventually we may see the men of Fingal standing solidly on Hill 16 at a Leinster Final in which they may be cheering against County Dublin South in opposition? You would have to ask the GAA General Secretary for a viewpoint on that, but we would not hold our breath!

From the Manager's Desk



by Paddy Heneghan

When I was working in a large office - I refer to that loosely-organised paper-bin place where people are constantly wandering in an out interrupting one another with inane greetings before getting down to the business in hand - yes, as I was saying, when I was working in an office, we had a box which served to contain fines imposed for the more outrageous interruptions.

Fines were imposed for misdemeanours such as punning, the use of bad

language and the unwitting utterance of what we used to call "seasonal clichés".

Funnily enough, the better the pun, the greater the interruption, and hence the heavier the fine. Of course bad language was a macho thing in my day, and fell far short of what international football managers and the women are getting away with to-day. The seasonal cliché was instantly recognisable, but you'd have it out before you even realised you were using one. Like the classic usually heard around the end of January when someone would ramble into the office and say: "Gee, there's a great stretch in the evenings!". Fine: 1 shilling, thank you very much (by the way, that is 5p in modern currency). By the time Lent came around, the box had produced a sizeable amount for the benefit of the poor.

Many people whom I reminded recently about the

approach of our 25th Anniversary issue next month came out with a rich variety of similar clichés. "Twenty-five years! Where has the time gone to?" or "It seems only like yesterday!". Etc., etc., etc. The "fines" meted out were that they were invited to send us in their recollections of those early days spent over battered typewriters and ink-oozing Gestetners. Twenty five years ago the magazine was churned out on a fortnightly basis.

One or two of the "fines" have already been paid, and we would like to invite members of the community who have recollections of those days to let us hear from them so that we can have in November a bumper 25th Anniversary Memory Lane edition worthy of the people who were originally inspired to start the magazine and of those who over the last 25 years have worked to keep it going.

OUR COVER PICTURE

The Old Mill Forge Entrance the subject of our Cover Picture is situated on a patch of open space beside the Rossmore estate. Several years ago this structure was "adopted" by the community as a symbol to represent Templeogue, as it was the only real landmark we had left. Coming down the dual carriageway from the South it is the first thing visitors to Templeogue see as they approach.

At the time, it was said that the Rossmore Residents' Association were thinking of looking after the landmark and keeping it tidy, and might even plant something around it.

We would like to hear from a representative of the Rossmore Residents' Association on this subject, and generally about their association's progress.

Cyclopaths, Smokers of Cigarettes & Strewers of Litter in Public Places.



Readers from time to time ask us to publish articles aimed at certain sections of the community who make life miserable or uncomfortable for the rest by cycling on footpaths, smoking despite all the health warnings and dropping litter in public places. We are convinced it would be quite a useless exercise, in the light of investigations undertaken on our behalf (if you lately saw, nonchalantly wandering around Templeogue and taking elaborate notes, a visiting group of Macedonian peasant-farmers in ethnic dress, that would have been the undercover TT Research Group)

The reasons for our attitude are practical but not without a touch of self-interest. Our Research Group warned that if we were to target too strongly any of these subjects, we would find that ninety per cent of our readers would rise up against us and cancel their subscriptions. Let us explain.

We are not talking about tiny minorities of offenders here, but apparently a broad spectrum of large mutually exclusive groupings. Yes, it is just possible that there are a few examples in the community of persons who cycle at high speeds along our footpaths knocking down elderly ladies, whilst at the same time puffing away madly on their cigarettes and casting their empty cartons onto the road. But the pattern our researchers discovered was that of large numbers of cyclists who would not hesitate to cream you as make your way along the footpath, yet would go bananas if they saw fellow-citizens throwing litter on the street, and numerous smokers who clearly loathed and detested cyclists, regarding them as intruders into the quiet corners of the laneways where they congregate to enjoy a quiet smoke, removed as far as possible from public scrutiny. And were the smokers perhaps also litter-bugs? Actually no! They tended to top their cigarettes and put the butts back into the packets for later use, much as their fathers did twenty or thirty years ago.

For the information of the ten per cent minority who may still be reading this article, and who make a point of (a) cycling only on the road thereby taking their life in their hands, (b) not smoking and (c) conserving their litter for disposal at home in the trash-can, the following were the findings in detail and the "official word" on a subject by subject basis:

Cycling

The rich variety of persons observed cycling on the footpaths, pedestrian laneways and in the forbidden areas of shopping centres included staid housewives, senior civil servants, and school-goers from all four levels of the educational system (pre-school and montessori were well represented). Some Gardai were asked - hypothetically, of course - whether they would be willing to take action against such persons, and they were strangely equivocal. It seems that, in the general absence of cycle-paths, word from the top is that it is better not to harass cyclists and drive them onto the roadway where they would be a danger to themselves and a nuisance to motorists. In the following paragraph we set out the "official position", including the bit about bells and lights:

A bicycle must at all times by law have a red rear reflector and a bell. During lighting-up time, a bicycle must, in addition, be equipped with a red rear lamp and a white or yellow front lamp. The maximum fine for not having a light while cycling at night is £150. You must not ride or attempt to ride a pedal cycle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs: the maximum fine for doing so is £350 and/or up to three months in prison. A bicycle must not be ridden wholly or partly along or across a footpath. Cyclists must obey traffic signs just like other road

TEMPLEOGUE LADIES' CLUB

Report by Geraldine
Eaton (Hon. Secretary)

It is hard to believe that our October meeting has been and gone. Nineteen ninety-four is slipping away very fast indeed!

This month we were hosts to teams from six clubs affiliated to the Irish Federation of Women's Clubs, who were taking part in a Craft Competition. The Clubs represented were: Harold's Cross, Ballinteer, Donore, St Jude's, Ranelagh and, of course, Templeogue. Ladies from Goatstown L.C. were guests, but did not take part in



the Competition. Crafts displayed included sewing, crochet, knitting, flower-arranging, a novelty item and baking. We were successful in the baking section. Myra Haran made the prize-winning sponge. Congratulations, Myra! While the judging was taking place we were entertained by some of our most talented members,

who made a big contribution to the success of the event.

When our visitors departed we had the business of the meeting, during which congratulations were extended to Phyl Heron, Geraldine O'Rourke and Marie Shannon, winners of various sections in the I.F.W.C. Flower Arranging Competition in September, and very specially to Marie who was also awarded the Overall Trophy.

The next meeting is on the 2nd November, when we hope to have a good attendance. Are you a member? Will you be there? I hope so See you then - same venue - same time!

users. Cyclists must not ride more than two abreast.

Smoking

The briefest of perambulations through the district of Templeogue, particularly at lunch-times, will show that the majority of smokers are female and very young. For some reason, perhaps the growing realisation that smoking and sport don't mix, there is a marked decline in the male section of the smoking population. (There are probably other more modern ways of proving virility but the RG couldn't get a discussion going.). The young females of the species can by their uniforms be readily identified with their respective local schools, who might just be able to knock a bit of sense into their heads before they pass inevitably, sooner or later,

into either the bronchial or the cardiac units of our hospitals.

A large tobacco corporation recently tried to make out that the baleful effect of passive smoking is exaggerated, so even they must have given up the argument that tobacco-smoke has little effect on the actual smoker! For the record we give the grim statistics.

It is estimated that about 5,000 people die every year in Ireland because of smoking. The risk of heart attack and angina occurring prematurely is more than doubled if you smoke cigarettes. The risk of death from lung cancer is eleven times higher for smokers than for non-smokers.

Litter

While practically everyone has at some time or other seen

traffic wardens in operation, no-one in this area has ever even seen a litter warden, much less seen one in action. Nevertheless there is an elaborate Act on the statute books, providing for substantial fines for litter-bugs, and for the appointment of wardens. One of our energetic councillors may be able to get a line from the County Council as to its attitude to the Litter Act. Is it the case that, as someone in Wexford said in 1971 when decimal currency was about to be introduced, the Act won't catch on here!

And that, in a nutshell, is why we think it useless to write any more about cycling on footpaths, smoking or litter-bugging! But we will be happy to publish your comments if we got it wrong!

RATHFARNHAM PARISH

In our last issue we promised an article on the story of Rathfarnham Parish, which as we indicated was the parish to which the present Rathfarnham (Church of Ireland), Templeogue (St Pius's) and Willington (St Jude's) Parishes trace their origins.

The story starts with the Synod of Rathbreasail near Cashel in 1110 which designated Rathfarnham as a parish. In the last year of the century, the lands of Rathfarnham were given to Milo de Brett, who was personally known to King John and who became the first lord of the manor. He built and lived in the first Rathfarnham Castle, which is presumed to have been placed on the rath named for one Farnan, a shadowy figure about whom little is known. The modern spelling "Farnham" seems to have been a corruption and pseudo-anglicisation of the original name. Milo became patron of the church which he would almost certainly have found already there on his arrival which came 89 years after the synod referred to. The remains of this church are in the old graveyard. It was dedicated to St. Peter and St. Paul.

Over the following century or so the church at Rathfarnham must have been in the centre

of various conflicts, both physical and otherwise. Rathfarnham would have been one of the first villages in the path of the hill tribes who came down to raid Dublin, which ensured that the sons of Rathfarnham had always to be on the ready to defend themselves.

Tension from quite a different quarter also affected Milo de Brett and the people of Rathfarnham. Milo lost the patronage of the Church when it was assigned to the Archdeacon of Taney (the mother church of Rathfarnham and Kilgobban). The Archdeacon of Taney in turn lost out to the Convent of the Holy Trinity (Christ Church Cathedral). Pope Innocent IV became involved in the disputes, which went on until 1301, and finally were decided in favour of the Archdeacons of Dublin. The importance of the patronage centred on entitlement to secure the tithes. Among the townlands coming into the tithe net in question here were Rathfarnham, Terenure, Kimmage, Rathgar, Newtown, Butterfield, Scholarstown and St. John's Leas.

A report made in 1547 showed that the demesne of the Rector of Rathfarnham (part of Ashfield, to-day directly behind the service station in Rathfarnham) was listed among the possessions of the Archdeacon of Dublin.

The next fifty years saw the great religious upheavals of the age ravaging the ecclesiastical face of Ireland.

By 1590 the de Brett family had died out and the vacant lands were in the hands of the Crown. The castle was a ruin.

There then appeared a remarkable man in the person of Adam Loftus, Protestant Archbishop of Dublin and first Provost of Trinity College. He it was who built the castle currently standing, one of the few Elizabethan buildings which we see to-day. The castle was owned by the descendants of Adam Loftus until early in the eighteenth century. Of Loftus descendants there can scarcely have been any shortage, since Adam had twenty children!

The Loftuses were a colourful lot, by all accounts. While their story might relate only incidentally to parochial history, it will be of interest to have a look at the careers of some of the family, one of whom in 1865 became Baron of Rathfarnham. This we propose to take up in another issue at a later date.

Note: The principal item in our bibliography in writing this account was "The Rathfarnham Story" by Doris E. Smith, a copy of which was kindly lent to us by one of the Rathfarnham Parish Officers. To clear up a point about which queries have been raised with us as to when Terenure (St Joseph's) Parish was divided from Rathfarnham, the Dublin Diocesan Guidebook gives 1894, but some directories date this event at ten years earlier.

"Could this be love? I wondered"



No, the TEMPLEOGUE TELEGRAPH is not launching an agony column. This is the title of a new novel for young adults, written by long-time Templeogue resident Marilyn Taylor.

This could be the kind of Irish "quality romance" we are waiting for. The book takes a fresh and funny look at the ups-and-downs of first love. It is set against a familiar background of school, home life, exams, friends and discos. It tells the story of Dublin teenagers Jackie and Kev, which is fraught with doubts, difficulties and misunderstandings, both funny and serious.

Marilyn Taylor has been a secondary school librarian for fifteen years and feels that, although avid young readers have a wide choice

of reading, the less fluent among them tend to be hooked on American formula teenage series. In offering "Could this be love? I wondered" Marilyn is aiming to fill the gap with a humorous romance that also has some social content and a Dublin background to which to-day's teenagers can relate.

Marilyn Taylor has lived in Springfield Road for over thirty years, with her husband Mervyn (whose contributions on legal subjects TEMPLEOGUE TELEGRAPH readers will remember from his less hectic, "pre-Ministerial" days). Marilyn tells us that all of their children grew up in Templeogue which is, she says, a great place in which to bring up a family. The "children" are all living away now, but they are very nostalgic about Dublin and especially about Templeogue. In fact, local readers will find the setting for Marilyn's story familiar.

We had the inevitable question: Did she draw on her experience with her own teenage children when writing the book? "Of course I did," she replied. "All the family have given me lots of advice and encouragement, and some practical help, without which I might never have finished writing it."

NOTE: "Could this be love? I wondered" is being published in October by O'Brien Press at £3.99, and will be available at local and city centre bookshops.

RATHFARNHAM PARISH FUND RAISING COMMITTEE Forthcoming events in aid of New Parish Centre - All Welcome

RACE NIGHT: 4 November (Fri) Memorial Hall, Rathfarnham 8.15 pm. First Race 8.30 pm SHARP. £3 per person, couples £5, incl. Race Card, Light Supper & Raffle. (Enquiries Carol McGouran 4931548)

FASHION SHOW: 9 November (Wed) High School, Rathgar. 8 pm. Adm. £5 (Enquiries Heather Wilkinson 4947930)

BRIDGE MORNING 14 November (Mon) Memorial Hall, Rathfarnham (Enquiries Pat Frith 4900022)

SIXTIES DANCE 25 November (Fri) Old Wesley Rugby Club, Donnybrook. 9 pm to 1 am. (Enquiries Harvey O'Keeffe 4932973)

TEMPLEOGUE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

by Patricia Halpin (Hon.
Secretary)

"September/October is the beginning of the Gardener's year - not the Spring. Prepare now for next year."

These were the opening words of the talk given by Brendan Jennings at the September meeting of the Templeogue Horticultural Society. They struck dismay in the heart of this fine-weather gardener, who was planning to down tools until next year.

However, thanks to a spell of beautiful weather, a veritable Indian Summer, all the recommended Autumn jobs have been pretty well accomplished.

Brendan advised us to prepare well for Spring by doing serious Autumn work. All leaves should be gathered up and either put on the compost heap or hidden away in a black plastic sack. Herbaceous

plants should be divided up where necessary and the outside pieces replanted. Planting three clumps together in a triangle makes a more pleasing effect than planting haphazardly. This is a great time to sort out the herbaceous border, planting the larger plants at the back and moving shorter ones to the front.

Fuchsia and geraniums are brought indoors at this time, not forgetting to take a few cuttings. It is even possible to take cuttings of some of the bedding plants. Sweet pea started on a window sill, kept indoors till they are about 5" and then put out for the winter in a cold frame, do very well. Roses aren't normally pruned in the Autumn but should be reduced in height to prevent wind-damage in winter.

Hedges can be trimmed lightly, also shrubs, but it is too late for spring flowering shrubs, such as forsythia and weigela. Now is the time to plant all spring bulbs - buy good quality. Winter hanging baskets and tubs can be



prepared and also indoor bulbs for Christmas.

After all that work, at the October meeting we had our Annual Swap Shop, when everyone went home with a few new plants "for free".

At the AGM a new committee was elected, so we can all look forward to new ideas, new plans and, with luck, a new Secretary!

The Templeogue Horticultural Society meets at 8 pm on the third Wednesday of each month in Our Lady's School, Templeogue Road. New Members are always welcome. The Annual Subscription is only £5.

ANSWER TO A BOWLER'S PRAYERS

by Sophie Shaw (Springfield)

Off to the bowling we do go, matches for singles, pairs and all.

Rinks are great, it's a treat to meet once a week or more.

On a bright and sunny day the lawns are fast, and the woods roll along.

Alas! on a wet and windy day the woods need more weight to find its way.

It's "Well done!" if the wood is on the "jack"; "Hard luck!" if it has missed by a yard or more.

"Good weight' but much too narrow, try the other side", so says the skip.

"Green better, but weight too heavy".

These are the trials and tribulations of a bowler.

The joy of being on a green in good company, is the game that gives it the fame.

Give it a try - it is better late than never; the joy you will discover.

LOCAL AUTHORITY AFFAIRS

The following table gives summaries of reports which we have received from local County Councillors about matters raised by them with the South Dublin County Council, or about which the Council has notified them. Should any reader require to see the detailed report on a particular item, the TEMPLEOGUE TELEGRAPH will be glad to provide a copy at a nominal charge. Alternatively, readers should approach the Councillor concerned.

<u>Date (1994)</u>	<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Estate</u>	<u>Subject</u>
25 July	Cait Keane	Orwell	Rats in drains at Orwell Heights. Cllr Keane has brought to attention that this problem has re-surfaced and she will follow it up again.
22 Aug	Pat Upton	Wainsfort	"No right turn" sign on Wainsfort Road to be provided this week (letter of 22/8/94 from Co Council).
19 Sep	Stanley Laing	Rossmore	Tree pruning in open space adjacent to Rossmore Lawns/Crescent - St Michael's House. Tenders have been invited and work will be undertaken during the next three months.
19 Sep	Pat Upton	General	Templeogue House. The Co Council will provide every assistance possible to the Templeogue House Development Committee in this worthwhile project.
22 Sep	S Laing	Fortfield	Parking and upgrading of footpath adjacent to houses Nos.32-40 Fortfield Park. There is no finance available to raise the height of this footpath. The area Manager is to examine this matter as flooding is occurring owing to low level of path.
27 Sep	Pat Upton	General	Co Co states that the total number of Higher Education grants paid to residents in South Dublin area is 895 (analysis by postal district not available).
27 Sep	Cait Keane	Orwell	Orwell Park Estate public lighting. Co Co states it is the intention that at least 50% of the lanterns will be upgraded this year. Recent survey showed that all but one of the 129 lanterns were lighting.
29 Sep	Sanley Laing	General	Sheltered housing in Kimmage Manor. The Holy Ghost Fathers are reviewing their position following refusal of An Bord Pleanala to grant planning permission for housing development on the lands generally.
10 Oct	Stanley Laing	General	Lead piping and health. Lead pipes are mainly located in older established areas such as Terenure, Templeogue and others. Water samples taken revealed a lead concentration below max. admissible. Manager requested to underake further examination and to cost replacement of lead pipes in Templeogue area.
10 Oct	Stanley Laing	General	Upgrading roads & drains. No specific provision had been made in 1994 for improvements to areas including Old Templeogue Road and Poddle River. Works will be considered when preparing 1995 estimates.
12 Oct	Cait Keane	General	Artists' rights: on motion of Cllr Keane Co.Co. agreed to recommend that Draft Charter of Artists' Rights be implemented without delay.

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<u>Date (1994)</u>	<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Estate</u>	<u>Subject</u>
17 Oct	Stanley Laing	General	Garda access to regional parks. Provision for this is being included in the Bye-laws currently being examined by the Co Co Law Agent.
17 Oct	Stanley Laing	Orwell	Completion of Old Dublin City Watercourse between St Jude's Church and Orwell Shopping Centre. There has been no word from the National Heritage Council on the success or otherwise of the Co Council's application for funding.

CHURCH AFFAIRS

Parish of St Pius X Templeogue

Parish columnist "Deborah" continues to intrigue with her (his?) weekly words of wisdom, illustrating telling points of view with references from the lives and doings of such varied figures as Prince Charles and Roddy Doyle. Deserves to have a wider readership! Mission Sunday was marked on 23rd October. In the associated appeal for funds the plight of fellow-humans in Rwanda, Somalia, Sierra Leone and Kenya was brought to mind. Definitely the "Quote of the Month" from Fr.O'Rourke. He said: "If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?". That's

hitting the nail on the head!

Parish of St Jude Willington

Early on, St.Jude's Weekly Bulletin reminded the faithful that October is traditionally the Month of the Rosary. The devotion goes back to the thirteenth century, the mysteries of the Rosary having developed from the Psalms. The Rosary is being said after the 9.10 Mass each morning. The Bulletin is extensively availed of by local groups to advertise their activities. Early on a reminder was issued about Emigrant Sunday. Hopefully this encouraged families with members living abroad long-term to write a special batch of letters to their loved ones - it is so easy to put letter-writing on the long finger (which

applies sometimes as much to the emigrant as to the stay-at-homes).

Rathfarnham Parish Church of Ireland

The October issue of "News for You" carries echoes of the rejoicing at the Blessing and Opening of the new Parish Centre. Now the hard work must be tackled of finding ways to keep the funds rolling in while the initial enthusiasm is still high. An elaborate programme of fund-rising events has been arranged for November at various venues (see elsewhere in these pages for details). In the Parish National School Joyce Shaw is the new remedial teacher.



**TEMPLEVILLE & FORTFIELD
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION . Report by D
Walsh (Sec)**

At a committee meeting of the above association on 3 Oct. it was agreed that £20 be paid to the Templeogue Development Committee as requested by Mr Stanley Laing.

Rubbish left by school "picknickers" at the entrance to Hyde Park was reported. This is deplored by the residents, and a clean-up will be undertaken by them.

A letter will be sent to the Co.Co. about the possible replanting of new trees on Templeville Road, from where they were cut down last March. Some new planting has also been requested. A further letter sent to the Co.Co. enquired if road cleaning is a thing of the past, and another highlighted the problem of poor water pressure on Fortfield Rd. Details of answers to these enquiries will be given in our next report.

As a result of break-ins in the area, many of them effected via the drainpipe, we feel it is timely to tell residents about a paint PC11 which makes it impossible for a thief to climb a drainpipe painted with this substance. It is available from Mulvey's of Dundrum and costs approx. £11 per tin

**At last a Cultural Centre for Templeogue!
Templeogue Development Committee**

invite you to attend a
PUBLIC MEETING
about the future of
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(1) Its Refurbishment
(2) Its Future Use
(3) Its Financing

AT THE SPAWELL LEISURE CENTRE

Wed. November 9 at 8 p.m.

Please come along and bring a friend

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will be signing copies of her
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'Could this be love? I
wondered'

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on

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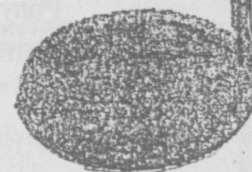
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HORSE-RIDING IN SOUTH COUNTY

"The outside of a horse is good for the inside of a man!" So said Walt Disney as one of his cartoon creations illustrated the right and the wrong ways of riding horses.

Obviously, Walt was concentrating on the more undignified and hence the funnier side of horse-riding. The main thrust of the cartoon was however that the shaking-up process was healthful and re-invigorating.

We met Frank Brooks during the month - a man who knows all the ins-and-outs (not to speak of the

ups-and-downs) of the horse-riding skills and pleasures which attract enthusiasts from Templeogue to his establishment in the foothills.

Frank mentioned one of the lesser-known facts about his land at Knocklyon, on which - with Bernie - he runs the Ballycullen Equestrian School. On it is situated the famous St Colmcille's Well, the place of pilgrimage which in July 1993 was featured in "Looking South" in the TEMPLEOGUE TELEGRAPH and pictured on our cover.

South Dublin has always been prime horse-riding country. Maybe St Colmcille did not make his journeys to Glendalough on horseback, but a goodly number of famous people in the world of horse-riding - the Kelletts, Hume-Dudgeons and others - have ridden over this territory.

Up to a few decades ago we had our own forge with its private well on

the Templeogue Road to cater for the numerous horse-riding establishments in this area. With the general decline in the use of horses with delivery vehicles the smithy was closed (see TELEGRAPH July 1993 also for this story).

Frank and Bernie continue the riding school tradition. The area of trekking land in which they operate contains many notable sites and unrivalled views of Dublin City. There is a splendid view of Orlagh College (built by Lundy Foot, a Dublin snuff-merchant, and now an Augustinian Novitiate) as one approaches the top of Ballycullen Road. Turning left at the top on reaching Oldcourt Road and then right at Killakee, one has a panoramic view of the Pine Forest, at a spot where Lord Massey, entertainer of King Edward VII in his time, lived. No shortage of stories in this territory, nor of vistas of beauty at every turn.



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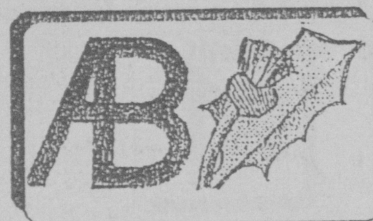
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