

**EAST WALL & NORTH STRAND**

**FESTIVAL '78**

**FESTIVAL WEEK June 25th - July 2nd**



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## Introduction

*I often wondered how many people in our Community know how the first Festival started. This Festival which brings so much joy to our Community was born out of a tragedy. The tragic drowning of Johnny Hogan who at 18 years of age was treasurer of The Mini Olympics Committee and a promising Youth Leader with St. Mary's Youth Club. This tragedy resulted in a meeting being called by Mr. Jim Quigley, Chairman of the East Wall Residents Association to see if in some way our Community could help the grief stricken Hogan family, and it was decided at one of these meetings that it should not take a tragedy such as this to bring the various clubs and organisations together, but that we should meet more often to discuss the work being done by the voluntary organisations in our Community with a view to improving same. Hence the birth of the East Wall Association of Voluntary Groups (the organising body of the Festival).*

*Let us now look at this year's Festival. When I was proposed as Chairman at the Annual General Meeting I suddenly realised I was being asked to step into the shoes of a great chairman and a great worker for our Community, the late Christy Elliott. I do not mind admitting I did not relish the challenge. I decided to cry help. I pleaded with the various clubs and organisations affiliated to work closer together. That we should form sub-committees for every event and that we involve more people from the Community on these sub-committees. As you can see from our Newsletter my plea did not go un-heeded. Sub-committees were formed for all events, with great involvement from people who are not members of any committee.*

*At the time of writing this introduction we are four weeks away from our Festival, but always you can hear people talking about football matches, snooker, concerts, darts etc. Everybody seems to be saying that this is going to be the best Festival, with everyone getting very enthusiastic, and you know they say, enthusiasm is infectious. Let us hope that this infection spreads through our Community.*

*A lot of work goes into organising the Festival, and the only reward that you can give to the people who give so much of their time in organising all the events, is for them to see you all out enjoying yourselves. So don't forget the success of the Festival depends on you getting involved.*

*Finally, if at any time during the Festival you have any problem please do not hesitate to contact me. I promise that I will try my best to assist you in any way I can.*

**JIMMY MARTIN**  
Chairman,  
East Wall Association of Voluntary Groups

## Focal Failtíthe

N'Fheadar an bhfuil a fhios ag mórán daoine sa cheantar conas mar a cuireadh tús leis an gcéad Fhéile. Bádh Seán Ó hÓgáin in aois a ocht mbliana déag. Bhí sé ina chisteoir ar an gCoiste Mion Oilimpeacha agus bhí ábhar maith ann mar cheannaire an aos óg i gClub Naomh Muire. De bharr na tubaiste rinne an tUasal Séamas Ó Coigligh, Cathaoirleach Comhchumainn Saorálacha an Phoirt Thoir, cruinniú a chomhthionól d'fhonn cabhrú le clann an fhir seo. Dúradh ag ceann de na cruinnithe seo nar cheart fanacht go dtí go dtarlódh tubaist mar seo chun clubanna agus eagraíochtaí an cheantair a thabhairt le chéile. Socraíodh ar theacht le chéile níos minicí chun obair na gClubanna agus na nEagraíochtaí saorálacha a phlé agus a fheabhsú. De thoradh na n-iarraichtaí seo d'fhás Comhchumainn Saorálach an Phoirt Thoir.

Is leor sin den stair! Féachaimis anois ar Fhéile na blianna seo. Nuair a mholadh mise mar chathaoirleach ag an gCruinniú Cinn Bliana, tuigeadh dom go rabhthas ag iarraidh orm áit Christóir Mhic Uileagóid—(iarchathaoirleach agus fear a rinne an-obair ar son an cheantair)—a líonadh. Caitheadh mé a admháil go raibh cabhair de dhíth orm. D'iarr mé ar na clubanna éagsúla obair níos dúthrachtaí as lámha a chéile. Mhol mé dóibh fochoiste a chur i bhfeighil gach eachtra ionas go dtabharfaí seans do níos mó daoine sa cheantar páirt a ghlacadh ar na fochoistí seo. Mar is eol daoibh ón Nuacht Litir, bunaíodh na fochoistí seo agus d'éirigh thar barr leo.

Níl ach ceithre sheachtain fágtha anois, agus an litir seo á scríobh agam, go dtús na Féile i mbliana agus cheana féin cloistear daoine ag caint faoi na cluichí peile, snúcar, dairt agus ceolchoirmeacha a bheidh ar siúl. Dar 'len a lán daoine beidh an Fhéile seo níos fearr ná aon Fhéile eile. Tá cosúlacht díograise ar gach duine agus tá súil againn go leathnóidh an spiorad seo ar fud an phobail!

Tá an-chuid oibre ag baint le stiúradh na Féile seo agus 's é an luach saothair is fearr a d'fhéadfaí a thabhairt dona daoine a chaitheann an oiread sin ama ag cur ord agus eagar ar an obair seo ná go mbainfeadh gach éinne aoibhneas agus taitneamh as na himeachtaí ar fad. Braitheann toradh na Féile ar an bpairt a ghlacann sibh féin 'sna himeachtaí éagsúla.

Mar fhocal scoir, má tá aon fhadhb ag éinne, ná bíodh leisce ort glaach orm. Geallaimse daoibh go ndéanfaidh mé mo sheacht ndícheall cabhrú libh ar gach bealach.

**SÉAMAS Ó MÁIRTÍN,**  
Cathaoirleach Comhchumainn Saorálacha an  
Phoirt Thoir.



# Editorial

*In this Editorial I would like to compare my original home in Crumlin – where my mother still lives – to the home of my wife, my son, and I here in East Wall. The Crumlin Corporation estate is only about ten years younger than East Wall, but the two communities have undergone totally different fates.*

*The most noticeable thing about Crumlin is that in all the years since it was built, it hasn't changed. The airy fields like Sundrive Park or Bangor Circle have remained untouched since the estate was started.*

*East Wall, on the other hand, has hardly any green left. The Festival Committee this year was hard pressed to figure out where they could squeeze in a platform for the opening day.*

*In the early thirties when the East Wall corporation estate opened there were expanses of green fields where the Nugents trained their horses, and of course the view on the other side of East Wall Road was the sight of Dublin Bay spreading across to Fairview and out to Clontarf. Now a string of firms line East Wall Road on either side.*

*Over in Crumlin, my mother has witnessed no such changes in her surroundings. For example, my mother over in Crumlin hasn't gone down to the shops to find factories or noisy and smelly car or tanker spraying firms cropping up around her. Nor does anyone have any plans for slapping a dual carriageway outside her door.*

*The reason for all this is obvious. Crumlin is out in the suburbs, whereas East Wall is on the fringe of the City. The reason is obvious – but is it **RIGHT**? Is it all that easy to forget that East Wall is a community, and the fact that it is near the*

*City is incidental? Is it all that easy to ignore the fact that East Wall is being exploited because of its commercial convenience.?*

*My mother can rest easy in the knowledge that there are no industrial vultures looming over Crumlin in search of empty buildings or waste land. She can be sure that she's never going to have rows of piled-up containers for neighbours. All because Crumlin isn't commercially convenient – but East Wall IS.*

*Forget that East Wall is near the City. Forget that the Dublin Port and Docks Board have set the precedent many years ago by allowing the building of unhealthy and noisy firms on their reclaimed land. Remember this is where you live, get angry when people exploit your community, and **DO** something to stop them.*

MARTIN DUFFY  
Ravensdale Road  
Editor

# EAST WALL VOLUNTARY GROUPS

The East Wall Voluntary Groups' Association consists of two representatives of each of the following groups in the Parish.

East Wall Residents Association, Senior Citizens' Committee, North Strand/ East Wall Road Residents' Association, Wharf Tavern Social Club, St. Mary's Youth Club, St. Joseph's Bowling Club, East Wall Credit Union Limited, East Wall Ladies Guild, East Wall Unit Catholic Boy Scouts of Ireland, East Wall Union A.F.C., Dublin North Road Pigeon Club, Alexander Ladies Club, Play Centre Russell Avenue, East Wall Sports Club, East Wall Art Club, East Wall Karate Club, East Wall Pre-School Group, St. Joseph's Gaelic Club.

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Our thanks are also due to the local artists who rendered their services, the advertisers in the magazine, and to all others too numerous to mention who gave of their time and energy.

## PARADE ROUTE

The Opening Ceremony will be held in the Russell Avenue Playground. Then the parade will travel this route:—

Church Road — Seaview Avenue — West Road — East Wall Road — Leinster Avenue — East Wall Rd. — Forth Road — Ravensdale Road — Shelmalier Rd. — Calendon Road — Boolavogue Road — St. Mary's Road — Disperse at the Church.

We'd appreciate it if people with cars on the narrow roads of the route would park half up on the kerb just for the duration of the Parade.

## Our thanks to the following:

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A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE

# Christy Elliott

The Festival Magazine of the last two years, by a strange coincidence has contained an Obituary to two of its most prominent workers. As the Festival ended last June, jokingly the remark was made "who will be next"? Alas one morning last November the sad news broke that Christy Elliott was dead. A sudden heart attack and the Festival Committee and the Parish in general, had lost one of its most energetic and enthusiastic workers.

Long before the Festival was ever thought of, Christy had made a name for himself by being active in the formation of the East Wall Credit Union. Twenty interested people had attended a course of instructive talks on the basic rules of a Credit Union but it was the practical experience of men like Christy, already a member of his own Industrial Credit Union, that really got things moving. As the movement grew, so did the problems. Again through Christy's untiring work and initiative, East Wall Credit Union proudly opened its own new premises in June 1970, and from a work study group of twenty persons, it can now boast of 1500 members.

It was part of Christy's nature never to rest on his laurels so when the various voluntary groups in the Parish called a meeting a few years ago, with a view to co-ordinating their efforts and working as a united group, Christy was again one of the first to offer his help.

As Vice-Chairman of the First Committee he worked very hard to make the new venture a big success. At the time the Society of St. Vincent de Paul attached to the Parish were very short of funds, so the voluntary groups decided to try their luck in organising a Night Out in the Country Club. Half of the proceeds, after expenses were paid were handed over to the Society.

After the first flush of success, plans were laid to hold a Festival Week in the coming June. Anyone connected with this, knows the work involved, as it was a first time ever event, everything had to start from the bottom and work its way up. Perhaps the Committee were fortunate that about that time the Corporation Environment Department were very generous in their help to organisations such as theirs. By the time the Festival was over Christy Elliott's name was as well



known in the Corporation Office as the City Manager. He spent endless hours making plans, looking for grants, pestering officials if there was any delay.

The first Festival came and went but it was the talking point for many weeks after, especially as it produced an abundance of talent hitherto unknown.

When Jim Quigley who was the chairman moved house, Christy became chairman in his place which position he proudly occupied until his sudden and tragic death.

There may be those who say he tried to do too much, but he never asked his fellow committee members to do anything he would not do himself. In spite of the endless hours Christy spent in working for the Credit Union and the Voluntary Groups, he never neglected his wife and family, they were always his first consideration and contrary to the familiar quotation that the evil men do live after them and the good is often interred in their grave.

The good example Christy set will surely live on, and inspire others to give and not to count the cost save that of knowing that they are helping their fellowmen.

ALICE M. FEENEY P.C.

# East Wall Credit Union Ltd.

## 10th ANNIVERSARY

East Wall Credit Union was established in June 1968. Some members will recall the early days when we operated in the Boy's school and were open for business on only one night per week. At that time we had no permanent premises so all our records, ledgers etc. had to be transported to and from the school and stored in our own homes. The system we used then was more cumbersome than the one we now follow and the book-work was divided between Board members and completed at home. We were slow in dealing with members and fearful about money transactions hence the long lines of people stretching along the school corridors on Friday nights! The change over to decimalisation was another hurdle we had to get over but after some lectures and lessons we finally made it.

The credit union is now an important service in our community. The fact that it is owned by the members, operated by ourselves and located in our community is most important. Over the years a spirit of good neighbourliness, which always existed in East Wall, has been fostered by the credit union. This, of course, is what the credit union is for, namely, to help one's neighbour.

Here a special tribute must be paid to two outstanding founder-members now no longer with us, Tommy Fleming, our first treasurer, and Christy Elliott. We shall always remember their friendship and their zeal and dedication.

We would like to see more people join the credit union and acquire the habit of regular savings.

E.E.C. membership and talk of the farmers' green pound, the rising or falling £ and dollar have made us very much aware of the importance of money in the markets of the world. This percolates through to our own community and it is necessary that we know how to save and how to make our money work for us in the most effective way.

We would like to see more of our young people taking an active part in the work of the credit union.

On this, our 10th birthday, as we look back with pride for what has been achieved and sadness for the loss of our fellow-members, we look forward to the future and the growth of the credit union.

HELEN MURRAY.



The Committee photographed at the opening of the new Blythe Avenue premises.





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# The Runners-in

By Mary Kavanagh

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*Mary Kavanagh, St. Mary's Rd., is a housewife who also fits in time to work on the East Wall Residents' Association, write some articles like this one, and whiz around Dublin in her new car!*

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It is only at Festival time one realises the great work going on in East Wall/North Strand for the other 51 weeks of the year. What a success it has been for the last three years—and it seems to improve each year.

The first year I'll never forget our house. It was chaotic—everyone in the family were participating in something or other and it was like your first trip to Butlins, you didn't know where to go first. I was so afraid I'd miss anything, if the chipper wasn't there we'd surely have died of malnutrition the first few days.

The house went to rack and ruin, it took me about two weeks to set it right again. But it was worth it. I think the best part of each Festival year is the great atmosphere for that week at least. There's no meanness of smile's and hello's, a great pity it doesn't continue throughout the rest of the year.

What we so easily forget, however, is the organisational work behind our week of enjoyment. We forget about the people who work hard during their spare time to make it all possible; Who are these people? And what gives them their sense of commitment to the community?

If you've lived in East Wall/North Strand all your life, you're familiar with the expression "he's only a runner in", it seems to imply that he or she will never be a true East Waller and yet if you examine all the groups doing marvellous work, by devoting their precious spare time, to the care of old folks, tot's and teen's in East Wall/North Strand, 85% of them are so called Runners-In. To my mind they are true East Wallers, because they complimented us by choosing to live here and making East Wall a better place to live in.

## HAVING A GOOD TIME

Not so many moons ago, in the pre association days, people didn't seem to need "big brother" (or should that be "big person" in this Libbers Age) to organise their free time. Looking back, now, on those long-gone days of our youth and later, one wonders if there is such a crying need for social committees.

The advent of the residents' association brought the inevitable social committee to organise the equally inevitable, and annual dinner dance. So successful was the initial and subsequent ventures that the committee became indispensable – or so we on the committee think anyhow. Outings for the general membership – day tours to scenic spots, and cabaret cavorting for our swinging jet-set ladies soon followed.

Nor are our senior citizens' or budding babes' forgotten. A Christmas get-together for the former enable them to renew old friendships and re-dream old dreams' which is not possible for all during the year. The Halloween party for children is a much looked forward to event. There is no truth in the rumour that the Senior Citizens' are going to the next Halloween "do".

MARGARET O'MEARA  
Chairman  
North Strand Social Committee  
10 Lr. Northbrook Avenue



## TICKETS FOR ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS IN FESTIVAL WEEK.

Watch out for the Caravan selling Tickets for the Star Studded Concert, the Talent Contest, Gala Night, Local Variety Concerts, and Disco.

The Caravan will be parked on alternate days on Church Road, East Wall, or by the Fire Brigade Station, North Strand.

## EAST WALL

# LADIES' GUILD

Agreed we may not all look like teenagers but who cares. Having celebrated our Clubs 12th Birthday we look forward to our teen years. From a very small beginning we have grown considerably over the years and have the distinction of being among the earlier members of the Federation of Womens Clubs.

We have a very active Club, and our ladies have participated in many competitions, i.e. Drama, Make & Model, Debating, Floral, Cookery and last

but not least Choral. We have a dedicated choir which has to its credit trophies and numerous certificates. The weekly Old Tyme dancing is much enjoyed and plaques adorn many a side board in the Parish

At present our very talented Variety Group are rehearsing madly for their forth coming show which is one of the highlights of our Festival Week. The costumes are also being made by club members.

On a more serious note, about 10 years ago a group of our ladies founded a Senior Citizens Club which is still "Going Strong" giving our Old Folk a social afternoon each week, with parties and outings during the year.

One can depend at all times, on the never failing generosity of each member of our Club, organisations and charities have benefited by it. We are very honoured to have as our Chaplin Rev. Fr. J. Kavanagh, S.J. who I am sure needs no introduction to you, and it is good to have the ear of someone with influence in High Places.

As a member of a Club or Group more opportunities arise for meeting people socially and culturally and communication with friends and neighbours makes any Parish a happier place to live in and that can't be bad in this day and age.

HANNAH CARBERY, P.R.O.  
East Wall Ladies Guild.



# OLD TIMES IN EAST WALL

*An article based on the reminiscences of the members of the East Wall Senior Citizens Club.*

## THE NEWCOMERS

Today East Wall is considered part of the city, but back in the early 1930's, when the Corporation scheme started, East Wall was considered part of the countryside.

Up to then the Dublin working class people lived in tenement buildings in the city centre, with families of up to ten children living in one room. When areas like the bottom of Pearse Street were being cleared for the building of Corporation flats, the families were moved to the newly built East Wall Estate.

The scheme started in 1932 with Russell Avenue, and continued to grow up till 1935. It is hard to imagine now how it felt to move from a one room tenement building to an entire house with two bedrooms, a living room, a kitchen, your own toilet, and your gardens front and rear — it must have seemed like moving into a palace!

There was already, of course, a community in East Wall before the building of the Corporation scheme. The houses around St. Barnaba's Gardens and Strangford Gardens, for example, were built by a ship building company for their employees.

There were some very good shops on Church Road — around where the old folks flats are now being built. Shops like the 'K.M.', Harrison's Bakery and the Hibernian Dairy.

There was also, of course, the Johnny Cullen Dairy at the foot of the hill which is now named after him.

## Staying alive on £2.10.0

Getting money to stay alive was always the main problem. One woman said "I'd have broke the bank at Monte Carlo", but the average amount of money any family saw from week to week was around two pounds and ten shillings to three pounds. One man remembered his wages as being exactly £2.13.11 per week.

At that time the rent for a kitchen house was 7/6 per week, and 10/- per week for a parlour

house. The rest of the money went to feed and clothe families that averaged six to ten in size.

The man was the money earner, and the troubled times always worked against him. It was hard enough to get a job, and there was no Unemployment Assistance until around 1937. The rate then for an unemployed man was 15/- for himself, 5/- for a wife, and one shilling extra for each child.

But "when his stamps was finished, he was finished", for then he went around to a place in Chatam Row where he received food vouchers. One woman gave as an example — her husband, herself, and six children meritted 18/- per week in food vouchers to get by.

In the early thirties State help simply didn't exist. In the late Thirties Unemployment Assistance started. It wasn't until around 1945 that Children's Allowance started, and then it was only 2/6 per month for each child after the first.

There were no state doctors or nurses, the people had to care for their own health. Those were obviously very hard times to live through.

## The Few who Helped

Mrs. Fleming — a member of the Old Folk's Club — is still praised for the help she gave to expectant mothers in the area. There were also two nurses in the area who acted as midwives.

The most famous was Nurse Doyle who "brought home most of East Wall" Nurse Doyle lived on Caledon Road, she was the first nurse in the area, and she remained actively working into her seventies.

The other nurse was Nurse Lacey, who lived in North Court Cottages, a group of houses which once stood around where the back of the Church is now at St. Mary's Road. She later got a corporation house on Church Road.

Sister Vincent, from William St. Convent, set up a food centre on Church Road. One woman can remember the children being sent down with tins rather like billy cans to be filled with potatoes, or stew, or rice — with "a penn'worth of custard" to add flavour to the rice.

Incidentally, a favourite treat at the time was sixpence worth of broken cakes from Harrisons.

After the war food was very scarce, and the Old Folks remembered a fascinating story about a great gesture by the Nugent family. These people killed off their herd of cattle and gave out a weekly supply of meat to the East Wallers to help them through that specially rough time.

#### Some East Wall "Characters"

Although one woman said "we were all characters" there were some particularly unusual people connected with East Wall back in the old days.

Cocker Daly, for example, was the local swimming instructor. He initiated youngsters to swimming by perching them on his shoulders and bringing them down in the bay off the slips facing the Whaft. And the saying went that "you weren't a good swimmer till you could swim from the slips to the Middle Arch of Fairview Park".

Conker Barry was a man who visited East Wall regularly to pinch the clothes off the lines — to sell or to pawn them. Despite his notoriety, Conker was still fed and supported by the locals.

Josh Bollans was the local headless horseman. The story goes that the unfortunate Mr. Bollans lost all his money (probably through gambling) and he hung himself from an arch that once existed at the St. Mary's end of West Road.

Fluter Good was another regular visitor to the East Wall. He was employed by the Nugents, the horse trainers, to rebuild the heaped up piles of hay used as jumps for training young horses. Fluter earned fame later by becoming a character in a Sean O'Casey play "The Plough and the Stars".

There was no bus service from East Wall into the city, which meant that a woman wishing to visit relatives in the city had to troop all her children while pushing her pram before her. It seems, however, that one man ran a bus service of sorts. He charged twopence halpenny for the trip over Johnny Cullen Hill, up Seville Terrace, and along Amiens Street. He couldn't have been much more reliable than CIE, however, because "when he had enough made he'd go off into the Wharf and have a few pints".

#### Some Famous East Wallers of the time.

A family remembered with great fondness by all East Wallers was the Nugent family. They lived in the house which is now used by McKeon's on Church Road, and they owned fields spreading down along where Wiggins Teape and Collens now stand, and where Cahill Printers stand on the other side.

The Nugents were well known horse trainers of the day, and you'll have read in earlier parts of this article how they played their part in the community.

Mrs. Tyrell, a member of the club, told the very interesting story of how her son Seamus 'Tich' Tyrell started his career as a jockey.

At the age of eleven, Tich worked for Johnny Cullen, delivering milk out to Brackenstown. Tich told Johnny that he would love to become a jockey, so Mr. Cullen introduced him to Paddy Usher, a horse trainer out in Brackenstown.

After only a year of apprenticeship he was riding in public, and in the early Forties Tich was Ireland's top jockey.

Tich is now a very successful horse trainer living in Madras, south of India, and Mrs. Tyrell's grandson is maintaining the family tradition at the moment having started a career down at the Curragh as jockey for an American horse trainer named O'Brien.

#### East Wall Takes Shape

When the Corporation estate first opened, the children were schooled either at St. Laurence O'Toole's or an old school which stands where the new infants school now stands near the Wharf. In 1939, however, East Wall gained its own school when St. Joseph's was opened on St. Mary's Road.

In the Forties it was felt that the old St. Joseph's Church (which is now a furniture factory) had seen its day. In 1946, Clare Carberry and Marie Desmond launched a church building fund with a sale of work which earned an amazing £1,000. The locals then started paying in their penny or twopence per week, and in 1955 the new church was built.

Old times in East Wall were obviously hard times, and the people made the best they could of them. Certainly, a wealth of heritage has blossomed in the forty years plus since East Wall started to fill up with newcomers from the city tenements. All the old folks of East Wall have a great deal to be proud of in the way they raised their families and shaped their community.





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# East Wall's Punster at his best!

Kit 'Nero' Byrne, Caledon Road, adds a regular spark of humour to the Festival Magazine pages. This year's contributions from him are surely his best to date. You'll find more of his madness on other pages throughout the magazine.

- Is a believer in reincarnation who is in bad health a shadow of his former self?  
Do architects use slide rules when they design ice rinks?  
Has the word "Claddagh" a familiar ring?  
Is it true that in cold weather painters use two coats?  
To operate on a spy would the surgeon require inside information?  
When Queen Victoria ruled did the reign stop play?  
Is a pinched face a stolen glance or just an expression?  
Is it true that people go to certain pubs just to drink in the atmosphere?  
Have we waived our claim to the sea around Rockall since England claimed our wave?  
Is it true that some shipyards are in trouble due to falling sails?  
Is it true that due to economic difficulties flag makers have their employees at half staff?  
Is it true that calls to have the World Cup played in the Andes have reached a high pitch?  
Will the Isle of Man benefit from oil discoveries or will it have to go on Shanks Mare for Manx share?  
Are applicants to a marriage bureau kept in a single file?  
Was Tom Thumb the lowest paid entertainer in the world?  
When weathermen apply for a wage increase are all demands Met?  
If a sailor gets sick on voyage is his money docked on reaching port?  
If a newspaper editor's appendix was removed would it affect his circulation?  
Have people shed inhibitions when they refer to a hut as an outhouse?  
Should those who demand free transport to work be taken to task?  
Is it true that in nudist camps people barely speak to each other?  
When Swan Lake has an overflow audience do the dancers use pumps?  
When bus conductors retire do they get a special award for all the people they'd helped down through the years?  
Is it true that whenever the fire needed coal his mother shouted "Alexander the grate"?  
Is the eye and ear hospital built on what was once a site for sore eyes?  
With plastic bottles taking the place of glass have we finally reached the point of no return?  
When Johnny Cash played in San Quentin was he clapped behind bars?  
Was that wonder of the world the Colossus of Rhodes, a juggernaut lorry?  
In the wild west did cattle stampedes cause hunger when the food ran out?  
Was the word hansom dropped because it became hackneyed?  
If our Daz washing an Ariel spilled some soap powder and got dirty Lux would that Deter gents or should they say "Not on your Lifebuoy"?  
Would a busy artist leave his tea to draw?  
Is it true there are plaices like Fishguard and Cape Cod where they won't handle fish fingers for the sole reason they can't make a fist of them?  
Is it true the latest dope from Hollywood on a new drug addiction film is that an aspirin actress is needed to play the heroin?  
When investigationg crockery thefts do the police use mun shots?
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## STAMP COLLECTING

By Eddie Fitzpatrick



*Eddie Fitzpatrick, Ravensdale Road, is an avid stamp collector who has pursued this hobby since he was a young lad—which means he was probably around when Queen Victoria started the whole craze!*

In England the General Letter Office (forerunner of the present General Post Office) was established in 1660 during the reign of Charles II. Much of the mail was carried by Post Boys, some of whom walked while others rode on horseback. Later, in the eighteenth century, the mail was carried by coach.

In those days before postage stamps, a letter was put in an envelope (a pre-stamp cover) which was addressed and possibly sealed with sealing wax. When the letter was delivered, the person to whom it was addressed had to pay a delivery charge based, amongst other things, on the distance it had to be carried. He could, in fact, refuse to pay the charge, and there would have been nothing anyone could do about it. Until 1840 this system was used in most parts of the world, although various attempts were made to improve it by pre-payment of the delivery charge.

On May 6th 1840 adhesive stamps for the pre-payment of postage were on sale for the first time in England, and in fact for the first time in the world. This idea was developed by Sir Rowland Hill and was the start of postage stamps as we know them. The first stamp—the Penny Black—was a black stamp with a portrait of Queen Victoria, and with the words 'Postage' and 'One Penny' and various check letters on the bottom corners. Other countries soon began to introduce their own postage stamps; Brazil and Switzerland 1843, U.S.A. 1847, Belgium, France and Bavaria 1849. All early stamps were modelled on the coins of the countries issuing them; that is to say, they showed either the head of the sovereign or the arms of the country. It was not long before most countries conceived the idea of illustrating various other things on them such as views of their countries, famous men, sporting events etc . . .

With this hobby very little equipment is really essential, particularly for the general collector in the early stages.

However you will need an album in which to stick your stamps. To start your collection it is best to get an album covering the whole world, and in which the countries are arranged alphabetically. You must stick your stamps in the album with stamp hinges. Other useful aids, an Atlas to see where the countries are, a pair of tweezers, and a magnifying glass. From your local library you can borrow stamp catalogues and books on the subject.

Having obtained your equipment you will be wondering how to obtain stamps. You can go to your local dealer or the big city shops. One of the best ways of starting is to buy the largest assorted packet you can afford, later you can buy packets or sets from single countries. Also, don't forget that at school your friends will want to exchange their duplicates for yours.



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# WOW! What a week

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**CHIPS**



**SANDIE JONES**

## ENTERTAINMENT

### **VARIETY CONCERT**

On Thursday, 29th June, at the Strand, there will be a great Variety Concert starring the fabulous Chips — Ireland's answer to ABBA. Also featuring will be the very popular Sandie Jones, singer and comedian Tony Malone, and Tommy Carey, who specialises in singing Gene Pitney songs. The show is compered by Bud Kennedy.

### **TALENT COMPETITION**

The Talent Competition has always been a very popular event—so much so that the British Rail has been packed to capacity and people have been turned away.

This year, the committee has been lucky in acquiring the use of the All Ireland Club, North Great Georges St., which has recently been extended to hold 400 people.

As an extra attraction this year, a Glamorous Grandmother Competition will be held during the night.

### **LADIES' CLUBS SHOWS**

Both the North Strand and East Wall Ladies' Clubs are working on their shows to be presented in St. Joseph's School Hall. East Wall Ladies take the floor on Monday night, and Friday is the North Strand's turn.

### **ANNUAL FESTIVAL DANCE**

This year it's back to the Clare Manor Hotel for the closing event of Festival Week. It should be a very enjoyable end to a hectic and fun-packed week.

## FESTIVAL WEEK HIGHLIGHTS

Please take notice of the coming of the ever popular SOAP BOX DERBY! This event takes place at Johnny Cullen Hill on Sunday 2nd July, and this year, on top of the winning prize, there's also a prize for the best designed cart — so get busy with the hammers and saws!

The race around the houses on June 25th will be the first sports event of the week. Other sports events throughout the week will include the Basketball Tournament, organised by St. Joseph's Basketball Club and taking place in the St. Mary's Youth Club. There's also the Karate Club's competition and demonstration at St. Joseph's School Hall.

There will be some big matches to watch for, too. St. Joseph's Senior Gaelic Club, the local team, will play the Inisfaels Club. Two other great matches will be the East Wall United v League of Ireland Selection match on Wednesday, and the Wharf United v North Strand Athletic match on July 2nd.

On a lighter note, there's the Family Sports Day on Sunday which will include sack races and all other kinds of family madness.

Don't forget also the Children's Fancy Dress Competition, which will be followed by the hilarious Pram Derby.

Other popular events will be the Question Time and Debate in St. Joseph's School Hall, which will also include a quiz for youngsters. On Friday night there'll be the Ladies' and Gents' Darts Final in the British Rail Club, plus, for the first year, the Ladies Pool Competition.

**SUNDAY 25th JUNE 1978**

- 10.30 a.m. Folk Mass (Sung by St. Mary's Youth Club).
- 11.30 a.m. Mass - Fr. Kavanagh's Choir.
- 2.00 p.m. Platform - Ecumenical Service.  
Official Opening by Mr. Michael Collins  
Right Hon. Lord Mayor of Dublin.  
Parade around East Wall/North Strand.
- 5.45 p.m. Race-around-the-houses. Boys and Girls under 12, 15 and 18 years.  
Sponsored by East Wall Credit Union.
- 7.00 p.m. Official opening of Art Exhibition at St. Joseph's School, St. Mary's Road.  
By invitation only.
- 7.30 p.m. Entertainment on Platform.
- 8.00 p.m. Variety Concert - Main Hall, St. Joseph's Boys School.

**MONDAY 26th JUNE 1978 Exhibition Continues**

- 7.00 p.m. Boys soccer 5-a-side under 9 and 12 years. Play Centre.
- 7.00 p.m. Boys soccer 5-a-side under 16 years. Fairview Park.
- 7.00 p.m. Mens soccer 5-a-side under 23 years Fairview Park.
- 7.00 p.m. Boys soccer 5-a-side under 19 years. Fairview Park.
- 7.00 p.m. Girls soccer 5-a-side under 16 and 18 years. Strangford Road.
- 7.00 p.m. Single ladies (over 18 years) soccer 5-a-side. Fairview Park.
- 7.00 p.m. Married ladies 5-a-side soccer. Fairview Park.
- 7.30 p.m. Final Junior Quiz - Boy's School.  
Sponsored by St. Mary's Youth Club.
- 8.00 p.m. Arts and Crafts Exhibition.
- 8.00 p.m. Mens Darts - Semi Final. British Rail Club.
- 8.00 p.m. Adults Draughts Competition. Wharf Tavern.
- 8.00 p.m. Concert - East Wall Ladies Club. Main Hall, Boys School.
- 8.30 p.m. Final Senior Quiz - Boys School.  
Sponsored by East Wall Sports Club.

**TUESDAY 26th JUNE Exhibition Continues**

- 7.00 p.m. Gaelic Football:-  
Under 11 years: East Wall v Nth. Strand  
Under 19 years: East Wall v North Strand (Jim Quigley Trophy).
- 7.00 p.m. Boys soccer 5-a-side under 9 and 12 years. (Play Centre).
- 7.00 p.m. Boys soccer 5-a-side under 16 years. Fairview Park.
- 7.00 p.m. Boys soccer 5-a-side under 19 years. Fairview Park.
- 7.00 p.m. Mens soccer 5-a-side under 23 years Fairview Park.
- 7.00 p.m. Girls soccer 5-a-side under 16 and 18 years. Strangford Road.
- 7.00 p.m. Single ladies over 18 years soccer 5-a-side. Fairview Park.

- 7.00 p.m. Married ladies soccer 5-a-side. Fairview Park.
- 7.00 p.m. Volleyball: 15th Dublin CBSI East Wall Venturers v Navan Road CBSI in St. Joseph's School Yard.
- 7.30 p.m. Entertainment on Platform - East Wall.
- 8.00 p.m. Swimming Gala - New Pool, Sean McDermott Street.  
Sponsored by Nth. Strand Furniture Co
- 8.00 p.m. Darts - Semi Finals ladies competition. British Rail Club.
- 8.00 p.m. Adult Draughts Competition, Wharf Tavern.
- 8.00 p.m. Snooker Final: Seaview Club.  
Sponsored by Wharf Tavern Social Club.
- 8.00 p.m. Teenage Dance - 14 to 18 years. Main Hall, Boys' School.
- 8.00 p.m. Senior Citizens Night Out. Clontarf Castle. Sponsored by North Strand/East Wall Rd Residents Association.
- 8.30 p.m. Volleyball: Girls Tournament - East Wall V.C., Lorcan Est. V.C., Elm Mount V.C.  
Sponsored by East Wall Residents Association.
- 8.30 p.m. Entertainment on Platform, Nth. Strand

**WEDNESDAY 28th JUNE Exhibition Continues**

- 6.00 p.m. Table Tennis, Main Hall, Boys' School.  
Mens Singles, Ladies Singles, Boys and Girls under 15 years.  
East Wall T.T.C. v E.S.B. T.T.C. (ladies)  
East Wall T.T.C. v Playground Selection (Gents).  
East Wall T.T.C. v Playground Selection. (Girls under 15 years).  
East Wall T.T.C. v Playground Selection. (Boys under 15 years).
- 6.30 p.m. Soccer: Under 12 years. East Wall v Nth. Strand.
- 7.00 p.m. Boys soccer 5-a-side under 9 and 12 years. Play Centre.
- 7.00 p.m. Boys soccer 5-a-side under 16 years. Fairview Park.
- 7.00 p.m. Boys soccer 5-a-side under 19 years. Fairview Park.
- 7.00 p.m. Mens soccer 5-a-side under 23 years Fairview Park.
- 7.00 p.m. Girls soccer 5-a-side under 16 and 18 years. Strangford Road.
- 7.00 p.m. Single ladies soccer 5-a-side (over 18 years). Fairview Park.
- 7.00 p.m. Married ladies soccer 5-a-side. Fairview Park.
- 7.30 p.m. Soccer: East Wall United v League of Ireland. Fairview Park. Sponsored by East Wall United.
- 7.30 p.m. Chess Competition. Boys and Girls under 16 years. Boys' School.



- 7.30 p.m. Draughts Competition. Boys and Girls under 16 years. Boys' School.
- 8.00 p.m. Adult Draughts Competition. Wharf Tavern.
- 8.00 p.m. Adult Talent Competition (sponsored by Anthony Madden) and Glamorous Granmother Competition. All Ireland Club, Nth. Great Georges St.

**THURSDAY 29th JUNE Exhibition Continues**

- 4.00 p.m. Soccer Finals: Girls under 14 5-a-side Play Centre. Sponsored by Doody Haverty.
- 4.30 p.m. Tennis Finals: Boys and Girls under 8, 11, 14 years. Play Centre. Sponsored by Doody Haverty Limited.
- 4.30 p.m. Soccer: Final Boys 5-a-side under 7 years. Play Centre. Sponsored by Doody Haverty Limited.
- 7.00 p.m. Athletics. East Wall/City Quay/William St. Fairview Park. Sponsored by Thomas Stafford (Undertakers).
- 7.00 p.m. Gaelic Football. Under 13 years. St. Joseph's v O'Tooles. Fairview Park.
- 7.00 p.m. Adult Draughts Competition Final. Wharf Tavern. Sponsored by Wharf Tavern Social Club.
- 7.00 p.m. Boys soccer 5-a-side under 9 and 12 years. Play Centre.
- 7.00 p.m. Boys soccer 5-a-side under 16 years. Fairview Park.
- 7.00 p.m. Boys soccer 5-a-side under 19 years. Fairview Park.
- 7.00 p.m. Mens soccer 5-a-side under 23 years. Fairview Park.
- 7.00 p.m. Girls soccer 5-a-side under 16 and 18 years. Strangford Road.
- 7.00 p.m. Single Ladies soccer 5-a-side over 18 years. Fairview Park.
- 7.00 p.m. Married Ladies soccer 5-a-side. Fairview Park.
- 7.30 p.m. Pool Tournament Boys under 11 and 14 years. Girls under 14 years. Play Centre - sponsored by Doody Haverty.
- 8.00 p.m. Grand Variety Concert. Strand Cinema. Artists: Chips, Sandie Jones, Tony Malone, Tommy Carey. Compere: Bud Kennedy.
- 8.00 p.m. Bowling: Main Hall. St. Joseph's East Wall v St. Gabriel's Clontarf. Sponsored by Mr. Martin Keane.

**FRIDAY 30th JUNE Exhibition Continues**

- 7.00 p.m. Soccer: Final boys 5-a-side under 9 years. Play Centre. Sponsored by St. Joseph's Bowling Club.
- 7.00 p.m. Soccer: Final boys 5-a-side under 12 years. Play Centre. Sponsored by Smith's, East Wall Road.

- 7.00 p.m. Soccer: Final boys 5-a-side under 16 years. Fairview Park. Sponsored by Seamens Union of Ireland.
- 7.00 p.m. Soccer: Final boys 5-a-side under 19 years. Fairview Park.
- 7.00 p.m. Soccer: Final Mens 5-a-side under 23 years. Fairview Park. Sponsored by Seamens Union of Ireland.
- 7.00 p.m. Soccer: Final girls 5-a-side under 16 years. Fairview Park. Sponsored by Sonny Andrucetti.
- 7.00 p.m. Soccer: Final girls 5-a-side under 18 years. Fairview Park.
- 7.00 p.m. Soccer: Final single ladies over 18 years. Fairview Park.
- 7.00 p.m. Soccer: Final married ladies 5-a-side. Fairview Park. Sponsored by East Wall Ladies Guild.
- 7.45 p.m. Gaelic Football: St. Joseph's East Wall v Innisfall (Fairview Park). Sponsored by O'Keeffes Florist and Grocer.
- 8.00 p.m. Darts' Finals of Mens and Womens Competitions. British Rail Club. Sponsored by Wharf Tavern Social Club.
- 8.00 p.m. Variety Concert. North Strand Ladies Club. Main Hall, Boy's School.

**SATURDAY 1st JULY Exhibition Continues**

- 12.00 p.m. Fishing Competition. Howth
- 1.00 p.m. Girls Basketball Tournament. Strangford Road, Sponsored by East Wall Residents Association.
- 3.00 p.m. Childrens Fancy Dress Parade followed by Pram Derby. (Play Centre).
- 2.00 p.m. Karate Demonstration. Main Hall, Boys' School.
- 2.00 p.m. Camogie: St. Joseph's Girls School Tournament in Fairview Park. Sponsored by Brooks Thomas Ltd.
- 6.30 p.m. Festival Bingo. Main Hall Boys' School
- 9.00 p.m. Final of Debate. Boys School. Sponsored by Mr. Brendan Lynch.

**SUNDAY 2nd JULY**

- 11.00 a.m. Soccer: Wharf United v North Strand Athletic. Fairview Park.
- 11.00 a.m. Soap Box Derby. (Johnny Cullen's Hill) Sponsored by Alexandra Ladies Guild.
- 2.00 p.m. Family Sports Day. Fairview Park. Novelty Races. Sack Races. Tug-o-War. etc. etc. etc. Sponsored by William Cusack. (Wharf Tavern).
- 8.00 p.m. Festival Dance. Clare Manor Hotel.

**PROTESTS AGAINST COMPETITORS**

**i.e. Over Age Players or players drawn from outside the Community.**

Any protests about such people must be made in writing immediately after the match. If such a protest is found to be legitamate, the offending team will be disqualified.

**NORTH STRAND/EAST WALL ROAD  
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

The North Strand/East Wall Road Residents Association formed approximately four years ago, indirectly, as a result of an environmental problem affecting the area which arose around about that time.

Following a number of ad hoc meetings among the residents it was decided that an advantage would be gained from forming an Association, in that it would lend extra weight to our protests, not only in the existing problem, but also on future problems which might occur. The boundaries were set out as follows:—

From the Embankment of the Great Northern Railway, to the North Strand Road and from the Ossory Road to the East Wall Road, taking in all the Avenues and Terraces within the block.

Since its inauguration the Association has gone from strength to strength. Sub committees have been established, catering for the social needs of the membership as a whole.

In this our third year of participation in the

coming East Wall Festival, it is expected that a greater number of our members will take part in the events which are sufficient and varied enough to accomodate all tastes. What better tribute to pay one who is now, no longer with us, yet whose name has become, to us, synonymous with the Annual Festival of East Wall. We refer, of course to the late Mr. Christy Elliott without whose efforts there would be a great deal less going, for all of us here in East Wall and the North Strand.

We the people of this area, welcome the annual event, it brings the place alive with colour and excitement. Everyone seems that bit more friendly and co-operative. The youngsters talk of nothing else but the football league. The senior citizens, those confined to their homes through illness or whatever, somehow manage to line the footpaths to watch the opening parade and to attend any of the events laid on, especially for them. That we might not see them for a further twelve months is a question which has not really been looked into. The in between age groups usually join in the work of preparing, stewarding and other little duties, necessary to the smooth running of the week. The steam accumulated, during the seven days is let off with gusto at the dance on the following Sunday. All in all a most appropriate ending to a most enjoyable week.

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# East Wall's

## BUDDING YOUNG POET



### LIFE

Life is beautiful and yet it's free,  
With lots of lovely sights to see,  
Lots of things for us to do,  
Which God put here for me and you.

God made creatures big and small,  
Beautiful they are all,  
But no matter — big or small,  
Our Lord made them all.

Life cannot be bought or sold,  
It's more valuable than it's weight in gold,  
Why it's such a valuable thing,  
It's given by God the King.

Brighten life up and give a smile,  
Cheer somebody special,  
You'll find it's all worthwhile.

GEORGE ROCK.

### MEMORIES

Memories come, memories fade,  
As quick as seconds go by,  
Some bring sadness, some bring tragedy,  
Some bring delight and joy.

Some bring old historic things,  
Things of long ago,  
Some bring back your childhood,  
Which gives us joy to and fro,

Some bring back scenes of nature,  
Of open fields and trees,  
But all of these end up  
Fading memories.

GEORGE ROCK.

Any talented young lad deserves plenty of encouragement. George Rock, Fairfield Avenue, is only 14, and is already writing some marvellous poems. He's also a keen and active member of the local Boy Scouts Unit, having come third in the East Wall Unit's Scout of the Year contest. Next thing you know he'll be editing the Festival Magazine!!

MAC'S MARKET

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(Proprietor: P. Mac Neela)

Grocer — Newsagent — Cooked meats  
— fresh vegetables — pork and ham

*wish the East Wall Festival  
every success*

# WORKING for OUR YOUTH

## Introduction

Most people in East Wall are proud of the efforts made by local people to provide recreational activities for the children and young people. There's the Youth Club, Sports Club, Wharf Tavern Social Club, Bowling, Karate, etc. etc. Nevertheless the summer months as we all know present a particular problem with so many children foot-loose on the streets. It is the concern of our entire community that our holiday children should be provided with adequate play-activities.

Some steps have been taken by one group in East Wall (St. Mary's Youth Club) to deal with that problem. The Youth Club has joined with other centre-city community and youth organisations in an attempt to provide not only home-based sports, outings, etc. but also holidays away from home at Kilnacrott Abbey, Co. Cavan. The main groups involved are K.A.P., The Holiday Centre Committee and the Sports Committee of the North Central Community Council (N.C.C.C.).

## CARAVAN HOLIDAYS

Briefly, the holiday project involved the renovation of an unused Secondary School at Kilnacrott Abbey, Ballyjamesduff for use by centre-city children, not just for holidays but also for training courses etc. Four Tenants Associations and 3 Youth Clubs joined forces to provide the necessary manpower. Dublin Corporation supplied finance for materials. For more than a year now many centre-city people have spent voluntary working-weekends there. Children, teenagers and adults from East Wall have visited the Cavan centre and indeed have played a major part in the voluntary reconstruction work under the able guidance of the project manager, Pat Carthy. Some East Wall teenagers, Maureen Power, Pauline Shelley, John O'Brien along with others from centre-city areas were employed there for several months under a grant aided scheme from the Dept. of Education.

Training has also been a feature of the Kilnacrott centre. Already 4 teenagers from East Wall have completed a training course in youth leadership over a number of weekends. Such courses will be vital if our own Youth Centre at Strangford Rd. is to be a success.

This coming summer some sixty children from East Wall will spend a holiday in this ideally located centre close to the shores of Lough Sheelin. The emphasis will be on sending children who would not otherwise get a holiday away from the city. This has been made possible by the **voluntary**

**organised action** of people from all areas of the north centre-city.

## SUMMER PROJECT

The home based activities will, it is hoped, be very wide-ranging in content. There will be soccer leagues; swimming galas; athletics; trips to the sea-side; cinema; circus; mountaineering; educational visits; trips to Butlins etc. The highlight of the Summer Project should be the Centre-City Community Week: July 23rd – July 30th. Participating in the week's events will be finalists from East Wall, Nth. Wall, Ballybough and the central Lourdes Parish Area. It is hoped that the week will form the basis for a Mini Community Games in the future. Dublin Corporation has provided a grant to the N.C.C.C. to employ local people to help co-ordinate the activities but the success of the project will depend on the willingness of people to help organise the events voluntarily.

## UNEMPLOYMENT

This is not to say that by providing recreational activities we will solve all the problems of our young people – far from it! The main problems will remain. Take the scandal of unemployment for example, particularly for young people leaving school. The extent of the unemployment problem among our young people was brought home to us late last year when under the Dept. of Education



Youth Employment Scheme, St. Mary's employed 10 local teenagers to work on the Youth Centre. These same young people along with others, whom we could not employ, are now back on the dole queues. We all know that its our responsibility: its not enough to blame the failure of our politicians. We as a community can, and must, play our part. A beginning has been made by the temporary employment schemes mentioned. More could be done by an organised efficient group of people.

### VANDALISM

Is it not significant that the problem of vandalism is increasing step by step alongside youth-unemployment? Surely this fact alone points to the very serious problems facing our young people today. The frightening thing is that these problems appear to be getting even worse. We must take positive steps to deal effectively with them.

### EDUCATION

Most important also is the whole question of education. How many of us look back and wish we had a better opportunity to get a more complete education? Yet even today many of our children do not go to secondary school. How many get their Leaving Cert? A mere handful of young people from East Wall have gone to University. So lets face it: even if there was lots of work, our

kids would not be in the running for the better jobs. Do we really want our children to settle for any kind of job regardless of prospects, pay and conditions. Of course not, so we must make sure that they get the same educational opportunities as children from other areas. Education is much important to settle for second best.

How can You Play Your Part? During the summer months you can help organise the Children's games, outings, etc. Without your voluntary assistance the summer project cannot be a success. Also, if you would like to discuss the whole question of education and/or unemployment in the area with a view to forming action-committees then you only have to contact the authors below.

Once the committees are formed then it would be a matter of establishing the problems: a simple process of getting the facts together by surveys. Without these clear-cut statistics very little could be done; with them? well, that will depend on the committees and on our whole community. And that means YOU.

We look forward to your views.

MAUREEN O'SULLIVAN  
(St. Mary's Youth Club)

TONY GREGORY  
(Sec. North Central Community Council)

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# Scouting IN EAST WALL



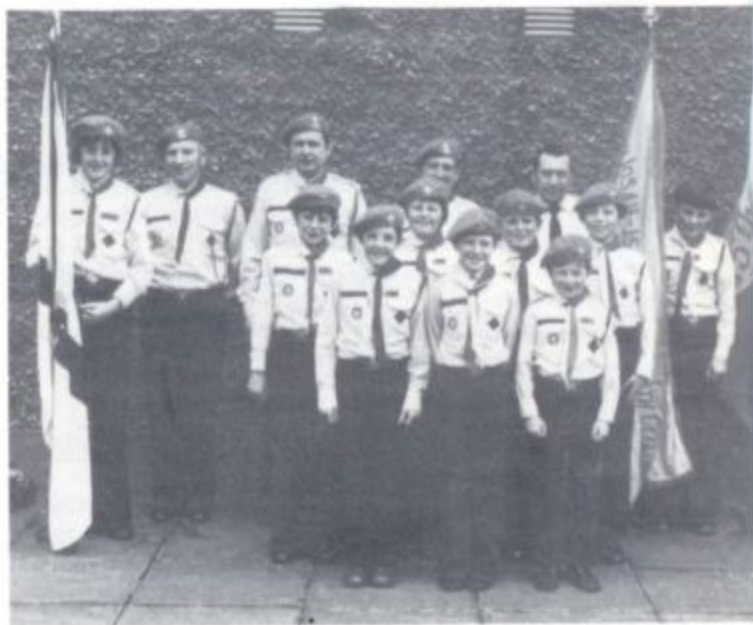
East Wall Scout Unit at Jamborora '77.

After many months of hard work, 1972 saw the return of scouting to East Wall Parish. The people responsible were Una Clark, Joe Harwood, and Liam Blood—encouraged by the help of Fr. McGillicuddy. The unit received its charter from National Headquarters in March 1973, and the 15th Dublin were in operation.

In the short time of its existence the unit has earned itself a good name for co-operation and participation at local, Regional and National level. The unit, starting in 1972 with sixteen boys, now numbers over 100 members. There are also eight adult leaders, six of whom have undertaken training in leadership, there is also a hardworking dedicated unit committee of twenty people, and also our very many friends and supporters in the Parish. On the scouting Trail the unit celebrated CBSI's Golden Jubilee by attending Jamborora with 9,000 other Scouts from all over the world, a very enjoyable 14 day's in the open air—we were pleased to be joined on Jamborora by our chaplain Rev. Fr. Malone. Our boys have camped in Limerick, Cork, Waterford and this year travel to Roscommon to the beautiful Lough Key Area. Our Cub Scouts have been to Clongowes Wood, Larch Hill and this year head for Clara in Co. Offaly. Our cub scouts had the distinction of winning the Regional Shield competition at only their second attempt. In 1978 our scout troop were fourth in the scout shield competition, this was an outstanding achievement for such a young unit, 1977 saw the unit granted our own premises, the former food centre on St. Mary's Rd. The premises were badly damaged by vandals—we are now in the process of restoring the premises—any help from local people with building skills would be appreciated. Scouting is in

its infancy in East Wall but we are growing fast. The help and encouragement from the community is a great boost to us, scouting is both fun and builds character, gets boys interested in Nature and the great outdoors.

If anyone in our Parish has free time and are over eighteen years of age Male or Female, come along and talk to us. Scout and Cub leaders are needed in our Parish and also elsewhere in our Region. We look forward to East Wall Festival and to our soap box derby—see you all there.



The '78 Graduation Group of Cubs to Scouts.



# KIT "NERO" BYRNE

## A SONG BY ANY OTHER NAME

Begin the bedouin.  
I wonder who's hissing her now.  
My love is like a red, red, nose.  
Shrimp boats are a humming.  
When I take my lugger to sea.  
I've thrown some custard in her face.  
Don't fry for me, I've eczema.  
In my sweet little Alice threw down.  
Tara's ore booms today.  
Land of Lib-Lab Tory.  
Oil sea phew again.  
I'm wringing in the Seine.  
The Dubs with no fear.  
Whale meat again.

## LIMERICKS

There was a young girl from Tralee,  
Who sat by mistake on a bee,  
Her lad yelled out "Honey",  
She snapped "Don't be funny",  
"Just help me get down from this tree".

In the County Cork town of Blackpool  
Lived a henpecked man named O'Toole,  
Who once half in dread  
Closed his wife's mouth with thread,  
Great value for fivepence a spool.

## ODE TO A STOLEN BELL

I locked me bike outside the Pro.,  
Went in to say a prayer,  
But some noble person stole me bell,  
While I was kneeling there,  
A pity, you say, or else, so what?  
Or maybe cry "Big Deal"  
But tho' its just a bell to you  
To me it had a peal.

KIT 'NERO' BYRNE



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## PUNK~THE FAKE SHAKE-UP

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The Fifties brought Rock 'n' Roll and The Pelvis, the Sixties brought Beatlemania and Flower Power, the Seventies brought the Bay City Rollers and the Osmonds. But wait. Something's gone wrong. Who's shocking the Establishment? Finally, the answer for our decade has come in the form of those redoubtable anti-heroes—the Punk Rockers.

It had to happen, they say, the whole Pop scene was getting beyond the reach of the ordinary kid in the street and was drifting up into the clouds with multi-millionaires Rod, Elton, and Paul. Angry young kids in the Seventies can't find expression through the widely acceptable music of the Superstars.

But the main flaw in Punk Rock lies in the source of its momentum—it's not a musical progression, it's a musical reaction. Having had a bellyful of glistening white teeth, sparkling suits, and sophisticated presentation—the reactionaries dress to disgust, look like they ran out on the barber half way through the haircut, and slaughter

the ear drums by screaming their guts out while they strangle their electric guitars.

But how long can an explosion last? The dust has to settle some time—then what?

The answer is becoming clear already—the fad faded as quickly as Garry's glitter, and now the punk groups have three ways to go: Stay true punk, and, like old fishermen, never die but only smell that way, OR tidy themselves up (like our Boomtown Rats) and surrender to the embrace of that great Big Momma 'The Pop Scene', OR, like Graham Parker and the Rumour, and the Tom Robinson Band, emphasise more on musical relevance—using instead of abusing modern studio and audio equipment—to bring about a musical progression.

What's it gonna be? Frankly, I don't care. I'm sticking to Paul Simon, 10cc, Mike Oldfield and (the sound you just heard was Johnny Rotten shooting himself with his Sex Pistol) the Bee Gees.



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## McCARTNEY MUZAK

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When you look back now on the lyrics of the Beatles' early music, it's incredible how simplistic they all were; 'Love, love me do, you know I love you. Won't you please, please, love me do'. Lennon and McCartney had always written songs separately as well as jointly—though both their names were credited to every song. In the late Sixties the musical aims of the two grew wider until, as John Lennon said of the double White Album, there were four separate people backing each other to present their different styles.

Lennon's 'I am the Walrus' type of musical surrealism rubbed off on McCartney, enabling him to produce songs like 'Eleanor Rigby', and now, years after the split-up, we can see how Paul needed John's help to save him from melting into a puddle of syrup. McCartney's strength always lay in his melodies—not in his lyrics. Lennon would have gone through the roof if Paul had tried to have the Beatles do 'Mull of Kintyre'. McCartney's

current single has some incredible bland lines: 'The Willow turns it's back on inclement weather, and if he can do it, we can do it, with a little luck . . .'

After the split-up, Paul took an awful lot of flak for his music. His first single, 'Another Day', was extremely good—same calibre as 'Eleanor Rigby'—but the recording company sued him, claiming the sales of the record should have been higher. 'Give Ireland back to the Irish' and 'Hi, Hi, Hi.' were both banned. He slumped again on the first Wings album. Things were tough!

Having run this gauntlet, Paul emerged a subdued songwriter. All his albums since have shown a shrinking ability for lyrical quality, and now he's down to sugar candy catch-phrases tacked on to great melodies.

Like John Lennon wrote in 'How do you sleep?', his song about Paul: 'A pretty face may last a year or two, but pretty soon they'll see what you can do.'



# Pop Star

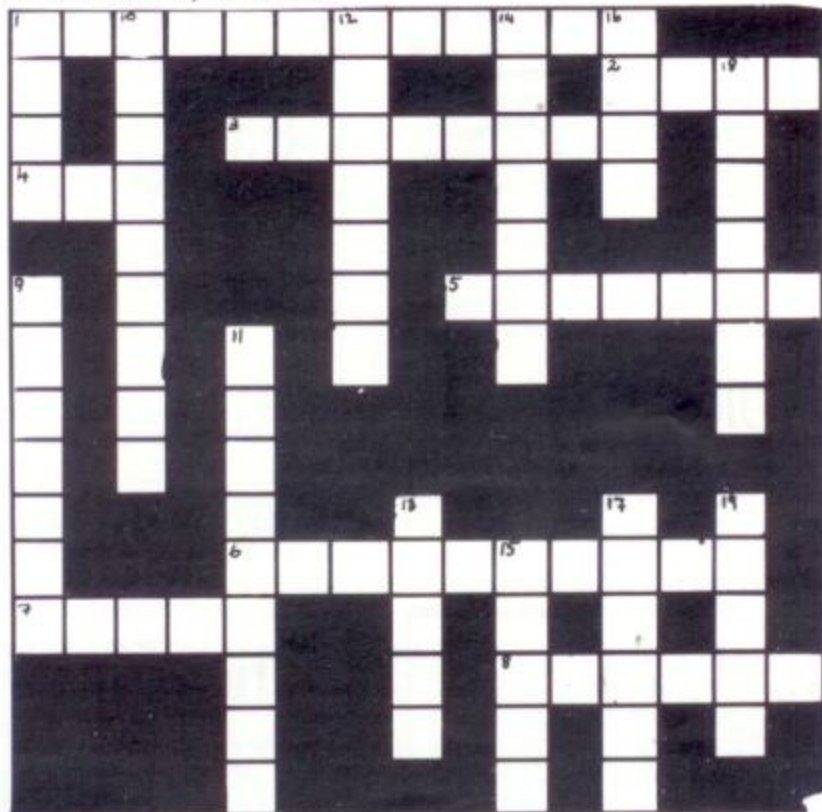
## Crossword Competition

All this Pop Section was written by the Editor.

A £4 Record Token Prize will be won by the first three correctly completed crosswords drawn from a bag.

Send entries to Martin Duffy, 65 Ravensdale Road, East Wall, Dublin 3.

Closing date is Thursday 29th June. The results plus correct answers, will be displayed in local shops on Sunday 2nd July.



### ACROSS

1. They spread seven million rumours (9,3)
2. The Supergroup (4)
3. The Welsh Singer who left the Green Grass of Home for Las Vegas (3,5)
4. The ESB Workers Band? (3)
5. The Original Fab Four (7)
6. The Man who fell to earth (5,5)
7. We called him the King (5)
8. American Rock Ballad Singing Birds (6)

### DOWN

1. They had a hit twice with 'Alright Now', and are now called 'Bad Company' (4)
10. He's famous for zany hats and glasses and great songs (5,4)
12. The American family of singing white teeth (7)
14. America's TV made ape version of the Beatles (7)
16. The late Mama who sang on after the split of the Mamas and Papas (4)
18. Three Brothers with Night Fever (3,4)
9. The lady who won't break Elton John's Heart (4,3)
11. The Blond Singing Cop (5,4)
13. Lately this great group are in London Town (5)
15. David Gate's Wholesome Group (5)
17. The famous model of the sixties now turned Pop Singer (6)
19. Frampton's Christian Name (5)

## SWIMMING SECTION

The East Wall Swimming Club which is affiliated to An Comhairle Le Leas Oige (Council for the Welfare of Youth) is rapidly becoming one of the most popular and sought after clubs for Swimming Gala's.

Recently at a Gala organised by An Comhairle for all Youth Clubs in the City of Dublin, our energetic young swimmers clad in mauve swimsuits put the East Wall Swimming Club on the map when they brought home the Overall Trophy, together with several individual trophies, medals etc.

The swimming committee are very pleased the teams achievements, in particular they are pleased with the praise lavished upon them by An Comhairle for the fine turnout in their Club Colours and especially for their excellent behaviour.

It was a tremendous result for these enthusiastic young swimmers, who train simultaneously at the New Pool, Sean McDermott Street, every Tuesday and Thursday night from 8 - 9 p.m.

So come on kids, TAKE THE PLUNGE and come along to the Pool on either of these nights and who knows, you may even get to LIKE US.

ADRIENNE LITTLE  
Hon. Sec. East Wall Swimming Club

## ST. JOSEPH'S INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

Since St. Joseph's Indoor Bowling Club was formed in November 1972, it has produced many outstanding Bowlers. It has also fulfilled a great need for recreation for the Adult Members of the Community.

The Club, being non-sectarian, non-political, always welcomes new members, and are happy to give any help needed in explaining the rules and finer points of the game.

During the past few years, St. Joseph's have become a very serious challenge to other long established clubs in Dublin. The season just finished has been the best so far. The Club produced a Champion of Champions, being runners up in the George Neilson Shield, as well as reaching the Quarter Finals of the Marsland Cup.

Over the past three years, one of the most enjoyable events of each season has been the Two Day Competition between the \*Eastern Indoor Bowling League versus Bowling Clubs from Northern Ireland.

This year, St. Joseph's in conjunction with other Bowling Clubs, played a major part in lifting the very beautiful Friendship Trophy from our Northern friends. Apart from the fun and games, this event has proved a very worthwhile effort in promoting a strong and lasting friendship among the Clubs concerned.



The Swimming Club surrounded by it's many trophies



# The Riveting Story of Ironside

From his early childhood Robert T. Ironside felt drawn to be a steel magnet, but his poor overwrought parents thought him unhinged when they saw him walk with a swinging gate. The neighbourhood children made things harder for Robert's mother Ann by gathering outside the Ironside home and singing "Annie old Iron".

Things got so bad that even their budgie lost it's fetters, so, having no brass they found it impossible to stop Robert being lead ashtray and he was soon

on the scrap heap having a tin time of it. One day cold and hunger began to tacks his patience so, to prove his metal and to nail the lie that spinach sprigs should not be bolted because of their high iron content he had a staple meal in a cafe.

Having no money to pay he was arrested and thrown into the clink, where in spite of his railing he was made a member of the chain gang whose chief duty was to clean the prison golf links. Robert became friendly with Brad, the prison screw who spoke with a Burr, who, though he seemed stiff and rigid, had a heart of gold and enjoyed playing poker with the prisoners. Ironside now knew it was a case of zinc or swim and Brad's friendly needling finally galvanized him into action.

He studied law in the prison library and soon after, because of good behaviour, he was parolled. Soon after he sat for his law exams and was called to the Bar, but alas he had to give it up as the drink was corroding him and he took to drinking minerals. Down to his last nickel and feeling quite desperate he sent for a mail order course for the police force and not long after had the pleasure of becoming a police officer. Now that it's ore, he never ceases to hammer home the point to others that while he feels attracted still to the idea of being a steel magnet knowing he'd have a lot of pull, he's quite happy to be a copper and that's not alloy.

KIT BYRNE.

# RICHARD CUSACK



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Wishes a Happy Time and Healthy Thirst to everyone during Festival Week.



#### SWOTTING HARD

Best wishes from all the community to Alderman Kevin Byrne who, between all the work of his hectic life in politics, is busy studying for his Master of Literature Degree at Trinity College.

#### THE LADIES LEISURE CLUB

The Ladies Leisure Club was formed by the Executive Council of the North Strand/East Wall Residents Association on the 24th February 1976.

It has successfully progressed since then, initiating most of its own activities, which include i.e. Drama, Dancing, Singing, Arts and Crafts etc.

There is tremendous enthusiasm for the Festival, our members participating fully in all events. Rehearsals are now under way for a grand Variety Concert for the Festival.

Our little Majorettes are trained by members of the Ladies Club, and will take part in the big parade.

To all concerned with the Festival we wish them every success and thank them for their courtesy and co-operation at all times.

FLORENCE KERSHAW  
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Ladies Leisure Club

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Peter Mooney, West Road, drew this marvellous sketch of North Strand Road. Peter is a highly talented young man who will have other works on display in the Festival Art Exhibition.