

The Farmleigh Sycamore



A Sycamore tree on the old Guinness family estate, now Farmleigh Estate, in the Phoenix Park, Dublin. Sycamores are often described as 'weeds'...if only we would let these weeds grow more often!

It is said that the nuns from the neighbouring convent, on their way along what was known as the 'Convent Walk', would pass this tree daily and stop to contemplate. They would either be heading for a 6am dip in the outdoor swimming pool at the back of Farmleigh house (no longer there) or continue their walk down the main avenue to the house in prayer.