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# RESOURCES DEPLOYED TO TACKLE CITY FEUD

### Chief Superintendent David Sheahan warns of clampdown

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THE head of the Limerick garda division says additional resources have been deployed on the southside of the city in an effort to halt an escalating feud.

Concerns have been expressed by gardai that someone could be killed or seriously injured following a number of violent incidents in the Kennedy Park area in recent months.

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Chief Supt David Sheahan



## UL honours 'inspirational' ICO chief

THE UNIVERSITY of Limerick has bestowed an honorary doctorate on the chairperson of the Irish Chamber Orchestra, Michael Buckley, pictured, who is responsible for its successes over the past 10 years. Michael joined the UL-based orchestra as a board member in 2005, and took over as chairperson in 2008. Michael has raised more than €1.2m for the Sing Out With Strings programme, which engages hundreds of pupils in the musical world, in disadvantaged schools. Historian George Cunningham was also conferred with an Honorary Doctorate of Letters at UL this Tuesday. UL president, Prof Des Fitzgerald said that the two men 'have made unique and powerful contributions to history and the arts in this country' PICTURE: MICHAEL COWHEY



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## YOUR CITY YOUR PAPER

## INQUEST: WOMAN SUSTAINED SERIOUS SKULL FRACTURES, JURY HEARS

# Dad recalls 'horror' of fatal accident in city

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A VERDICT of accidental death was recorded at the inquest of an 89-year-old woman who was knocked down by a Land Rover driven by Steve Collins, father of murder victim Roy Collins.

Limerick Coroner's Court this Tuesday morning heard further evidence after an earlier hearing in April was adjourned as not all the evidence was available at that time.

Maura O'Brien, of Milford Grange, Castletroy, a mother of four and grandmother of six, died as a result of multiple skull fractures after she was struck by the vehicle driven by Mr Collins at the Ulster Bank car park in Castletroy shortly after 10am on February 17, 2016.

Described as a "dignified and dear lady", the court heard that she maintained her independence at the age of 89, and was living on her own.

Members of the family told the court that they hoped she would have lived for many more years to come as she was in good health, which was supported by medical evidence from her autopsy.

Robin Lee, solicitor for the family, said that the verdict would bring some closure to the family, but added that it will "never erase that unfortunate day for them".

Mr Lee said that the deceased was "no match" for the vehicle, irrespective of the speed it was travelling at, given that the weight of the vehicle was in the region of 2.7 tonnes.

He said there was no evidence that she may have fallen at the scene and fallen out of the view of the driver.

The condition of the road surface also gave no reason to suggest



Steve Collins, who was driving the Range Rover, and his son Steve Jnr leaving Limerick Coroner's Court after the hearing yesterday PICTURE: ADRIAN BUTLER

she suffered a stumble or fall, he added.

Mr Collins, who was accompanied to the hearing by his son Steve Jnr, did not wish to comment publicly after the verdict was brought in by the jury following a brief deliberation.

According to a number of witnesses, Ms O'Brien was walking behind Mr Collins' vehicle, when he slowly reversed back and knocked her down.

Her grandson, Conor O'Sullivan, 26, had driven her to the bank on the day of the accident. He was waiting in the car, while his grandmother intended to arrange her finances to visit her younger sister.

When he observed Mr Collins' reversing and then stopping, he got out of his car and asked Mr Collins if he had hit his grandmother, after he could not find her. He said that he saw his grandmother's hand and then saw that

she was under the jeep.

Ken Stembridge, 34, of Ennis Road, said that he saw Mr Collins "holding his head in his hands" when he saw the elderly woman under his jeep.

Mr Collins earlier spoke of his "horror" at the tragic incident. Halfway through his manoeuvre, he said, he felt a "slight impediment" in his driving.

He said that when he observed his surroundings, he saw a handbag on his right, and thought he had rolled over a handbag.

He said that the "horror started" when he saw a hand and a walking stick. He said that she was "motionless" and knelt down and held her hand.

He said that his car's camera sensor, at the rear of the vehicle, "did not pick up anything".

He told the Coroner's Court that he would have been aware of his "surroundings because of my situation - I have been taught to

be aware".

"I was panicking as I didn't know how to help her. It was a very upsetting scene. It was traumatic," Mr Collins said.

Inspector Michael Reidy examined the vehicle in Castleconnell and observed blood on the rear left wheel.

He said the vehicle was in good mechanical order and found "there were no issues with the vehicle which could have contributed to the collision."

Dr Peter Faul, who performed the autopsy, said that her death was due to multiple injuries, including skull fractures, when she was accidentally struck and reversed over Ms O'Brien.

The jury recorded a verdict of accidental death in accordance with the medical evidence.

Coroner John MacNamara, the jury and members of An Garda Síochána expressed their sympathies with the family.

## Extra garda resources deployed to tackle latest gangland feud

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A number of shooting incidents, the discovery of a pipe bomb and several assaults have all been linked to the gangland feud which has been linked to the sale and supply of illicit drugs.

While investigations are ongoing, several people are currently before the courts facing charges in relation to some of the incidents.

One man who is charged in relation to an alleged 'slash hook' assault at a house in Kennedy Park last week was

further remanded in custody yesterday pending directions from the DPP.

Chief Superintendent David Sheahan is moving to reassure residents in Kennedy Park that gardai are determined to prevent the feud from escalating further.

"While I can't go into the details for investigation reasons, certainly we are concerned in respect of the activities in that area," he said earlier this week as he welcomed five new garda recruits to the Limerick division.

"We have put extra resources up there to try and quell any kind of disturbances. We are going to come down heavy on this kind of activity now and into the future," he added.

Chief Supt Sheahan says in addition to investigating the

recent spate of incidents, there is an increased presence in the area in the hope of preventing further incidents.

"We have had no option but to take certain courses of action which will be visible in the Kennedy Park area," he said.

## NEWS

HARRIS FILM FEST: FIFTH ANNUAL EVENT GETS 'SIGNIFICANT' IFTA RECOGNITION

# International festival reaches new milestone

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**ORGANISERS** of the Richard Harris International Film Festival have said that the success of the annual event will help it to "drive on for the next five to 10 years easily".

This week marked the launch of the festival, which celebrates its fifth birthday this October Bank Holiday weekend, and features an expanded line-up of quality cultural events.

This year's headline event is a musical performance by composer Brian Byrne, featuring acclaimed actors Stephen Rea and Patrick Bergin, and on-stage vocalists including local singer Kathleen Turner.

Organiser Zeb Moore announced that the festival has received Ifta [Irish Film and Television Academy] accreditation, allowing screened films to qualify for Ifta awards.

He said that the fifth year is "significant", with more than 100 films being screened at two venues, the Belltable and the Millennium Theatre at LIT.



Sylvia Moore, Richard Harris International Film Festival, Dora Gola, singer, and Zeb Moore, RHIFF organiser, show off the programme of events which take place during the October Bank Holiday weekend PICTURE: PAUL MULLINS

"What is really significant is that we are growing year on. With the Ifta accreditation this year, that is significant for other filmmakers throughout Ireland. Now, we can present to Ifta what we feel are the award-winning movies," he said at Monday's launch at the

George Boutique Hotel.

"The collaboration with the Limerick Film Festival is significant because it does change our dynamic, but it makes us more structurally viable moving forward.

"We are creating a really, really strong core team that will drive this festival on for

the next five to 10 years, easily."

He said the Harris family is "incredibly proud" of the five-year progress. He added he is hoping Harris' close friend Russell Crowe will attend the festivities in years to come after being introduced to the actor.

He also welcomed the council's €30,000 investment, up from €200 the previous year.

"That is a belief from the councillors really that this is not going away, and they know that it has significant recognition worldwide," he told the Leader.

## EDUCATION

## MIC hosts open days this October

MARY Immaculate College is to host open days on October 19 and 20. On the day students will have the chance to talk to current MIC students, faculty and staff and tour the campus. See [www.mic.ie](http://www.mic.ie) for more details.

## HONOUR

## UL honorary doctorates

THE University of Limerick has bestowed honorary doctorates on historian and author George Cunningham and Irish Chamber Orchestra (ICO) chairman Michael Buckley.

## COURT

## Judge offers mayo from the bench

A MAN accused of not engaging with the Probation Service was asked by Judge Mary Larkin if he wanted mayonnaise with his chips when he queried the adjournment date.

## NOTICE

## Loose horse seized by council staff

LIMERICK City and County Council says a grey female horse which was seized at Bog Road, Castleconnell, on Monday will be disposed of if it is not claimed by its owner by the end of this week.

## POLITICS

## O'Donnell attends Brussels summit

SENATOR Kieran O'Donnell traveled to Brussels yesterday to represent the Oireachtas finance committee at a meeting of the European Parliament Committee on economic and monetary affairs.

## HEALTH

## 28 patients treated on trolleys at UHL

ACCORDING to new figures published by the INMO on Tuesday morning, there were 28 patients being treated on ED trolleys and on additional trolleys or beds in the wards at UHL.

# Social welfare rises as USC is cut in Budget for 2018

FURTHER cuts to the unpopular Universal Social Charge (USC) and increases to various benefits and the pension are all features of Budget 2018.

Finance Minister Paschal Donohoe this Tuesday delivered the second budget of the 32nd Dail - the first set of measures in six years not to be put together by Limerick TD Michael Noonan - with spend topping €6bn.

As of this morning, the excise on a packet of cigarettes rose by 50c, meaning cigarettes will top €12 for the first time. Mr Donohoe announced a series of other tax increases - including notably

a 'sugar tax'.

This tax will be brought in at a rate of 30c a litre on drinks with over eight grammes of sugar per 100ml.

In order to combat cancer cases, the Finance Minister also announced a VAT rate rise of 13.5% on sunbeds up to 23%.

But the VAT rate on hospitality firms remains fixed at 9%, something welcomed by Senator Maria Byrne, who said this will "help protect jobs and create further employment".

All social welfare payments will rise by €5 a week from the last week of March. This year, social welfare re-

ipients can look forward to a Christmas bonus of 85%, the Minister has announced.

There will be no increases in the duty on alcohol, petrol and diesel, although a carbon tax will be discussed next year. A benefit in kind scheme for electric vehicles will be brought in.

Ireland's rate of Corporation Tax will remain fixed at 12.5%, with Mr Donohoe stating: "This remains a core part of our offering".

In terms of take home pay, Mr Donohoe confirmed the top marginal rate of tax on income will rise to €70,044, reduced to 48%. The entry point for the higher rate of income

tax for single earners will increase from €33,800 to €34,550.

The rate of Universal Social Charge will drop from 5% of income to 4.75%.

Mr Donohoe pledged €1.83bn to housing in 2018 - a move which will see 3,800 new social units developed by local authorities and approved housing bodies.

In addition to this, €75m will be provided to support local authority delivery of affordable houses, a move being made in an effort to tackle Ireland's spiralling housing crisis.

Minister Donohoe said potentially 5,000 new homes

could be delivered under this investment by 2021.

The Finance Minister sanctioned an increased spend of €685m in health, bringing funding to €15.3bn for 2018.

He promised 1,800 new staff across front-line HSE services.

There's going to be more investment in An Garda Síochána - 800 new officers will be taken on in 2018, with 500 civilians also recruited.

Mr Donohoe confirmed €20m extra to support a range of childcare measures. The Universal Childcare Payment for the under 3s will continue into next year.

## PURSUIT: DISQUALIFIED DRIVER ADMITS DANGEROUS DRIVING

# Arrested after engine caught fire

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**A MOTORIST who drove the wrong way around several roundabouts while being pursued by gardai has been jailed for three months.**

Michael McCarthy, aged 28, of Kilmurray Halting Site, Castletroy, pleaded guilty to charges of dangerous driving relating to an incident on July 30, last.

Inspector Helen Costello told Limerick District Court that gardai encountered the defendant on the Dublin Road while responding to another incident.

She said the defendant, who was disqualified at the time, tried to evade gardai by driving off at speed.

While being pursued, he travelled the wrong way around the Kilmurray Roundabout and the Annacotty Roundabout before travelling back towards the city on the wrong side of the road.

Judge Marie Keane was told the defendant, who has a number of previous convictions, was arrested after he was forced to stop when the engine of the car he was driving caught fire.

He was banned from driving for seven years in 2016 and was further dis-



Michael McCarthy pleaded guilty at Limerick District Court

qualified after he was convicted, last November, of driving without insurance.

Solicitor Tom Kiely said his client – a father-of-two – accepts his driving was unacceptable and that he should not have been driving.

He said every gardai in Limerick “knows” his client and that he realised he cannot get behind the wheel of a car again.

“He is willing to change his ways for the sake of his children, he will do anything”.

During the same hearing, Mr McCarthy admitted drink-driving at Childers Road shortly after midnight on January 31, last.

A number of separate counts of dangerous driving relating to an incident on February 3, last were struck

out as gardai were not in a position to offer any evidence relating to the facts.

Imposing sentence, Judge Keane said the defendant’s previous record was an aggravating factor and that she had to impose a custodial sentence.

The three month sentence is to be served consecutively to an eight month sentence which McCarthy is currently serving.

## Drunk driver has now ‘settled down’

A DRUNK driver who was stopped after he was observed driving on the wrong side of a busy road has been disqualified for two years, writes David Hurley.

John Connors, aged 20, who has an address at Clon-drinagh Halting Site pleaded guilty to a number of charges relating to an incident on May 9, 2016.

Inspector Helen Costello told Limerick District Court the defendant was arrested at

Condell Road at around 9.40am a short time after gardai were alerted to reports of a silver Volkswagen Golf being driven erratically on Northern Ring Road.

Following his arrest, Mr Connors was taken to Henry Street garda station where he provided a sample of blood to gardai.

An analysis of the sample showed a concentration of 135 microgramms per 100 millilitres of blood – the legal

limit is 50.

Judge Marie Keane was told the defendant, who has been convicted of separate drink-driving and no insurance offences since, was not insured and did not have a driver’s licence.

Solicitor John Herbert said his client, who was married earlier this year, accepts he was “very foolish” and that he should not have been driving.

He said he became a father

recently and that this has “settled him down”.

Imposing sentence, Judge Keane noted it was the defendant’s second conviction for drink-driving.

In addition to the two-year driving ban, she fined Mr Connors €250.

An additional €250 fine was imposed in relation to the no insurance charge while a change of dangerous driving relating to the same incident was withdrawn by the State.

## CRIME FILE

By DAVID HURLEY



### Young man was punched and robbed at bus stop

GARDAI are appealing for information following an incident during which a young man was punched in the face at a bus stop in the city.

After hitting the man who was standing at the bus stop at Arthurs Quay, the culprit stole his rucksack and mobile phone.

The incident happened at around 1.30am on Sunday and gardai at Henry Street are appealing to anyone who was in the area at the time to come forward.

Gardai are also investigating an incident at Sexton Street North, Thomondgate, in the early hours of last Friday morning.

At around 6am, a young man was assaulted by a group of males who took his wallet and phone. He sustained minor injuries.

### Cyclist stole teen’s phone

GARDAI are seeking to locate a cyclist who stole a mobile phone from a teenage boy.

The culprit approached the youth who was walking at Ellen Street at around 7.15pm last Sunday, October 8.

“He asked for a loan of his phone so he could make an urgent call. The teenager handed over his phone and the male cycled off with it,” said a garda spokesperson.



Henry Street garda station

Gardai at Henry Street are investigating the incident and can be contacted at 061 212400

### Information sought after attack on young man

GARDAI are renewing their appeal for information after a young man sustained facial injuries when he was assaulted in the city centre.

The victim – whose aged in his early 20s – was walking at Parnell Street at around 5.15pm last Thursday when he was ap-

proached by another male who struck him in the face.

According to investigating gardai the youth sustained minor injuries in the assault.

Gardai believe there were witnesses to the incident which happened at a busy time of the evening in what is a busy part of the city.

Gardai at Roxboro Road station are investigating and are appealing for any witnesses to come forward by contacting them at 061 214340.

### Spate of thefts from cars

CAR owners are being warned to be vigilant following a spate of break-ins over the past week.

The thefts occurred outside private houses across the city and county as well as at public car parks including at the University of Limerick.

“In some of these thefts the cars were left unlocked and in others property was left on view. The items taken included handbags, power tools, a



Gardai are warning car owners to be vigilant

child’s buggy, cash, sun glasses, a dash camera and jewellery,” said Sergeant Ber Leetch.

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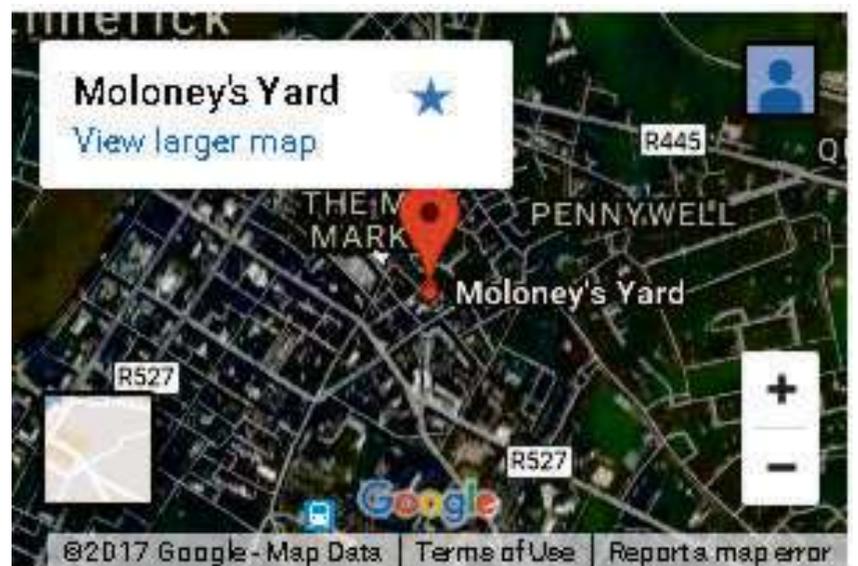
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## NEWS

**NTPF: NEW MONTHLY FIGURES SHOW CLOSE TO 11,000 PEOPLE HAVE NOT BEEN SEEN TO IN A YEAR**

# 41,000 patients on waiting list

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**MORE THAN 41,000 patients have been left waiting for appointments and treatment in Limerick hospitals, a new national report reveals.**

According to figures published by the National Treatment Purchase Fund, there were 41,090 people on inpatient and outpatient waiting lists in September. This is another monthly

increase in waiting list figures. In August, there were 40,963 patients on the register, an increase on July figures when there were 40,539 patients waiting for appointment and treatment in Limerick.

Between University Hospital Limerick, St John's Hospital and Croom Orthopaedic Hospital, there were 10,720 people waiting for an appointment for more than 12 months.

At UHL, there were 2,905 inpatients and 28,799 outpatients on a waiting list. UHL saw a 61-person increase on

the inpatient waiting list, and a similarly slight increase on the outpatients register, the figures show.

The largest waiting list was in ophthalmology (medicine of the eye) at the Dooradoyle hospital, with 3,837 patients waiting for an appointment.

All three hospitals had patients waiting for more than 15 months and 18 months for appointments. In total, there were 5,398 patients waiting for appointments between UHL, Croom and St John's.

There was a large waiting

list at UHL in the field of dermatology, otolaryngology (ears, nose and throat medicine), general surgery, gynaecology, maxillo-facial, neurology, respiratory medicine, and urology.

The UL Hospitals Group, which covers the Mid-West region, is the best-performing hospital group in the country in NTPF data, with 45,234 patients on a waiting list. It is ahead of the Children's Hospital Group, which had 46,045 patients on a waiting list. There is no data for University Maternity Hospital Limerick.



There were 31,704 patients on a waiting list at UHL

## UL Flagship walkway shortlisted for award

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The Limerick city centre to University of Limerick and Corbally shared walk and cycleway has been shortlisted, in the Local Authority Engineering Initiative Award category as part of the Engineers Ireland Excellence Awards 2017.

The award which is open to all local authorities, recognises how an engineer led initiative benefits the community in which it has been introduced.

The Flagship project of the Limerick Smarter Travel initiative means you can now travel the more than three kilometre route from the University of Limerick or Corbally right into the heart of the city centre along the scenic River Shannon and the canal.

There have been extensive renovations carried out on the existing masonry arch bridges along the original route.



The walkway runs from University of Limerick/Corbally into the heart of the city centre, running along the River Shannon and the canal

One of the bridges was rebuilt with the original stone and reinforced to cater for the expected footfall, two others have been re-pointed and widened in some cases.

A new asphalt surface the entire length of the shared route has been added, including new edging kerb, public lighting and CCTV cameras to improve

usability into the late evenings.

New seating has also been installed at locations along the route which will allow people to take a rest while

admiring the beautiful surroundings.

All improvements have been carried out with the needs of people with differing abilities in mind.

## Renowned international architect to deliver lecture

AWARD winning international architect Ian Ritchie, CBE RA, will deliver a keynote address at the Limerick Civic Trust's Autumn Lecture Series on this Thursday at 8pm in St Mary's Cathedral.

Organised in conjunction with UL's Kemmy Business School, support of LIT and Limerick Council, the six-part series of public lectures examine many topical issues like the impact of Brexit, Trumpism, immigration and lots more.

His talk, entitled "On the Rim of Reason: The pulse from edge to the centre and out again", will be moderated by Professor Vincent Cunnane, LIT.

Speakers have included former head of HSBC, Shaykh Dr Uma Al-Qadri, head Imam of Al-Mustafa Islamic Educational & cultural Centre Ireland, Index on Censorship CEO Jodie Ginsberg and many more.

The lectures that started on September 14 continue until October 19. Proceeds from the series will be used by the Limerick Civic Trust for the restoration of St. Munchin's Church in the heart of King's Island. Admission is €12 or concessions €8 per lecture. Tickets available at [www.limerickcivictrust.ie/events](http://www.limerickcivictrust.ie/events) or [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie) and from The Limerick Civic Trust Offices in the Bishop's Palace, Church Street or on the door on each of the nights.

## New wi-fi spots in city form part of digital strategy

A NEW digital strategy being developed in Limerick will see 20 public wi-fi zones, ten digital displays, and 14 new live cameras in the city.

Dr Mihai Bilauca, the council's head of digital strategy unveiled the blueprint at this week's economic committee meeting.

Measures also planned include a €500,000 investment in smart CCTV in towns and villages across the city.

There will also be a Georgian innovation district, comprising of four digital quarters, councillors were

told, while the local authority will provide podcasts through its web site.

Fianna Fail councillor James Collins welcomed plans for a Georgian digital district, and 20 wi-fi hotspots across the city.

This welcome was reflected by Cllr Elenora

Hogan of Fine Gael, who trades in William Street.

Economic chairperson, Cllr Vivienne Crowley said: "The only concern I would have with any digital strategy is that the modern four-year-old is more computer savvy than a 40-year-old. I am concerned we are shutting off

other services to people who may prefer not to use the web."

In response, Dr Bilauca told councillors: "We are digital first, but inclusive. It does not mean people will be shut off from accessing information in other ways at all."

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**MOTION: COUNCILLOR ANNOYED BY STAMP FOR 'BRUTAL CHE'**

# An Post urged to stamp out Guevara

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A LIMERICK politician has described the commissioning of a stamp marking the 50th anniversary of the death of Che Guevara as a "national embarrassment".

Cllr Emmet O'Brien is calling for support from his fellow councillors for the removal of the An Post-issued stamp from national circulation.

"I will be asking for the Mayor's approval to put an emergency motion on the council's meeting agenda for next Monday, calling for the Council to support the removal of these stamps from national circulation," he said.

The one euro An Post stamp, which has caused much controversy since it was launched this week, features a famous image of Guevara as designed by



An Post unveiled the controversial Che stamp last Friday

Dublin artist Jim Fitzpatrick. Guevara, who had some Irish ancestry, helped Fidel Castro overthrow dictator Fulgencio Batista. Many describe him as a "terrorist" and "murderer," while others have said he was "freedom fighter" and a "hero".

"I think it's outrageous that a mass murderer, terrorist and Marxist who has no connection to this country would be on a stamp of this country," said Independent councillor O'Brien.

The stamp commemorates the 50th anniversary of the revolutionary's death on

October 9, 1967. Guevara visited Limerick in 1965 to explore his Irish connections and stayed at the now defunct Hanratty's hotel in the city, and the story featured in the Limerick Leader.

Cllr O'Brien believes that the decision to commission this stamp is a sign of "cultural Marxism" that needs to be prevented.

"It sends out a mixed message to American investors who employ over 9,000 people in the Shannon region from foreign direct investment. I know it's very trendy and counter cultural to be fan of Che Guevara but when you investigate what he did, he was a very brutal man who executed people."

## HAVE YOUR SAY

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## Dental clinics to receive findings of investigation

ALL DENTAL clinics in Limerick will be issued findings of an HSE investigation into the "unfortunate" incident where drain cleaning fluid was instead of an approved dental product at a surgery in Clare.

Last week, the HSE issued a statement that it contacted the parents of 43 children, who may have been affected after the cleaning product was used in the water at the dental clinic in Bindon Street, Ennis.

According to a report by journalist Pat Flynn, the product used is believed to be potassium hydroxide, at a low concentration of 5%.

The incident occurred on Wednesday and continued until Thursday when the fluid was detected.

All surgeries at the clinic were closed for "corrective action".

It reported that 16 children required follow-up treatment. Their symptoms included a burning sensation in their mouth, blistering and an upset stomach.

HSE Mid-West chief officer, Bernard Gloster said that the incident was "so regrettable and unfortunate. I want to apologise for any concern or upset caused to the

children and their families.

"We are taking all of the necessary steps to ensure they are supported and have adequate information. We will be conducting a full review to establish all of the facts. I am grateful to all of our management staff and clinicians who worked very hard late into last night to respond to this incident," he added.

A HSE spokesperson told the Leader this week that all dental staff have been aware of the incident and of the information that it has to date.

All HSE dental services in the Mid-West are overseen by a principal dental surgeon in Limerick, Clare and North Tipperary.

"Once the review of the incident is completed, the learning will be shared across all services to ensure any further actions required to mitigate the risk of such an incident occurring again," the spokesperson stated this week.

In an earlier statement, the HSE said that "early indications, yet to be confirmed, suggest that a drain cleaning product got mixed with the water used during treatment when normally the water would be mixed with an approved dental product".

## It's all in the art for Frank as Mental Health Week kicks off

Frank Dundon, an artist at Le Chéile discusses his artwork 'Dragon,' with Sgt John Flanagan and Ins Paul Reidy, Henry Street garda station at the start of Limerick Mental Health Week in King John's Castle, last Friday evening. Mayor of Limerick, Cllr Stephen Keary kicked off Limerick Mental Health Week at the event, which also saw an art exhibition from students of the Limerick School of Art and Design and participants of Le Chéile, which exists to promote positive mental health across the region, plus music.

A number of events are taking place through the week to highlight the need to protect one's mental health. For more information, please telephone 061 446786.

PICTURE: GERARD GARRETT



## Worker injured after incident at Mungret

A CONTRACTOR working on site at Irish Cement's plant in Limerick has been injured in an incident this Tuesday.

Emergency services attended - including three units of Limerick Fire and Rescue Service - following a report that a person had been trapped in a lift, possibly involving a crane.

Irish Cement said: "Emergency services attended Mungret factory this morning when a contractor working on site suffered a leg injury. The individual has been taken to hospital for treatment."

The call was made to the fire service at 11.30am this Tuesday.

In a separate incident at the plant in July, a man was



Emergency services at the incident in Irish Cement

rescued following a fall onto scaffolding while working on a large silo. Although he was knocked unconscious following the fall, his injuries were not serious.

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# Limerick city centre is in need of a design for life

**T**here was an article in the Journal.ie last week that focussed on the regeneration of Westport.

The word regeneration is one we have become very accustomed to using here in Limerick over the past decade. It is a word that has become associated with knocking houses, relocating communities and attempting to solve issues of social exclusion and unemployment.

In Westport's case it is a word that is associated with design, public realm and placemaking.

The article noted that the work done in Westport has resulted in the town now boasting 90% commercial occupancy and one of the few western towns that has witnessed a population increase over the past number of years.

Westport was voted the best town in Ireland in 2012 and this year was named Ireland's Tidiest Large Town at the annual Tidy Towns awards.

Mayo County Council architect Simon Wall has worked closely on the 'regeneration' of Westport. Speaking to Paul O'Donoghue at Fora.ie he said: "Instead of celebrating the millennium by creating a sculpture of etching the town's name on a piece of stone, we commissioned an intellectual gift for the town: a town design statement which sketched out all the future development for the next 20 to 30 years."



Limerick city is at a crossroads and needs to focus on how it is designed to be a more people-friendly space. This was one of a number of designs for O'Connell Street drawn up by Nick Bradley in concert with John Moran during the debate about its future earlier this year

Limerick could take a lot of inspiration from the Westport case study. Ok, we are bigger than Westport but there are certain principles from the Westport story that might serve us well.

We all know the work being done in Limerick to deliver the 2030 project. We have key inner-city sites. We have a plan. We have a vision.

What is possibly missing

is a focus on the importance of design as a key part of the 2030 project. We are hearing a lot about the provision of job creation. Limerick is determined to deliver enough commercial space to attract thousands of new workers into our city centre.

The provision of such space is, of course, a crucial need. The presence of well-paid employees in the city will have an impact on

other areas. Footfall will increase. Retail offering will improve. Private developers may then consider providing quality (and much needed) residential. The evening economy will see a boost.

All of this would make a massive difference to how Limerick city feels by day and by night. But what about how Limerick city looks?

The Opera site is looking

like it will have little or no residential, very little retail or ground floor public use and will have a public plaza that looks set to become a dead space at night.

Nicholas St, the oldest street in the city, is a classic example of how 'regeneration' has ignored the potential of quality design interventions.

Johnsgate is an example of a new urban 'village' that once had great poten-

tial but has now become a no-go area.

Our key access point at Colbert Station witnessed a multi-million euro cosmetic overhaul but the finished product is arguably bland, grey and lacking vision.

Cruises St was once deemed to be an addition that would breathe new life into the city. However, it lacked above the shop residential. Its shop units were limited in size. The number of post 6pm restaurant, bar or cafes on the street were minimal.

Bedford Row gave us a new pedestrian retail street. It has struggled to capture footfall.

The work that has been done in Westport has clearly worked.

Any case study which has been done on that town always mentions the county architect and the work he and his team have done to place design and quality public realm at the centre of everything they do.

Good design attracts people. The creation of a place that feels good makes people feel safe. Safe places attract people to live there.

Limerick is at a crossroads in terms of the decisions we make that will shape how our city looks and feels. Of course, we will want people to work here but we will also want those who work here to feel they are part of a modern, attractive and vibrant urban environment.

I would now like to start hearing more talk about the importance of design in terms of Limerick's future.

## Limerick Museum hits the county with a travelling pop-up show

Limerick Museum in association with Creative Ireland are organising a Travelling Pop-Up Museum in County Limerick. A pop-up museum exists for a few hours on one particular

day and is created by the public.

The aim of the Limerick Travelling Pop-Up Museum is to create conversations between people of all ages and walks of life. People will

be invited to bring along their objects and Museum staff will assist them to write a label describing what the object means to them. The object will be then put on display.

At the end of the session,

the objects will be returned to their owners. Locations for the Limerick Travelling Pop-up Museum are: Adare - 14 October - 11am-4pm at Adare Community Hall.

Murroe - 21 October - 11am-

4pm at Murroe Community Hall

Askeaton - 28 October - 11am-4pm at Askeaton Community Centre.

Kilmallock - 4 November - 11am-4pm at Kilmallock Pas-

toral Centre

Abbeyfeale - 11 November -

11am-4pm at Leens Hotel

Newcastle West - 18

November - 11am-4pm at

Newcastle West Community

Centre

Great pictures from the Limerick Leader archive

# All our Yesterdays



Mayor John Quinn with Tony Doherty, steward at Shannon Rowing Club, during a visit to the club's rowing museum in 1993



## PICTURES FROM THE LIMERICK LEADER ARCHIVES - 1983 SIAMSA AWARDS



Alice Culbert and Evelyn Casey, Moyross, pictured at the 1983 Siamsa awards in the Limerick Inn



Ursula Ryan and Ann Downes, both from Thomondgate at the Siamsa awards



Catherine Kelly, Caherdavin, and Helen Mitchell, Garryowen, at the awards ceremony



Patricia Moylan, Meelick, pictured at the awards night

# ALL OUR YESTERDAYS



Maureen Hanley, Elaine O'Carroll, Lynda Hayes and Orla Hayes, all from Thomondgate, at the Siamsa awards



Martha Guerin and Ann Shorton, Caherdavin



Caroline Quinlivan and Patricia Coonerty, Thomondgate



Miriam Canty and Mary O'Doherty, St Munchin's Siamsa group



## GRANARY CITY LIBRARY: CAROL DRINKWATER BOOK LAUNCH



Dolores Doyle, Ashbrook with author Carol Drinkwater, Roisin Meaney and Damien Brady, Limerick city and county librarian at an evening with Carol Drinkwater and the launch of her new book "The Lost Girl" in the Granary. Ms Drinkwater is best known for her award-winning portrayal of Helen Herriot in the television adaptation of the James Herriot books All Creatures Great and Small ALL PICTURES: ADRIAN BUTLER



Deirdre Barry, Corbally, Agnes Murphy, Castletroy and Carmel Leonard, Corbally



Michael Potter, Clarina getting his book signed by Carol Drinkwater

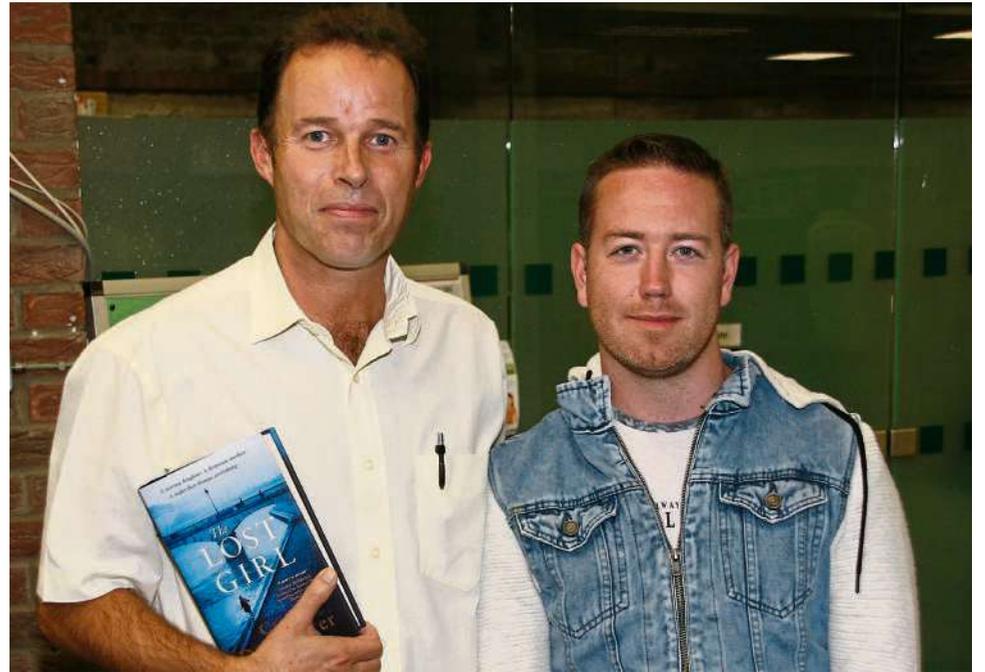


Kathleen and John Corcoran, Clareview also attended

# PICTURE SPECIAL



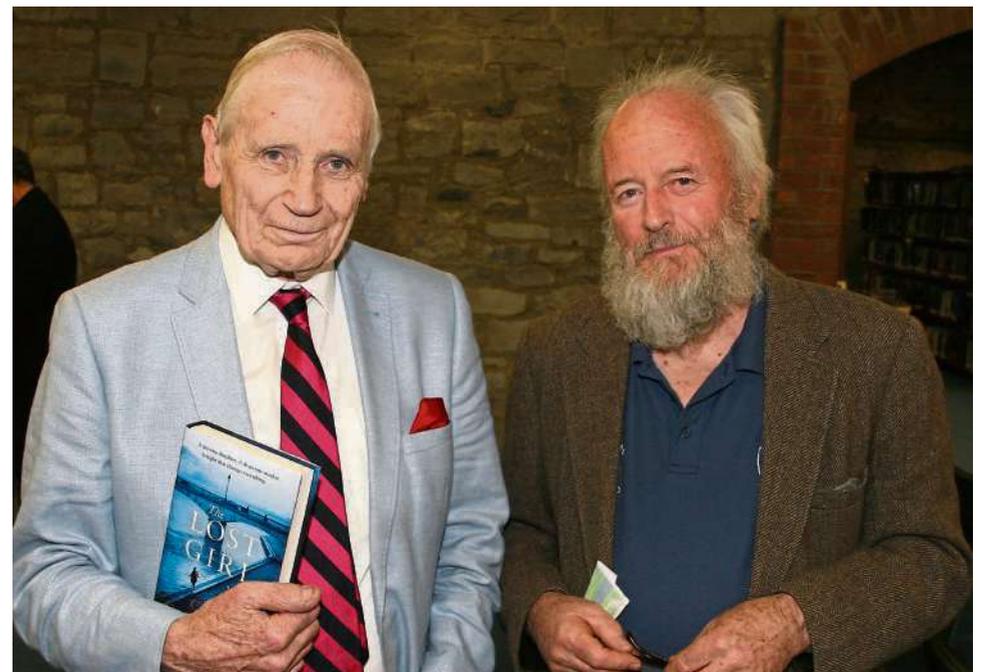
Geralyn Molan, Monaleen and Geraldine Kinirons, Castletroy



Kevin Lyons and Paul Tracey at the launch



Helen Heelan, Caherdavin and Dolores Doyle, Ashbrook



John Leonard, Corbally with Derek Cahill, Kildimo



Eileen Wright, Caherdavin and Aisling Portley, Corbally



Carol Drinkwater with Ann Breen O'Sullivan, Newport

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**SECTION 2**  
**AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INTOXICATING LIQUOR ACTS, 1833-2008**  
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Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Signed: SWEENEY McGANN  
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The results of Lotto draw for Monday 9th October 2017  
Jackpot 3,700 not won.  
The numbers drawn were 7-10-16-20

The following won 30  
Mark Moriarty  
Anna Moore  
Billy O'Sullivan  
Anne Mc Caffery  
Billy Nolan  
Next weeks jackpot 3,800

**ST. MARY'S R.F.C.**

Lotto Draw held Monday 9th October 2017  
Winning Numbers 6-10-13-27  
NO WINNER

Four Winners 40 each: Mick Hogan c/o C. Devaney; Jake Collins c/o C. Mullins; Anna c/o C. Devaney; Phil & Eddie c/o Kinsella's

Next weeks Jackpot 17,650  
Draw will take place in Larkin's Bar

**FAIRVIEW RANGERS**

WEEKLY LOTTO DATE: 09/10/2017  
JACKPOT: 5,100  
NUMBERS DRAWN: 3-6-8-10  
No Winner:

5 x Lucky Dip Bernie Lipper, Fairgreen; Rita Garrard c/o club; Liam O'Neill, Castletroy View; Dolie Quinlivan c/o Pa; Sonia Davies c/o Andy  
Promotors Prize: Rita Garrard

Next Weeks Jackpot: 5,200

**GERALDINES A.F.C.**

WEEKLY LOTTO DRAW HELD ON 09/10/17  
This Week's Jackpot: 2,300  
No's: 12-20-22-24

Lucky Dips: Damian Fitzgerald c/o Dave Connolly; Brendan (Snr) c/o Eddie Mahoney; Craig O'Brien c/o Dave Connolly  
Promotors Prizes: Sheila O'Donovan & Dave Connolly

Next Week's Draw held 16/10/2017

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#### MONTH'S MIND



**JOHN KENNEDY**  
LATE OF  
BEACH LODGE NURSING HOME,  
BRUREE  
&  
24 SINGLAND CRESCENT,  
GARRYOWEN  
DIED 10TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Sadly missed by daughters, son, sons-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandchildren, relatives and friends.  
Month's Mind Mass will be held on Sunday 15th September at 12pm in St. John's Cathedral.

### BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES



#### GLEESON (80th Birthday Remembrance)



In loving memory of Elizabeth (Tessie) Gleeson, late of 7 Moylish Crescent, Ballynanty Beg, whose 80th birthday occurs October 12th. Mass offered Thursday, October 12, 9.30am at St. Munchin's Church.

We cannot send a birthday card  
Your hand we cannot touch  
But God will take our greetings  
To the one we love so much  
You were such a special Mother  
So gentle and kind  
You have left the sweetest memories  
And thoughts of you behind  
Happy 80th Birthday, Mam from your loving children, Patrick, Christy; Angela, Linda and Elizabeth, grandchildren, great grandchildren, niece and nephews



#### HANLEY (71st Birthday Remembrance)



In loving memory of Joe Hanley late of 12 Hogan Ave, Kileely, Limerick whose birthday occurred on the 9th October.

We cannot wrap a present  
We have no balloons to blow  
We cannot hang banners  
As we wish to do  
But all your friends in Heaven  
Know how much we care  
And how we wish we could come  
To the party planned up there  
From your loving wife Margaret, son Thomas, daughters Stephanie, Elaine, and Lorraine, sons in law, daughter in law, and grandchildren xx

### BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES



#### HANNAN (29th Birthday Remembrance)



In loving memory of a beloved son, brother, uncle, father, nephew and grandson Jeffrey Hannan, late of 33, O'Malley Park, Southill, Limerick whose 29th birthday occurs October 11th. Also thinking of Veronica and William Hannan and Esther and William Dillon at this time.

Gone from our home that smiling face,  
The cheerful happy ways,  
The heart that won so many friends,  
In bygone happy days,  
They say there is a reason,  
They say that time will heal,  
But neither time nor reason,  
Will change the way we feel,  
For no one knows the heartache,  
That lies beneath our smiles,  
No one knows how many times,  
We have broken down and cried,  
We want to tell you something,  
So there won't be any doubt,  
You're so wonderful to think of,  
But so hard to live without,  
Someday when we are all together,  
In that place beyond the sky,  
We will sing, laugh and joke,  
And no more tears we'll cry  
Happy birthday love Mam and Dad, Alan Jnr, daughters Nikita and Tianna xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Brother  
As I sit and write this down,  
My eyes are filled with tears,  
In my mind once again,  
Your smiling face appears.  
You know I will always love you,  
No matter what I do,  
Because today is your birthday,  
My heart is broke in two,  
Time cannot dim the face I love,  
The memory of your smile,  
The countless things you did for me,  
To make my life worth while.  
Someday I hope to see you again,  
The face I love so well,  
Someday we'll clasp those loving hands,  
And never say farewell.  
I often lie awake at night,  
And pray you're not alone,  
And hope you are truly loved,  
The way you were at home.  
Happy Birthday Jeff, love and miss you so much love your sister Emily, brother in law David, nieces Abbie, Aaliyah and Nevaeh and nephews Jeffrey, David and Scott x x x x x x x.  
Also thinking of Margaret Stewart whose birthday occurs on October 16th, thinking of you xx



*Those we love,  
We never lose,  
For always they will be,  
Loved, remembered,  
treasured  
Always in our memory.*

### BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES



#### WILLIAMS & DONNELLAN



(Birthday & Anniversary Remembrance)  
In loving memory of our Dad Thomas Williams whose anniversary occurs on Sunday 15th October, late of 3 Sean Heuston Place, Limerick. Also a birthday remembrance of a loving sister Mary Donnellan (nee Williams), late of 22 Walnut Court, Kennedy Park Limerick, whose birthday occurs on Saturday 11th November 2017. Also remembering my brother Gerard Williams late of 11 St. Michael's Court, Watergate and 3 Sean Hueston Place who we remember on his birthday which occurs Thursday 12th October 2017. Rest in Peace. Mass has been offered.

Thinking of you always Dad on your Anniversary  
Happy Birthday Mary and Gerard thinking of your birthday  
Always remembered never forgotten by your loving daughters and sisters Theresa Williams Kennedy, Margaret Buckley & Family, Ann McNamara & Family, Big Edel & Family and Michael Hartnett.  
Also remembering my first cousin Patrick O'Neill of Lenihan Ave, Prospect, Limerick whose First Anniversary occurs on the 25th of October R.I.P. Masses Offered.

### IN MEMORIAM



#### DUHIG (38th Anniversary)

In loving memory of a dear brother Bobby Duhig, late of 29 De Velara Park, Thomondgate whose anniversary occurs at this time. Rest In Peace. Also remembering Bobby Snr and Ted Hickey at this time.

A thoughtful Brother, a special friend;  
A heart of gold,  
The very best this world could hold.  
Of all the gifts in life,  
However big or small,  
To have you as my Brother,  
Was the greatest gift of all.  
Sadly missed by your brother Pa, sister in law Ber, nieces, nephews and extended family.



#### MYLES (17th Anniversary)



In loving memory of Eamonn Myles whose 17th anniversary occurs on the 12th October.  
If memories bring us closer  
We will never be far apart  
For you are always with us  
In our thoughts and in our hearts  
Always remembered by your daughter, sons, daughters-in-law, son-in-law and grandchildren  
xxxx



### IN MEMORIAM



#### O'CALLAGHAN (12th Anniversary)

In loving memory of Patrick O'Callaghan, late of 25 West Singland Rd, Garryowen, who died 13th October 2005 R.I.P. Also remembering my grandson Jason at this time. Mass will be offered on Sunday 15th October at 12pm in St. John's Cathedral.

No length of time can take away  
Our thoughts of you from day to day  
Time slips by and life goes on  
But from our hearts you're never gone  
Sadly missed by your loving wife Agnes and family



#### PURCELL (Ninth Anniversary)

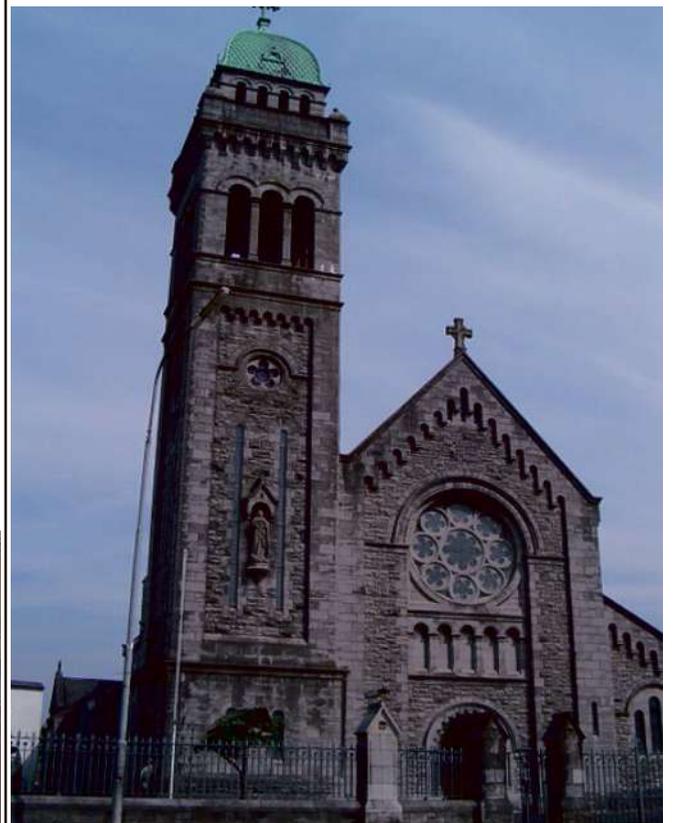


In loving memory of our dear brother Butch Purcell who left this life on Sunday October 12th 2008 and whose 51st Birthday occurs October 18th. Mass offered.

Feel no guilt in laughter  
He'd know how much you care  
Feel no sorrow in a smile  
That he is not here to share  
You cannot grieve forever  
He would not want you to  
He'd hope that you could carry on  
The way you always do.  
So talk about the good times  
And the way you showed you cared  
The days you spent together  
All the happiness you shared  
Let memories surround you  
A word someone may say  
Will suddenly recapture  
A time, an hour or a day  
That brings him back so clearly  
As though he were still here  
And fills you with the feeling  
That he is always near  
For if you keep those moments  
You will never be apart  
And he will live forever  
Locked safely in your heart.  
Sadly missed, never forgotten by his sisters Jackie and Margaret, brothers Duck and Jack, nephew David, other family members and friends.

### THANKSGIVINGS

GRATEFUL thanks to The Sacred Heart and Our Blessed Lady for all favours received and also thanks to St. Padre Pio. M.J.M; A.A.A.A.S.



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## IN MEMORIAM



**DILLON** (nee Roche) (11th Anniversary)



In loving memory of a dear mother, grandmother, sister and friend Carmel Dillon, late of 59 Colbert Avenue, Janesboro, whose 11th Anniversary occurs on the 16th of October. Mass will be offered on Saturday 14th at 6pm in Our Lady Queen of Peace Church Janesboro

A light from our lives has gone  
A voice we loved is still  
A place is vacant within our hearts  
Which never can be filled.  
A bouquet of beautiful memories  
Sprayed with a million tears  
I wish God could have spared you Mam  
If just for a few more years.  
We hold you close within our hearts  
And there you will remain  
To walk with us throughout our lives  
Until we meet again.  
So Rest in Peace my dear mother  
And thanks for all you've done  
We pray that God has given you  
The crown you've truly won.  
Your vacant place no one can fill  
We miss you now and always will.  
Sadly missed by your loving daughter Jennifer  
and Mark xxx

Our hearts still ache with sadness  
And many tears still flow  
What it meant to lose you Nana  
No one will ever know.  
Loved and remembered every day by your  
grandchildren Chloe and Craig xxxx

There is nothing in this world  
So precious and so rare  
As the love that a mother  
And a son will always share  
Though your smile is gone forever  
And your hands I cannot touch  
I still have precious memories  
Of my Mam I loved so much  
You taught me many things in life  
That I would have to do  
But you never taught me how to cope  
With the heartache of losing you.

Sadly missed and never forgotten your loving son  
Paul, Simone, Glen, Caitlin and Elena xx  
Sister

Although I'm sad without you  
And wish that you were here  
Within my heart your lovely smile  
Still shines bright and clear.  
I treasure all those memories  
Of growing up with you  
The secrets we would always share  
The childish things we'd do  
And as the years passed quickly by  
We grew closer still  
I miss you dear Carmel  
And you know I always will.

Sadly missed, never forgotten Carmel. Also  
remembering my Mam and Dad and brother  
Paddy at this time. Love and miss ye always,  
Dolores, Johnny, Declan, John and Niall xxx  
Carmel

If only we could have you back  
For just a little while  
Then we could sit and talk again  
Just like we used to do  
You always meant so very much  
And always will do too  
Sadness still comes over us  
Tears in silence often flow  
Love Kay, Sarah and Linda xxx

No matter how life changes,  
No matter what we do,  
A special place within our hearts,  
Is always kept for you, Carmel.  
Sadly missed Gillian, Eamon, Michelle and  
Mollie

## IN MEMORIAM

God gave me a wonderful sister  
Whose memory will never grow old  
He fashioned her smile out of sunshine  
And gave her a heart of gold.  
He wanted a star for Heaven  
A beautiful light to shine,  
So out of this world of sorrow,  
He chose this sister of mine.  
You left me precious memories  
That makes me laugh and cry  
The times we shared together,  
No millionaire could buy.  
Also remembering my Mam, Dad and brother  
Paddy Roche at this time.  
Love and miss you always, your sister Maureen,  
nieces Deirdre, Sandra and Karen, nephews  
Anthony and Brian and their families xxx

### AFTER GLOW

*I'd Like The Memory Of Me  
To Be A Happy One.*

*I'd Like To Leave An After  
Glow Of Smiles When  
Life Is Done.*

*I'd Like To Leave An Echo  
Whispering Softly  
Down The Ways.*

*Of Happy Times And  
Laughing Times And  
Bright And Sunny Days.*

*I'd Like The Tears Of Those  
Who Grieve, To Dry Before The Sun*

*Of Happy Memories That I  
Leave When Life Is Done.*

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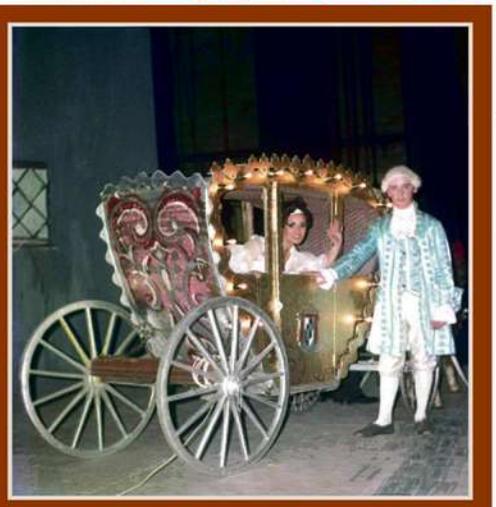
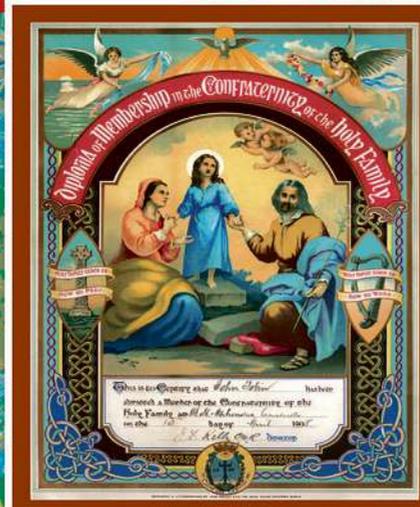
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By Seán Curtin

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## PICTURE SPECIAL - MAYORAL RECEPTION FOR GERALDINES FC



Geraldines AFC were given a Mayoral Reception by t Mayor Sean Lynch to celebrate their 80 years of service and support of their local community. Photographed at the event were Wacky Galvin, Garryowen, Caroline and Dave Connolly, Castletroy View and James McNamara, Garryowen



Rose Nugent, Norwood Park, Ger McCarthy, Old Cork road and Laura Noonan, Norwood Park All

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Tommy Lowe and Paddy Murphy both from Garryowen pictured at the Geraldines Mayoral reception



Joanne O'Callaghan, Kennedy Park and Christy O'Neill, Caherdavin



The Mayor making a presentation to Barry McNamara



Bridie, Turlough, Evan and Lisa McNamara, Woodlawn at City Hall for the Geraldines Mayoral night



Mayor Sean Lynch, presenting a parchment to Geraldines AFC Chairman Dave Connolly. Also in the photograph are Turlough McNamara, Club Secretary & PRO, Tommy Lowe, President and Joe O'Sullivan, treasurer



Geraldines AFC were given a Mayoral Reception by Metropolitan District Mayor Sean Lynch to celebrate their 80 years of service and support of their local community



Three of Geraldines' 'A' team managers Christy O'Neill, Bobby Tier and Derek Hannon



Paddy Mullins, Tommy Lowe, Turlough McNamara, Mayor Sean Lynch, Dave Connolly, Joe Sullivan and Paddy Murphy at City Hall

## Caherdavin Celtic

**JUNIOR A :** Croom has not proved to be a happy hunting ground in the past but thankfully on Sunday morning our fortunes changed and we returned with all three points following a richly deserved 3-2 win. Ten minutes in we took the lead as Ian Wallace broke from midfield and fired home from outside the box. The Croom boys levelled coming up to the break but we regained the lead immediately as Dylan Cronin's diagonal pass from the left sent Keith O'Shea in and he finished with an excellently. We stretched our lead within a minute of the start of the second half a long clearance by Brian Murphy was flicked on by Killian Collins to Evan Egan who did the rest volleying home a superb volley from twenty yards. That should have been that but we made life difficult for ourselves conceding a late goal. However we held on for the win our first league win of the season. It was a fine all round performance and more meritorious that the home side are close to the top of the table. Team Brian Murphy Cian Williams Brian Shorten Brian Daly Alan Normoyle Keith O'Shea Ian Wallace Evan Egan Brian Doran Killian Collins Dylan Cronin Reserves Gary Bateman Ralph Judge.

**JUNIOR B :** Our high flying B side played out a 3-3 draw with Abbey Rvs at Grove Island on Sunday morning in a top of the table clash. Mark Tighe put us ahead early on with a delightful chip over the head of the Abbey keeper. They were in the ascendancy for a period and hit back to level it 1-1. Abbey took the lead just after the break but the pendulum swung our way again and Paul Scales swung a wonderful equaliser beating two defenders before manoeuvring himself into a shooting position before firing into the bottom right hand corner. Danny Reddan crossed for Paul Scales to volley home from all of twenty yards with twenty minutes left on the clock. Abbey boys piled on the pressure and grabbed the equaliser with only minutes to go. Team Dave Keogh Darragh Lenihan David Broderick Nigel McElligott Darragh Hogan Barry O'Sullivan Paul Scales Mark Tighe Conor McBrearty Aidan O'Connor Danny McDonagh. Reserves Used, Darragh Kennedy Gearoid Brennan Danny Reddan Ben Wallace Rioghan Butler.

## Fairview Rangers

**JUNIOR A :** This week's fixtures on the junior front, kicked of somewhat early, with our A squad facing high flying Regional in the premier (Tuohy) cup on Wednesday evening last, in a cold and windswept Jackman Park. Despite the conditions, a decent enough crowd turned up to witness the spectacle, and I am sure they are glad they did. A fine advertisement for junior football saw Regional on top in the opening period, with Fairview in the ascendancy in



**Champions Cup : Owen Kavanagh and Abbey Quinlan who attended the meeting of Janesboro and Rathkeale last weekend**

the second half. Feature of the game again, from our point of view, was the work ethic of the entire team, something that paid dividends on the night for the lads, winning this one by a single goal to nil. The opening half saw Regional working the ball out of defence to good effect, but found it difficult to break us down. Both Ryan in goals and Danagher were excellent (yet again) at this juncture, not only in their own positions, but also in constantly communicating with the young lads around them. Clancy and McCormack gave a sound performance throughout in the full back roles, with Clancy excelling in the second period. Our midfield trio of Madigan, Judge and Daffy (until replaced through injury), gave great cover to our defence in that period, and also created a couple of chances of note in that first half.

Scoreless at the short whistle, we began the second half in a determined mood, denying the opposition their preferred option of working the ball out from the back, through sheer hard work. Consequently, chances began to appear for us, with young Liam O'Sullivan (having been introduced on 35 minutes for the injured Daffy), unlucky not to convert on two occasions. Indeed it was through sheer pressure that we took the lead, when Judge pounced on a loose pass, carried it forward to just in-

side the box before drilling his effort to the far corner, to the delight of all concerned. We nearly made it two when O'Sullivan created his own one on one chance with the Regional net minder, only to be denied by a fantastic save. Regional threw everything at us in the final ten plus minutes, and created a chance similar to O'Sullivan's, but Ryan in goals for us pulled off an equally impressive stop to maintain our lead. The referee's final whistle was a welcome sound to all, giving us a win that not many outside the club would have forecast. An excellent response by the lads to our defeat by Nenagh the week before, and it was also heartening to see the return of Brian O'Callaghan to the team, after several weeks out through injury, and the continued participation of Alex Kiely on the A team, one of a number of underage players who are really stepping up to the plate so far this season. MOTM was a hard call to make but for me, it was Liam O'Sullivan for his overall contribution after his introduction.

**PROVINCIAL CUP :** To Sunday morning then, where we faced a resurgent Summerville Rovers side in the provincial cup. Fielding a somewhat changed side, both on the positional and personnel front, from Wednesday night, we began this tie well and took a deserved lead after approx-

imately 10 minutes when a fine run by McCormack saw him cross for Doyle to head home powerfully. It was two nil ten minutes later, when Doyle again showed his worth, beating a defender before rounding the keeper to finish superbly. Summerville showed just why they are challenging to get back into the premier league by reducing the deficit to a minimum just before half time. We settled well early in the second half, despite conceding that late goal. We regained our two goal lead early in the second half when following some confusion in our opponent's box from a corner kick, Daffy turned sharply just inside the six yard box to rifle home. It was four one when scorer turned provider some ten minutes later. Daffy went past three challenges with ease before squaring the ball back to O'Sullivan who controlled quickly before placing his effort wide of the keeper. Despite both teams creating chances from then on, defences remained on top for the remainder of the tie, leaving the final score 4-1 in our favour. Yet another good performance by our A squad, with Daffy, Madigan, O'Sullivan, McCormack and Doyle the stand out performers in the encounter.

**JUNIOR B :** On Sunday afternoon our B team entertained Aisling/Annacotty and despite their best efforts, lost out on the

day by a 2-1 score line. All involved will be scratching their heads as to how they did not win this one, not to mind drawing it; such was their dominance throughout the encounter. Aisling actually took the lead in this one, with Kieran long equalising with a fine effort. In a rare foray into our half our opponents restored their lead, and despite bombarding the Aisling goal, could not find the finishing touch to any of the chances we created. I am sure the lads will put this behind them, as they are a match for anyone in the division on their day.

## Geraldines

**GALA BALL :** With now only three weeks to go to the clubs Gala Ball which will take place on Bank Holiday Saturday October 28th out in the Castletroy Park Hotel. Tickets for this special night are €60 each as the Dines celebrate 80 years in football under the tower as it was back in 1937 that this great club was formed. So ladies and gents for those who still require tickets please contact Dave, Joe or Turlough ASAP as a great night is assured. Music will be provided by Atomic Chicken and followed by a disco from Richard Keogh until the wee hours.

**JUNIOR A :** After the last few weeks being

cup football it was back to league action for the (A's) as we hosted Mungret Regional in a Div 1A league clash in Garryowen. Due to one thing or another we had to re-jig our side somewhat and in truth we opened brightly a sin the sixth minute Christy O'Neill's curler from the angle of the area just flew wide. Moments later Conor McNamara with a brilliant centre that saw Rob Lowe go highest but his firm header was plucked from under the crossbar by the net-minder. However moments later at the opposite end we were sluggish in closing down the Mungret attack and the ball was quickly whipped out to the right and the winger hit a crisp effort by Keith McCarthy. This indeed rattled us for a few minutes but once we regained our composure it would turn out to be all one way traffic as we quickly got on terms in the 14th minute when Bobby Tier with the deafest of touches found Clifton Carey who in turn then with a slide rule pass pick out Eddie Lee who eased his way by two defenders and once in the area finished it off with some aplomb.

Two minutes later Eddie Lee turned provider as his sumptuous centre found Ian O'Donoghue who rose highest and he steered a cracking header to the net. Just on the half hour mark we struck again this time as Karl Turner, Bobby Tier, Jack Clancy and Darren Roche all playing roles in the build-up as Bobby Tier with a defence splitting ball that saw Ian O'Donoghue nip into coolly slot it by the net-minder.

Then just prior to the break we took a vice like grip on this game as Darren Roche was the creator as his well-weighted ball over the visitors back-line saw Ian O'Donoghue time his run to perfection to beat the off-side trap and once in the area he finished it off in style to leave us leading 4-1 at the break. The second half was not too long on and we struck goal number five when Christy O'Neill's precise cross was powerfully headed to the net by Clifton Carey and then in the 66th minute Darren Roche netted from the penalty spot and in the end we ran out 7-1 victors as John Fenney made no mistake from close range as we bagged full points in what was an all-round team performance.

It will be back to cup football on this coming Sunday as we face a tricky away game in the FAI as its Coonagh away with kick off at 10.30am, while the B team will be away to Moyross (B) in the Div 2A league with a 2pm kick off.

**CLUB NEWS :** Some Important date for upcoming club occasions. Club Lotto is on-going and tickets are just €2 each can be got from many sources. The annual club schoolboy/girl awards will take place in Jerry O Deas on Sunday November 12 commencing at 4pm.

# Limerick FC survive, but there may be room for tactical tweaks

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ON SATURDAY afternoon I travelled to Inchicore and witnessed a fantastic advertisement for League Of Ireland football.

At a time when the league is in the limelight for positive footballing reasons including Sean Maguire's senior international debut on Friday night against Moldova in the Aviva stadium, Saturday had become 'Survival Saturday' for five clubs.

St Patrick's Athletic, Galway, Finn Harps, Sligo Rovers and Limerick FC were all involved in games that would impact their seasons massively.

Limerick's Saturday was rescued when Shane Duggan

volleyed superbly to the net to rescue a point with the last kick of the game against St Pats.

A goal which, with Sligo winning and Galway missing a last minute penalty but still taking a point off Bray, could prove to be what keeps this team in the division.

Limerick are currently not blessed with a strong enough squad from which to pick and alter games.

This is especially when the opposition is dominating play and this was the case on Saturday, a situation I did fear in the build up to the game if there wasn't a change in the shape of the Limerick team to deal with, what I described prior to the game as, The Conan Byrne Factor.

Any side preparing to play

St Pat's will, I am sure, discuss how to cope with, who is in my opinion, one of the best players in the league.

Conan Byrne has destroyed left backs up and down the country all season, so letting Shane Treacy to deal with him alone on Saturday was asking the impossible, but numerous times throughout the night this was the case.

Limerick altered the personnel in front of the former Arsenal player from Ogbene to Clark to Lynch and back to Ogbene during the ninety minutes, but all to no avail.

Whilst Limerick, under this management team, have now probably found their best nine players and possibly rotate on the other two positions and have settled on

a 4-3-3 formation of late, I think we have become a little predictable.

I think by trying a new tactic and a 4-1-3-2 formation against St Pats, which would have allowed for a doubling up on Conan from our one in front of the back four, a job Joe Crowe could have delivered on I am sure, considering he has played a bit part of it already against Cork and on Saturday, Limerick could have had at least a smoother route to the point achieved.

Our three in front of Joe being Shane Duggan, Lee Lynch and Bastien Hery in direct opposition to the Pat's trio of Brennan, Garvan and former Limerick player Paul O'Connor

I would fancy the blue three to match their opposite

numbers both defensively and offensively allowing support for Tosi from Ogbene in a two man attack who defensively would need to work hard closing down full backs Kelly and Birmingham and not allowing them the freedom to overload in wide areas.

Too often on Saturday Tosi was isolated and was also dispossessed too easily as he was outnumbered or heading balls on to no one. I say, give him Ogbene as a partner and like earlier in the season when they played together, we are a threat against any team, while having a solid base behind to deal with individuals in the opposition that need that bit of extra care.

Due to the size of the squad available I feel that a little tinkering with the shape of the team can benefit the

players for individual games.

Football as we know is not a one size fits all affair and by using the same personnel in different roles we may achieve different scenarios to impact different games depending on the opposition.

Limericks situation going into Saturday is not a dream the local footballing public were promised at the beginning of the season but is one now that Shane Duggan's goal might just have saved from becoming a nightmare.

Three points at home to Drogheda on Saturday should really be enough to complete the job.

This season, if we factor in a mid season change of manager and a cup semi final, is probably one where the club has achieved realistic goals.

# FULL TIME

## JUNIOR SOCCER PREVIEWS

# FAI Junior Cup hots up



Regional's Declan Cusack is congratulated by fellow players after scoring against Holycross in the league. Regional face Murroe in the FAI Cup this weekend

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THE FAI JUNIOR Cup third round is scheduled for this weekend, however only three Premier league sides are listed for action.

On Saturday, Regional Utd host Murroe and a day later Ballynanty Rovers welcome Hyde Rangers as Holycross play Caherconlish.

Regional Utd, lying second in the Premier League, face a tricky assignment when they host a Murroe side who have won eight of their nine previous games.

The county side are in flying form led by veteran striker Anthony Cusack who is their top scorer with nine goals.

Regional are unbeaten in the League but have lost twice this season, both were in cup fare, so Ray Lynch will be hoping his side get that hex off their back when they host the Division 1A side.

The Dooradoyle side's insistence on playing the ball out from the back is admirable but as other teams become aware of the system they may need to be more flexible.

Ballynanty versus Hyde, for those old enough, brings

back memories of some great FAI battles over the years.

While Hyde's star has waned somewhat over the decades, they showed in the Munster Junior Cup that they have a side capable of causing an upset by beating Aisling Annacotty 6-3. Consistency is Hyde's problem as they showed by a follow up defeat to Cappamore. They returned to winning ways last weekend beating Moyross B 3-2. Hyde meet a Balla side on Sunday hell bent on a good run in the National tournament.

With big name signings like Joel Coustrain, Shaun Kelly and Clyde O'Connell to add to an already strong squad, they have given indication of their intentions.

A 2-1 win over Nenagh last Sunday will have added to their swagger and it's hard to see them getting caught out like Aisling.

Holycross also face a potential banana skin in Caherconlish. The Division 1A side blow hot and cold depending on players available but with a full compliment they are a challenge for any side.

After eight straight defeats in the Premier League, Holycross have won their last three games and hopes are high it will have given them a

well needed boost.

Div 1B leaders Coonagh Utd take on one of the top sides in Division 1A in Geraldines in what could be the game of the weekend.

The Coonagh front line is well flagged but Tom O'Grady and Co., will be well up for the challenge.

Hill Celtic's only defeat in the last six games was inflicted by the LDL and they will be looking to keep that form going when they host Pallas Utd.

Kennedy Park are in fine form and are expected to account for Northside while home advantage gives Kilfrush a slight edge over Caledonians.

Summerville impressed for large parts of their game with Fairview last weekend and they visit a Shelbourne side, top of the table in Division 2A, who turned in their worst result of the season last weekend going down 5-1 to Regional B.

It could go either way as could the clash of Caherdavin Celtic and St. Patricks.

Janesboro will be expected to restore their five point lead at the top of the PJ Matthews Premier League when they host a struggling Moyross XI at Pearse Stadium.

After a dramatic last minute winner against Rathkeale last Sunday, Aidan Ryan and Shane O'Hanlon would like something less stressful this weekend and their players should oblige.

Aisling Annacotty are desperate to get a run going. After a couple of disappointing results they host a Fairview Rgs side on a good run of form so any positives will be hard to find.

Prospect Priory can open a five point gap at the top of Division 1A if they beat Granville Rgs. If Derek Braddish's side continue their current form they are heading to the Premier League.

Star Rvs will go top of the table in Division 2B if they can take full points on their trip to Summerville Rvs B.

Tonight (Wednesday) sees the continuation of the Tuohy Cup when Kilmallock take on Nenagh AFC in Jackman Park.

The County side recorded a big win over Nenagh's B string last weekend but face a more difficult proposal this time out.

Nenagh were pipped at the post for second week running last Sunday when they went down 2-1 to Balla. The winners meet Charleville in the quarter final.

## LIMERICK SOCCER LEAGUE TABLES

PREMIER	P	W	D	L	Pts
Janesboro	9	8	1	0	25
Regional Utd	9	7	2	0	23
Ballynanty Rovers	9	7	0	2	21
Carew Park	9	6	1	2	19
Nenagh AFC	9	5	2	2	17
Pike Rovers	8	5	1	2	16
Fairview Rgs	9	3	2	4	11
Aisling Annacotty	9	3	1	5	10
Kilmallock	9	2	0	7	6
Moyross	8	1	1	6	4
Charleville	10	0	1	9	1
Holycross	8	0	0	8	0

DIVISION 1A	P	W	D	L	Pts
Prospect Priory	8	7	1	0	22
Cappamore	9	6	2	1	20
Geraldines	9	6	1	2	19
Summerville Rvs	7	5	0	2	15
Murroe	8	5	0	3	15
Mungret Reg	8	3	0	5	9
Fairview Rgs B	7	2	2	3	8
Corbally Utd	9	1	4	4	7
Knockainey	8	2	0	6	6
Castle Rvs	8	1	2	5	5
Granville Rgs	6	1	1	4	4
Aisling Annacotty B	7	1	1	5	4

DIVISION 1B	P	W	D	L	Pts
Coonagh Utd	8	6	1	1	19
Shelbourne	8	6	1	1	19
Athlunkard Villa	8	4	2	2	14
Hill Celtic	7	4	1	2	13
Southend	8	4	0	4	12
Kilfrush	9	4	0	5	12
Croom Utd	9	3	1	5	10
Caherconlish	6	3	0	3	9
St Pats	9	2	2	5	8
Newport	7	2	1	4	7
Regional Utd B	7	2	0	5	6
Caherdavin Celtic	6	1	1	4	4

DIVISION 2A	P	W	D	L	Pts
Ballylanders	9	7	0	2	21
Geraldines B	8	7	0	1	21
Glenview Rvs	9	6	1	2	19
Hyde Rgs	8	6	0	2	18
Corbally Utd B	9	4	0	5	12
Charleville	8	3	1	4	10
Nenagh AFC B	9	3	1	5	10
Caledonians	9	3	0	6	9
Ballynanty Rvs B	9	0	3	6	3
Moyross B	8	0	2	6	2

DIVISION 2B	P	W	D	L	Pts
Newport	9	6	1	2	19
Kennedy Park	9	6	1	2	19
Star Rvs	7	5	2	0	17
Mungret Reg	9	4	2	3	14
Holycross B	8	4	1	3	13
Pallagreen	9	3	2	4	11
Summerville Rvs B	8	3	2	3	11
Athlunkard Villa B	9	3	1	5	10
Murroe B	9	1	1	7	4
Aisling Annacotty C	9	1	1	7	4

DIVISION 3A	P	W	D	L	Pts
Knockainey B	8	5	1	2	16
Caherdavin Cel B	7	5	1	1	16
Abbey Rvs	8	4	3	1	15
Aisling Annacotty	7	4	1	2	13
Prospect Priory B	8	4	1	3	13
Meanus	8	3	2	3	11
Janesboro B	8	3	2	3	11
Parkville	6	3	0	3	9
Bruff Utd	8	1	0	7	3
Herbertstown	8	0	1	7	1

DIVISION 3B	P	W	D	L	Pts
Kilmallock B	7	6	1	0	19
Wembley Rvs	7	4	2	1	14
Castle Utd	6	4	2	0	14
Weston Villa	7	4	1	2	13
Northside	6	2	2	2	8
Cappamore B	7	2	1	4	7
Hyde Rgs B	7	2	0	5	6
Shelbourne B	8	1	1	6	4
Newport C	7	1	0	6	3

DIVISION 4	P	W	D	L	Pts
Coonagh Utd B	6	6	0	0	18
Summerville Rvs C	7	6	0	1	18
Kilfrush B	7	4	1	2	13
Dromore Celtic	7	4	1	2	13
Parkville B	7	3	0	4	9
Athlunkard Villa C	6	2	2	2	8
Mungret Reg C	7	2	1	4	7
Coonagh Utd C	7	2	1	4	7
Aisling E	7	2	0	5	6
Murroe C	7	0	0	7	0

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## Full hands for hurling final repeat

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BOTH Na Piarasaigh and Kilmallock look set to select from full panels for Sunday's Credit Union Limerick SHC final in the Gaelic Grounds.

Na Piarasaigh are 8/15 hot favourites to regain their Daly Cup crown but Kilmallock were victorious when the sides met in the 2014 decider and were also winners when the sides met last season.

While Patrickswell were champions last year, Na Piarasaigh and Kilmallock shared the previous six titles with three wins each.

Na Piarasaigh beat Doon in the semi final without Ronan Lynch, Kieran Kennedy and Conor Boylan and this key trio will be available to manager Shane O'Neill.

Likewise, Kilmallock didn't have the services of Liam Walsh but he too appears ready for action in a final that will be televised live on TG4 at 3.30.

Na Piarasaigh captain Cathall King is hoping that competition for places in the Caherdavin club can propel them to another title.

"We are lucky compared to other clubs around the country, in that we have good numbers in our senior set-up and among those numbers you could pick any number of teams with lads really battling. Training is of a very high standard and you couldn't ask for more - it's the ideal preparation for a county final with lads pushing each other," outlined King.

Four of Limerick's All Ireland U-21 heroes will be in the Na Piarasaigh colours, while three of their county colleagues will be in the Kilmallock corner.



# Erasmus is upbeat over duo making Castres tie

Simon says : Munster's Simon Zebo who is in a race to be fit for this weekend's clash with Castres

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MUNSTER Director of Rugby Rassie Erasmus issued an upbeat report on the chances of both Simon Zebo and Jean Kleyn recovering from injury in time to play in Sunday's Champions Cup opener in France.

Munster open their Pool 4 campaign against the French Top 14s eleventh-placed side Castres Olympique at Stade Pierre Fabre this Sunday, 1pm Irish time, live on Sky Sports.

Munster were without the services of experienced second row Kleyn, due to a neck injury, and utility back Zebo, troubled by an infected knee, for Saturday's Pro14 defeat to Leinster at the Aviva Stadium.

However, Erasmus is confident both players will be fit for this weekend's trip to France.

He said: "Simon looks good. I think he will be available this weekend. Last week he came through two of the training sessions and did

pretty okay, so I think he's good to go.

"Jean Kleyn is positive. I think there is a 70 per cent chance if he gets through the whole week, he will be good to go. There is doubt still but I think he will be good to go."

Erasmus was adamant that Munster's failings in Saturday's interpro derby with Leinster was mainly due to discipline issues rather than a lack of intensity.

Munster flanker Peter O'Mahony bristled when he was asked about the team's

intensity levels during a TG4 post match interview with former Leinster player Reggie Corrigan after Saturday's game.

Rassie Erasmus said: "I also saw the clip afterwards (of the interview). I did not know the line of the question was at the moment."

"But, look, that is the way Pete feels, most teams go to Leinster - Northampton got 50 put on them last year - they smash most teams there, so for us to go there, we experimented with a few things in

the game, we lost by six points, conceded 11 penalties, I really don't think it was a matter of intensity, it was maybe a matter of discipline.

"Obviously, if Pete feels that way about it, we look at our GPS stats and we look at the effort the players put in and it was definitely not through a lack of intensity."

Captain Rodrigo Capo Ortega and experienced scrum-half Rory Kockott are expected to return for Castres on Sunday following a Top 14 defeat to Brive.