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Winner to be revealed this week at gala dinner. See page 8 for more on the awards



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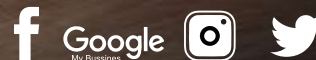
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Setting the agenda in Limerick



**▲ GOOD WEEK**  
**Brendan Dale**  
The popular LYS volunteer enjoyed a surprise birthday party for his 50th at Lava Java's



**▼ BAD WEEK**  
**Simon Harris**  
The health minister is under fire after news the UHL 60-bed unit will be delayed until 2020



**☘ QUOTE OF THE WEEK**  
"The constant spin cycle from Fine Gael won't wash"  
**Mayor James Collins after the delay to the 60-bed unit, which was supposed to begin autumn 2019, was confirmed**

INSIDE THIS WEEK



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Pensioner cut in laneway attack  
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Community college plan  
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DEATH

Gleeson nee Dillon, Veronica (Rochester, UK, formerly of Fitzgerald Cottages, Fitzgerald Place, Rosbrien) February 11th 2019, peacefully in Rochester. Beloved wife of Gerard. Dearly loved mother of Michael, Ivy, Ivan, Caroline and Gerard. Sister of the late Bartholomew (Sonny) and Patsy McInerney. Sadly missed by her sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, sisters Irene McNamara and Rita Bourke, nephews, nieces, extended family and friends. May she rest in peace.

Reposing at Thompson's Funeral Home, Thomas Street tomorrow Thursday evening from 5.30pm to 7pm followed by removal to St Joseph's Church, O'Connell Avenue. Requiem Mass on Friday at 11.30am with burial afterwards in Mount St Oliver Cemetery.

## Will we ever take to the streets again?



Over 20,000 took to the streets in December 1987, but Barrington's Hospital still closed in 1988. Now a 60 bed modular block at University Hospital Limerick has been delayed following the over run of costs to the National Children's Hospital



**WHAT WE THINK**  
**EUGENE PHELAN**  
LEADER EDITOR

OLDER readers will remember back in 1987 when 20,000 people took to the streets to demonstrate over proposals to close Barrington's Hospital.

It was opened in 1829 for the poor of Limerick. Willie O'Dea made headlines when he voted against the government he was part of, which closed the facility. Now we face another crisis. This

week it has been confirmed that the crucial €19.5 million 60 bed modular block will be delayed as a result of the financial overrun for the National Children's Hospital. So the trolley crisis, it seems, will get worse. We already have the worst overcrowding in the country.

What will Limerick politicians do about this? Not a lot, or so it seems at the

moment. We have to be grateful to Clare TD Michael Harty, who highlighted the matter this week and described the delay as "a betrayal of trust".

He is supporting a vote of No confidence on Health Minister Simon Harris set to be held this Wednesday. Now the interesting thing is how will the Limerick TDs in FG and FF vote on this one?

WEBTOPTEN

1. Serial Limerick shoplifter is on first name terms with security guards
2. TV coverage confirmed for weekend GAA matches ahead of Limerick v Cork hurling league tie
3. A 'real coup' as Madness added to Limerick's new marquee Live at the Docklands series
4. 'Time is right' to sell huge Limerick site with potential for major development
5. Neighbouring County Limerick farming families join forces for two good causes
6. Limerick man has bail revoked by judge following violent incident
7. 'Sophisticated' cannabis grow house uncovered in Limerick during garda searches
8. Limerick micro-brewery to be toast of Treaty City as plans given green light
9. Limerick planning saga may be nearing its end with move on vacant sites
10. Man set fire to mother's home in Limerick after row over cash



It's Madness! Suggs and Co take to the Docks for major gig. See page 23 or online for more

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK



**WEDNESDAY**  
Cloudy with a couple of showers but temperatures rising to 13°C



**THURSDAY**  
Mostly cloudy with a shower and temperature peak of 12°C



**FRIDAY**  
Mostly cloudy with a shower and warm with 14°C peak



**SATURDAY**  
Afternoon rain and warm for time of year with 14°C peak



**SUNDAY**  
Remaining overcast but drier with temperature peak of 13°C



**MONDAY**  
Still overcast but dry and still warm with 15°C peak

# MyLimerick

## Denis Tierney

Communications Officer, Limerick City and County Council

### What's your idea of a perfect day, or a perfect weekend, in Limerick?

Hot and sunny weather, being able to get up early in the morning and do what you have planned. Go for a walk around UL, close to home with my dog, Paddy. Then meet friends for a drink and watch the world go by. Everything is so much better when the sun shines.

### What's your first Limerick memory?

Growing up in Limerick, I suppose all our memories are related somewhat to the city, but I remember summers in the Fairgreen. Being out and playing around all day with all the neighbours. When one of us was called for lunch or dinner, we all went because we knew our food was ready as well. Playing tennis on the road during Wimbledon season, celebrations on the road at New Year and wonderful neighbours.

### What's your favourite part of the county/city and why?

This is definitely an unusual but personal choice ... the corner of the Fairgreen and Ballysimon Road. I'm from the Fairgreen and always walked everywhere. I remember walking home from the city centre either from school or when I came back to Limerick while in college, my heart used to skip a beat when I turned the corner as I could see my house from the bottom of the hill, knowing that I was almost home to see my Mam and siblings and everything would be alright.

### What about a favourite local walk or view?

I only went on these recently, shame on me ... the Knight's Trail in Glin and the Ballyhoura Trails. They are tough but so rewarding. The views from the Knight's Trail are gorgeous, over the Shannon Estuary, while I love the sense of adventure in Ballyhoura, especially when the walking trails intersect with the bike trails.

### What do you think gives Limerick its unique identity?

Limerick people, our sense of humour, and the way Limerick can surprise you.

### Do you have a favourite local restaurant?

Don't really have a favourite restaurant, it depends on what type of food I want, but having had friends visit from out of town recently, we have a great choice of very good restaurants and they are all always busy, which is great.

### How would you describe the people of Limerick?

Witty, friendly, compassionate.

### How important do you think sport is to Limerick?

I think sport is hugely important. It is the lifeblood of many places including Limerick. Over my career, I've been lucky to get first-hand experience of some of the greatest sporting events ever happening and they were on our doorstep.

The Munster re-match with the All-Blacks in 2008 and the Limerick hurlers' homecoming last year were amazing, while I also remember international Cross Country races in 1991 and the Nissan Classic cycle race trundling through the streets and the massive crowds along the route.

### If you could add one amenity to Limerick what would it be?

A beach — I would love if we had a beach right on our doorstep.

When I lived in Dublin and Melbourne I lived right by the beach and it was lovely to go for a swim or a walk after work.

### What's the biggest challenge facing the city/county today?

That's a tough one... What needs to happen is for plans to become reality. Again, from my vantage point, there is so much going on behind the scenes. It will be great when all the jigsaw pieces are put together.



## FRONT PAGES OF THE PAST

29 YEARS AGO  
JULY 21, 1990

THE big bold heading on the City edition of the Leader in 1990 read: "Now it's official: Dessie reveals his plans."

And the plans by the then Minister for Industry and Commerce was to strip Shannon Development of its overseas duties. Mr O'Malley

confirmed that the IDA would take over responsibility for overseas job creation, but they would not have an office in Limerick. The main picture was of sailor Pat Lawless. The granddad confirmed he would attempt another solo sailing effort around the world.



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**Mayor of the Metropolitan District of Limerick Daniel**

## Mayor calls for respect at meeting

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A HEATED exchange took place between councillors at a metropolitan district meeting about the allocation of €30,000 for the city's St Patrick's Day festivities.

Metropolitan mayor Daniel Butler called for "respect" as intense discussions took place between himself and Cllr Séighin Ó Ceallaigh.

The meeting ended with members of the local authority agreeing to give the allocation to this year's St Patrick's Day festival in Limerick - on top of the money the event will already get from the arts office.

However, Cllr Ó Ceallaigh was disappointed with the exclusion of the Limerick Soviet Centenary.

"It is disappointing that the Limerick Soviet will not play a part. I was told that my motion that I brought before council was not valid for some reason or another," he said.

The Sinn Féin councillor was then questioned by Cllr Butler as to what the Limerick Soviet had to do with the €30,000 allocation for the St Patrick's Festival.

"I know you weren't there mayor, I don't know what you were up to," said Cllr Ó Ceallaigh, referring to the meeting where the Limerick Soviet had been discussed.

"For those of us who were there, we had a serious discussion about what we wanted from this. You are disrupting my motion and you don't even know what you are talking about," Cllr Ó Ceallaigh added.

The metropolitan mayor called on the councillor to show respect.

"I show you courtesy and respect, I expect you to show the same," Cllr Butler retorted.

# 'Little Museum' of city planned for Pery Square

**Culture:** Members rubber-stamp plans to lease Georgian site

**NICK RABBITTS AT CITY HALL**

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COUNCILLORS have rubber-stamped exciting proposals which could lead to the opening of a 'Little Museum of Limerick'.

At this month's metropolitan district meeting, members approved the lease of Culture House at number 2 Pery Square to the Limerick Civic Trust to transform the building into a visitor attraction.

In a document to members, director of services Gordon Daly said: "Limerick's Georgian quarter is an architectural gem and the biggest in Ireland outside Dublin. One of the strengths of this proposal lies in the ability of the Limerick Civic Trust to deliver a high quality product that

enhanced the current offering both to the people of Limerick and to guests of the city."

While the building would be leased to the heritage group, the local authority would still be entitled to use it for future civic events as required, he added.

The council's proposal would see the unit taken over on a long lease.

But Independent councillor John Gilligan called for a rolling year-by-year agreement.

He warned of past buildings the council has leased, and claimed some have been left out of use for an extended time.

However, Mr Daly said as part of the lease agreement, there will be a requirement for the Civic Trust to give regular updates.

Sinn Féin councillor Séighin Ó

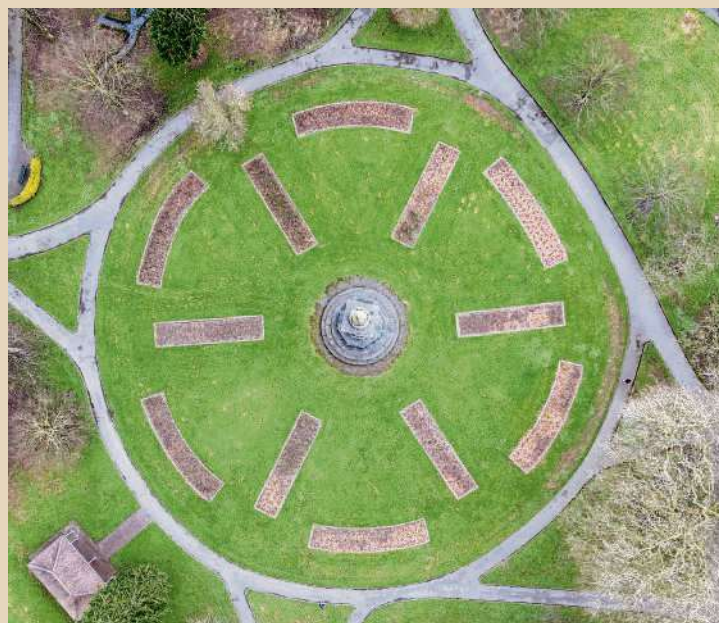


**Georgian quarter is 'architectural gem': Gordon Daly**

Ceallaigh said this issue should have been raised at the cultural strategic policy committee for which he is a member.

Fianna Fail councillor Kieran O'Hanlon called for talks with the board of the Civic Trust in relation to this proposal.

Number 2 Pery Square was the headquarters of Limerick City of Culture during 2014, but, Mr Daly, says it's not currently accessible to the public. "The building and its garden needs attention, repair and an ongoing maintenance plan to be put in place. As a cultural and events space, the Georgian House played a key role in the year of Limerick City of Culture. There is an opportunity to build on this and reflect on the efforts made over the last number of years," the director added.



**Ballybrown photographer Mark Sheahan snapped the two shots of the Thomas Spring Rice monument, erected in 1831, in People's Park at the weekend**



## Lookin' well Tom! New view of People's Park statue

**THE PEOPLE** of Limerick are now finally able to look into the eyes of Thomas Spring Rice statue in People's Park, one of the most elusive monuments in the city, writes *Fintan Walsh*.

This is thanks to Ballybrown photographer Mark Sheahan, who

specialises in capturing "unusual perspectives" that are only made possible using drones.

The first Lord Monteagle, Rice was one of the most influential political figures in Britain at the time.

The statue, placed on top of a 79-foot

monument, was erected in 1831 while he was still alive.

Award-winning historian Sharon Slater said that it was normal for eminent people to have statues erected in their honour while they were alive, she told *The Leader*.

## 'Use drones to catch dog owners' foul play'

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LIMERICK City and County Council should use drone technology to catch dog owners who don't pick up after their pooch has fouled.

That's the view of Fianna Fail councillor Kieran O'Hanlon, a member of the environment committee, who has also welcomed the fact the local authority has invested in four devices to catch images from the sky.

The scheme is in place as

part of a government initiative to tackle illegal dumping, with Limerick having the most drones - four - alongside Leitrim, whose football team they ironically play this Sunday.

Cllr O'Hanlon said: "I've been walking the footpaths

throughout the city, and to see the dog-fouling going on is terrible. It would be great to catch the owners who do not clean up the mess after their dogs. It would be a marvellous idea. People are in wheelchairs, in buggies with prams. Ordinary

people are going to work and have dog poo on their shoes. It's absolutely disgraceful. I don't think it's very funny."

The use of drones was welcomed by fellow committee member Cllr Marian Hurley.

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# Mungret has designs on new build

**Education:** One of Limerick's newest schools has its first official planning meeting

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WITH plans to increase its future numbers to 800 students, Mungret Community College (MCC) recently held its first official planning meeting for its new school building.

One of Limerick's newest secondary schools, MCC welcomed its first students in September 2017.

The new school building is expected to be finalised by the end of 2020, according to the chairperson of the school's board of management Metropolitan Mayor Daniel Butler.

"I'm delighted to see the design process now begin, that we can work towards delivering a new building for MCC," Mayor Butler said.

"It's a very exciting time," he added.

"We have a very experienced and strong team that we have every confidence in to deliver the project on time and to the highest quality."

"The demand for the



Above is a photograph from the first Mungret Community College design team meeting and right, MCC students with Eamon Murphy, George O'Callaghan, deputy principal Helen Ryan and principal Liam O'Mahoney. PICTURES: BRIAN ARTHUR



school has been exponential, especially this year," he added.

"We expected there to be a huge demand but the level has been incredible."

"That all puts more pressure on us now to deliver a school before we outgrow our current premises."

The first client and design team meeting for the new school building was held on February 11 at the head office of the Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board, who are the school's patron.

Ahead of the meeting, MCC students, along with

their principal Liam O'Mahoney and deputy principal Helen Ryan, got the opportunity to meet the design team.

Along with Mayor Butler, the students got the chance view plans of what is proposed for their brand new school.

"The school's principal Liam O'Mahoney and myself will be working very closely together on this project to ensure that we deliver it on time," Mayor Butler added.

"The end of 2020 has always been our target."

Last July, it was announced that Limerick

and Clare Education Training Board would be responsible for delivering the new school build for MCC.

This decision was made by the then Minister for Education Richard Bruton to ensure building work on the new school would be fast tracked.



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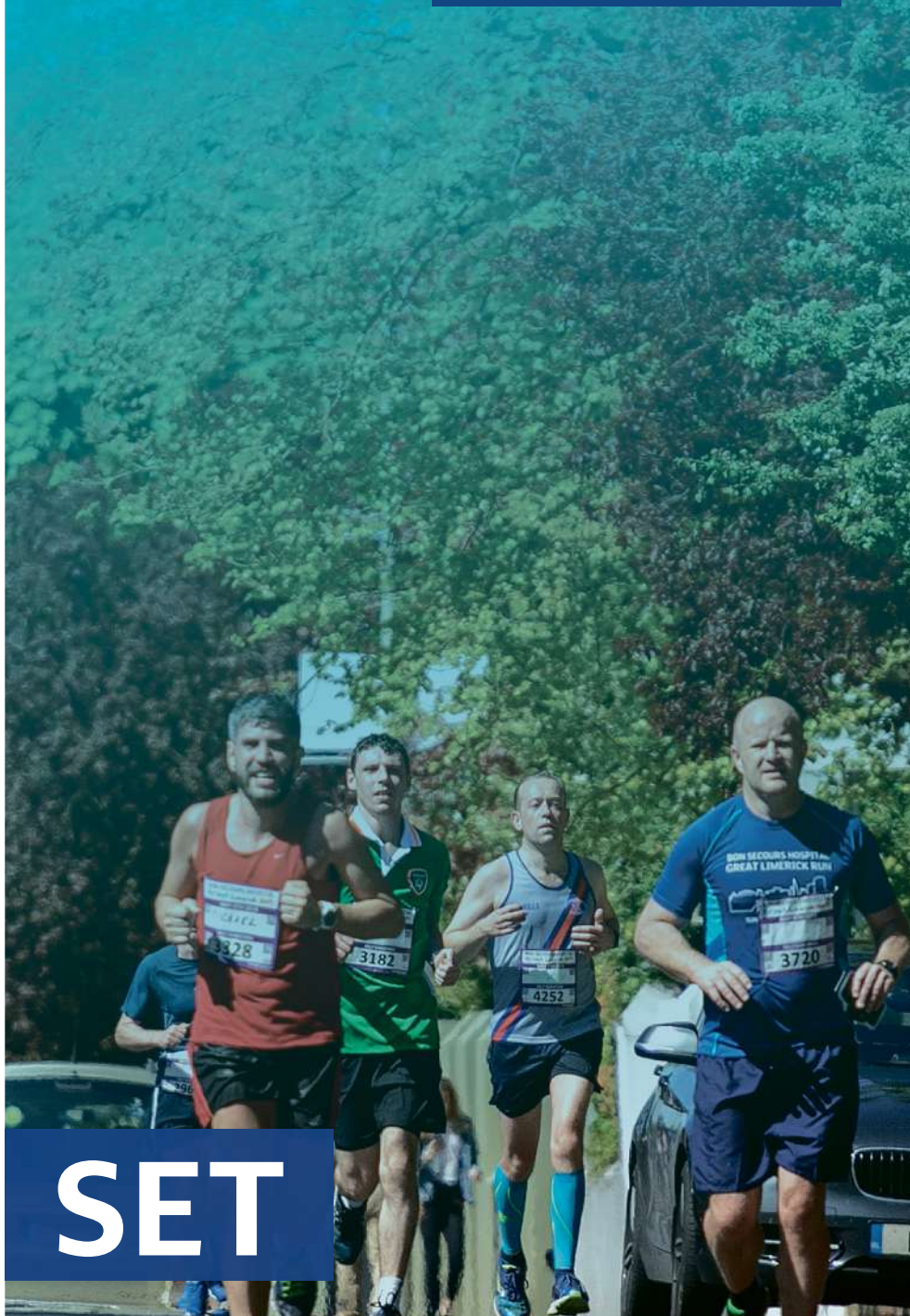
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# Person of the Year 2018 to be revealed

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AN individual or group of individuals who best exemplified the spirit of Limerick in 2018 will be named the Limerick Person of the Year at a gala awards ceremony this Thursday.

There are 12 outstanding candidates in the running for the prestigious award.

The overall winner will be revealed at a lunchtime ceremony at the Clayton Hotel.

The 12 monthly award recipients were honoured during 2018 for a broad range of accomplishments ranging from hard-hitting campaigns for justice, excellence on the sporting field, and selfless endeavours which benefit the local community, to those who make an invaluable contribution to policing, business, and entertainment in the Mid-West region.

Eugene Phelan, managing editor of the Limerick Leader, said that the calibre of the nominees and the feats they accomplished in 2018 is



**Who will follow in the footsteps of Sr Helen Culhane as Limerick Person of the Year for 2018?**

“remarkable”.

“Thursday’s award ceremony will be a fantastic occasion to recognise the great work being done by Limerick people in all aspects of life. The year 2018 was a very special one for Limerick people for lots of different reasons and on Thursday we get the chance to reflect on those achievements and honour the people and teams behind them,” said Mr Phelan.

The awards ceremony will be compered by RTE’s Petula Martyn and Lorcan Murray.

The awards are proudly sponsored each year by the Limerick Leader, media agency Southern and the Clayton Hotel.

**For more, see the weekend editions of the Limerick Leader and follow us online for the announcement of Person of the Year on Thursday at [www.limerickleader.ie](http://www.limerickleader.ie)**

## Limerick Person of the year 2018 nominees



January: Emma Langford, singer-songwriter



February: Former Chief Supt David Sheahan



March: Donal Ryan of Mulkear Outreach Group



April: Vicky Phelan, campaigner



May: Brendan and Terry Ring, Cliona's Foundation



June: Ger Lynch, drug addiction counsellor



July: Jayne Foley, Fresh Film Festival founder



August: Limerick senior hurling team



September: Limerick ladies junior footballers



October: Paddy Brennan, music historian



November: Leona O'Callaghan, campaigner



December: Meg Wiley Curran, campaigner





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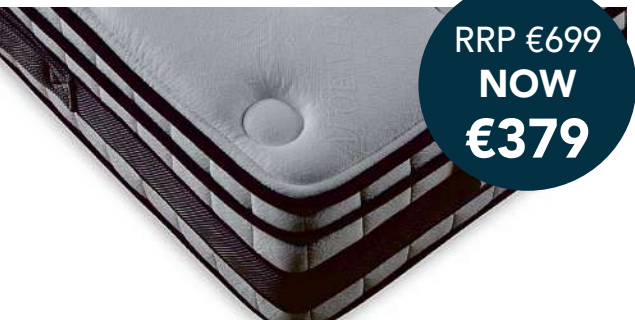
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I'd be half way to Portugal or Spain in the time the 304 takes to get to UL - ain't that the truth



#### Noelle Houlihan

Sadly there is no bus for the Ballysimon road business park (halfords bnq etc) would like to see a city bus for there

#### Anne Mcgrath

No not enough rural routes

#### Bridin Ryan

No direct regular route to LIT from Castletroy

### LIMERICK MICRO-BREWERY TO BE TOAST OF TREATY CITY AS PLANS GIVEN GREEN LIGHT

#### Gary Kirwan

Small companies like this are the future for Limerick, well done guys



#### Matthew A. Ring

Fantastic addition to a street with huge potential! Best of luck to Treaty City

#### Mark Carey

Best of luck Treaty

### LIMERICK EMPHATIC IN FIRST HURLING LEAGUE WIN OVER KILKENNY IN 22 YEARS IN NOWLAN PARK

#### Bernie Fitzgerald

Still won't get recognition we deserve. Hope the critics drive the team on. Love watching this Limerick team when they in full flow



#### Ger Marnane

Great teamwork. A joy to watch this team. Well done

#### Rob Slattery

Great win John Kiely is top man doing great job has the team ticking over nicely

#### Dermot Minihan

9 points, one for each life. Cats got skinned, well done Limerick

### 'ABSOLUTELY FANTASTIC': LIMERICK MOTHER-OF-THREE GETS VITAL OPERATION

#### Mary Mack

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Activist Sean Hartigan, pictured at the field where the trees have been cut, and below, Google StreetView of the site taken in June 2017 MAIN PICTURE: MICHAEL COWHEY

# Activist cross over the axing of trees

**Environment:** Complaint as greenery cut down

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A LOCAL activist has made a complaint to Limerick City and County Council over the felling of trees.

Green party local election candidate Sean Hartigan is appalled at the fact a number of trees and hedgerows appear to have been axed at a site in Castletroy.

He discovered this – ironically enough – after giving a talk to local children on the need to create homes and habitats for wildlife.

“That field is a huge habitat for wildlife. The amount of birds which would live in there, the bats which would have been in the trees – and the trees themselves would be absorbing carbon from the atmosphere and pumping in oxygen. We have 1% of native tree cover in this country and we need to retain absolutely everything we have,” Mr Hartigan, Lisnagry, said.

He received his first call about the tree felling from a concerned and “horrified” parent, who he said,



compared the scene to Watership Down.

“I am still getting calls from people. There was one woman here early on Saturday when it started, and she said it was like Watership Down – rabbits running all over the place,” Mr Hartigan added.

Mr Hartigan has written to council, as well as the National Parks and Wildlife Service, and Coillte to

raise his concerns and enquire as to whether a felling licence was in place at the land.

“There were some oak trees and ash trees in there. There was one oak tree well over 150 years in there of up to two metres,” he claimed, “We are talking about up to 300 metres of hedgerow, maybe up to 14 or 15 trees.” Mr Hartigan claimed they were all removed over one weekend.

## Accord sees 2,783 couples attend therapy

MORE than 2,700 couples in the South West attended marriage and relationship counselling sessions with Catholic organisation Accord last year.

According to the latest figures released by the Catholic agency, in 2018 2,783 couples attended

counselling through the service, which operates offices in both Limerick city and Newcastle West.

This compares to 3,129 couples in 2017.

A further 2,484 individuals also attended marriage preparation courses in the South West last year.

Nationally, 16,048 individuals attended sacramental marriage preparation courses with the Catholic organisation last year.

A further 24,180 couples received counselling with Accord for issues like lack of trust between partners or unresolved arguments.

## Minister Harris condemned for mid-2020 delay for UHL beds

**THE GOVERNMENT and Minister for Health Simon Harris continue to be condemned for its lack of clarity over the delivery of a crucial modular unit at University Hospital Limerick.**

The UL Hospitals Group has confirmed that it is hoped that a €19.5m 60-bed project will be completed by mid-2020, despite the Government's

hopes to have it ready by autumn 2019.

Labour TD Jan O'Sullivan accused the Government of "not being up front" about the important project that will act as an interim measure, prior to the delivery of a 96-bed project, sometime in the 2020s.

"It is completely unacceptable that

patients and staff will have to go through another winter in an overcrowded hospital that is not capable of catering for the numbers of people in attendance."

Mayor James Collins said "the constant spin cycle from Fine Gael won't wash", adding that the political party "has proven that it can't manage public finances".



Minister Simon Harris came under attack over the lack of clarity regarding UHL's 60-bed unit

## Dolores is the All Time Great

**Voting:** Search for Limerick's All Time Great over with a runaway winner after a series of polls

ICONIC Cranberries frontwoman Dolores O'Riordan has been named Limerick's All Time Great after a runaway win.

The Ballybricken woman, who sadly passed away suddenly last year, is the winner of The Leader's search to find Limerick's greatest person.

Dolores, with 59% of the vote, trumped her fellow nominees in the final four after a week of heavy voting.

Munster and Irish rugby legend Paul O'Connell was second with 17% of the vote, while Hollywood screen star Richard Harris and All-Ireland winning Limerick hurling manager John Kiely shared third spot with 12% of the vote each.

The Cranberries frontwoman emerged as the winner after three rounds of online polls from a starting list of 16 contestants who were selected from hundreds of nominations as Leader readers were asked to select Limerick's All Time Great.

"Dolores is an exceptionally worthy winner of Limerick's All Time Great," said Eugene Phelan, editor of The Leader.

"She is an iconic figure in world music but never forget her Limerick

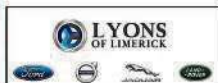


**Dolores O'Riordan: Named Limerick's All Time Great** PICTURE: KEN COLEMAN

roots and her love for her native place. We are proud that she has been named the All Time Great after an exceptionally popular series of online polls. All 16 candidates would have made for a worthy winner, but there can only be one!"

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## LEADER CRIME BRIEFS

BY DAVID HURLEY



## Gardai seek witnesses after woman is knocked down

GARDAI are seeking witnesses following a road traffic accident in the city in which a young woman was knocked down.

Gardai at Henry Street are investigating the incident, which occurred on Saturday at exactly 2.40pm.

The traffic accident took place outside Brown Thomas on O'Connell Street. Gardai said the young female was knocked down by a Silver Opel Vivaro Van.

"She was injured in the collision and subsequently taken by ambulance to University Hospital Limerick where she was treated for her injuries," said



**Gardai at Henry Street are investigating**

a spokesperson.

"There was a large crowd of people outside Brown Thomas so this accident would have been seen by a number of people.

"If you were one of those people and were a witness to this accident please make contact with the Gardai at Henry Street and the number is 061 212400," added the spokesperson.

## Thief stole 7-iron golf club from BMW in Castletroy

GARDAI in Limerick are investigating the bizarre theft of a golf club from a car in Castletroy.

Gardai said a thief targeted a black BMW 320 parked at Cois Ghruada, Castletroy in the early hours of last Wednesday morning between 1.30am and 8am.

"The thief broke into the BMW and stole a Dunlop 7 iron golf club from it. If you were around the Cois Ghruada area of Castletroy in the early hours of last Wednesday morning and saw anyone with a golf club, please contact the Gardai at Henry Street Garda Station."

Call 061 212400.

## Cars damaged and targeted by thieves in Castletroy

GARDAI are investigating after a number of cars were damaged during early morning incidents.

Gardai said four cars were targeted by thieves in the Curragh Birin area of Castletroy also in the early hours of last Wednesday morning.

"Between 12.30am and 8am they caused damage to and broke into a number of these cars," said a spokesperson.

"The cars were a black Nissan X Trail, a black Volkswagen Polo, a black BMW 320 and a blue Volkswagen Passat.



**Thieves targeted a number of cars in Castletroy**

"One of the items taken from the black Nissan X Trail was an Irish rugby jacket. Gardai at Henry Street are looking to further their investigation in this matter. If you have any information on this please make contact," added the spokesperson.

Contact Henry Street on 061 212400 if you have more information.

## Driving in bad weather

GARDAI have issued advice on driving on our roads in bad weather.

Gardai repeated a warning about leaving a car running while it defrosts, while also noting that roads may be gritted in frosty conditions and for motorists to take caution.

Also, gardai said they would advise all motorists only to buy new tyres rather than second hand when replacing.

# Retired soldier was robbed in laneway

**Injured:** Pensioner cut after being hit with knife

DAVID HURLEY

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A RETIRED soldier was attacked and robbed at a laneway in the city centre after he was lured there by a woman who phoned him while he was socialising, a court has heard.

Details of the incident, which happened a year ago, emerged during the sentencing hearing of a couple who have admitted targeting the vulnerable pensioner.

Fintan Lynch, 39, and Christine O'Grady, 30, both of Parnell Place, Limerick, have each pleaded guilty to a robbery charge relating to an incident which happened at Hunt's Lane, off Dominick Street, on February 22, 2018.

Detective Garda Shane Ryan said the then 75-year-old victim was attending a function at a city hotel when he went outside having received a phone call from O'Grady.

He said both walked to the laneway where Lynch then attacked the victim from behind - knocking him to the ground.

A knife was held to his neck and he sustained a cut under his left arm when he was struck with the knife.

Det Garda Ryan told John O'Sullivan BL, prosecuting, the culprits took the victim's wallet which contained around €200.

Extensive CCTV was obtained and the movements of the culprits tracked around the time of the incident.

The mobile phone used to phone the pensioner was also recovered at O'Grady's home.

In a victim impact statement, the victim's daughter said he became "withdrawn and very quiet" following the incident and stopped going out.

"It took a lot out of him, he was just not himself," she said.

Barristers representing each of the defendants said their clients



**The incident happened at Hunt's Lane, off Dominick Street**

wished to apologise for their actions on the night.

Both, Limerick Circuit Court was told, have previous convictions and suffer from addiction issues.

Jack Nicholas BL said Lynch is now taking a different approach in life and is making efforts to address

his addiction issues. Eimear Carey BL said O'Grady - a mother of two - is doing well in prison and is now "drug free and looking well".

Judge O'Donnell said the matter was "a very serious case in my view" and he adjourned sentencing to June.

## Recidivist is facing extra time in prison

A repeat offender is facing the prospect of additional time in prison after he pleaded guilty to multiple theft and burglary charges, *writes David Hurley*.

Gerard O'Neill, 23, of New Crescent Halting Site, Childers Road, is already serving a four year sentence - which was imposed last summer - for a spate of burglary offences.

Giving evidence at Limerick Circuit Court, Sergeant Fergal Hanrahan said the defendant stole a CCTV system, worth €831.20 "off the shelf" at Maplin, Childers Road Retail Park, on March 26, 2018. Mr O'Neill, he said, attempted to

break into a house on the Dublin Road on April 11, 2018; broke into a commercial premises in Ballysimon on April 21, 2018 and entered a student house in Castletroy on April 18, 2018.

Sgt Hanrahan said a young woman was in the house at the time and that the defendant had entered the house while armed with a screwdriver.

Following a brief encounter with the woman, he escaped with a number of laptops which were never recovered.

Judge Tom O'Donnell was told Mr O'Neill was on bail at the time and that any sentence he receives must be

consecutive to the sentence he is currently serving.

Yvonne Quinn BL said there was no forensic evidence in the case and she submitted her client's admissions and guilty plea was important.

She said he suffers from mental health issues and was using drugs around the time of the offences.

"He is a vulnerable person, he presents as immature," she said urging the court to consider the principal of proportionality when determining the appropriate sentence.

Judge O'Donnell adjourned the matter to June.



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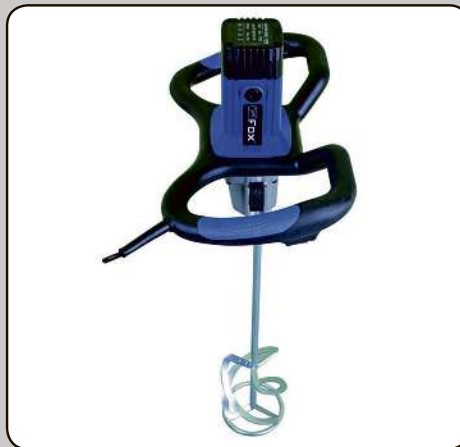
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# Dreams of the summer

Backed by Shannon Airport, the Holiday Show once again proved a great success, welcoming sunseekers and staycationers alike

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**Isabelle, Alexis and Ross Flanagan, Caherdavin enjoy the fun in the UL Sports Arena**

**Stick 'em up, Buster!:** Ross came with his two children to focus on taking a tour across Ireland. 'I want to see different spots,' he said, 'We don't really appreciate what we have. When we have the sun, this country is really special! His five-year-old daughter Alexis told us that the top holiday she has taken in her life was a trip to sunny Spain.' It was just great,' she smiled of the trip to Malaga.

**Geraldine McFadden, Aqua Suites, with Stella and Finbarr Broughan of the Ennis Road**

**Lanzarote-bound:** Finbarr is looking forward to a break in the sun with wife Stella. He said: 'One of the places we were looking at was Lanzarote. We heard it has a good reputation'. Asked what is so special about the Canary island, he said: 'Out of the year, I think there is only the one week where they do not get sunshine. The pace of life is very relaxed, and there is a beautiful breeze there. When do we take off? Very shortly I hope!'



**Maureen Ledwith, sales director of the Holiday Show, and Eoghan Corry, editor of Travel Extra at the Holiday Show**

**'Our exhibitors love Limerick':** The 'queen' of the Holiday Show Maureen said: 'This is their favourite show. They love the fact it is so relaxed and people have a great day out.'



**Success!****Holiday Show:**

Hundreds of people were at the Holiday Show in the UL Arena. Taking place over two days, more than 100 exhibitors were present.

# Candid Comment

By SPARTACUS

● There appears to be some movement in the long-running saga involving Dunnes Stores.

As readers will be aware the retail chain has two empty stores in the heart of the city centre that have been vacant for over 10 years. One is on Sarsfield Street and the other on O'Connell Street. Our sister paper, Monday's tabloid Limerick Leader, reported this week that Gordon Kearney of Rooney Auctioneers has had 10 different viewings of the O'Connell Street store with four separate proposals for the site. He expects a decision very soon.

Regarding Sarsfield Street, it is understood that a local charity may be taking part of that vast premises. And not a moment too soon, as one person out walking reported a startling sight to Spartacus recently. This person was walking near the old Dunnes premises on Sarsfield Street - down by Liddy Street, which goes onto Arthurs Quay Park. Lo and behold, what confronted him but three foxes.

"They appeared to be coming out of the rear of the store and ran across towards the back of Debenhams," Spartacus was told.

An occupier for the derelict unit would be more than welcome, if only to remove the possibility of a city centre zoo. And if anyone is out and about and sees the foxes they might take a photo and send one into us at The Leader.

● As you can imagine The Leader receives hundreds of press releases each week.

One which caught the eye recently bore the heading: "Free War of Independence Commemorative Medal for Limerick Households."

We all love something for free. A free lunch or a drinks reception always comes with a catch and when you are offered a free War of Independence Commemorative Medal there is, you have

guessed it, also a catch.

The press release read: "To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the start of the War of Independence, The Dublin Mint Office, part of the Samlerhuset Group, has launched a commemorative War of Independence Centenary Medal. The medal is available for free to members of the public." It looks lovely but when Spartacus went to order one through the email address given, we were told that there was a postage charge of €3.95. When we said we could collect the medal we were told: "All orders for the medal are via post. There is a nominal charge of €3.95 to cover postage. All information is on the website - [www.eireindependence.com/press](http://www.eireindependence.com/press)."

Nothing free in this life it seems.

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● The on again, off again nature of one of the most vital pieces of health infrastructure in the Mid-West is again causing controversy this week.

TD Michael Harty, chair of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Health, said he would be voting no confidence in Minister for Health Simon Harris over the delay in the delivery of the crucial €19.5m 60-bed modular block at University Hospital Limerick. Dr Harty has lost trust in both the Minister and the Government over the "lack of commitment to delivering on this project as promised".

"The provision of this unit has been the subject of recent word spinning and ministerial misinformation," he raged.

It now appears that, despite protestations last week from Fine Gael members, the unit will not be built until mid-2020, meaning Limerick faces another 'a winter of torture' if the Government does not deliver the promised 60-bed block, according to Labour's Jan O'Sullivan. One winter is over, but another is coming.

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Julie Mai Moran, Castleconnell

**Bouncing around:** Young Julie Mai was having a great time on the bouncy castle at the Holiday Show in the UL Arena!



**Vadim Koryagim, Cambrils Tourism, Carlota Farriol, PortAventura World & Patrick Brosnan, Janesboro Viva Espana!** Patrick says it's important to support Shannon - and is hoping to fly to the Iberian Peninsula from there. They are building a new runway in Dublin and they will have us in the wilderness if they have their way.



Ruth Vaughan, group sales manager, the Savoy Hotel and Karen and Pat O'Connor, Castletroy

**Five star options:** Prosecco and brownies were served at the Savoy Hotel stand. Castletroy's Karen and Pat only stumbled upon the Holiday World Show by accident!

# Win free retail space at the Parkway

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on what type of businesses can enter. Anyone from online-only outlets looking to experiment with a physical presence, to fashion stalls wanting a bigger premises, can apply.

Entrants can apply online at [www.revo.com](http://www.revo.com) community.org/campaigns/hatch. The competition will run for two months, with winners announced in May. The offer at Parkway Shopping Centre will benefit from mall space; free rent, rates and service charge. They will also receive

professional marketing and business support to help promote their concept and a year's free BIRA membership, which includes a unique retail insurance scheme, card processing, free legal advice and preferential banking rates.

Parkway Shopping Centre is the main retail destination in Limerick with approximately 135,000 sq ft of retail space. Footfall in the past year was in excess of two million, with an average dwell time of one hour with an average spend of €61.

# Purebeau AO clinic to host beauty gala

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# Birthday bash for LYS volunteer

**Party:** Brendan Dale celebrated turning 50 at city's youth cafe

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THE LIMERICK Youth Service team surprised one of its dedicated volunteers with a birthday party to remember as he celebrated a milestone birthday.

LYS volunteer Brendan Dale was surprised at the Lava Java Youth Cafe on Lower Glentworth Street last week, with a party to celebrate his 50th birthday organised by his friends and colleagues.

Brendan, who has Down Syndrome, has been volunteering with the service on Glentworth Street for almost 20 years.

"There's a generation of Limerick people now who would know Brendan having gone through the Limerick Youth Service," LYS youth information officer Dermot Troy explained.

"People who would be in their forties now who would have known Brendan in their teens."

Brendan, one of the longest serving members of the LYS team, currently volunteers in the service's community

restaurant, Mr Troy added.

"Brendan has been a volunteer with Limerick Youth Service for 19 years, volunteering between 30 to 35 hours a week."

"He came to Limerick Youth Service first through the Daughters of Charity as part of a work experience placement and he loved the place so much, he's stayed here."

"There are a lot of young people with special needs and older people with special needs who volunteer with the Limerick Youth Service that come to us through the Daughters of Charity," Mr Troy added.

"It's good- its works both ways, for the young and old."

Brendan's surprise party was full of music, as his guests danced to some of his favourite songs by ABBA.

"He also got loads of presents," Mr Troy added.

A delicious chocolate cake was also baked for the occasion by learners on the Limerick Youth Service bakery team.

"Celebrating with his friends meant so much for him. He's well-known, he's got great friends."

"Sheila Walsh, an instructor with the Limerick Youth Service community restaurant, would have organized the party but as a whole all the instructors came together to organise the event."

Limerick Youth Service works with more than 3,000 young people every year,



providing a wide range of training across educational, social and personal development programmes.

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## What should you do over a pension transfer offer?

Over the past 12 months, I've been contacted by a large number of people, looking for help and advice in relation to a defined benefit type pension they have or had with an employer of theirs.

The reason they reached out for help is because they have been offered an enhanced transfer value (ETV) in exchange for the pension their employer promised to pay them when they reach retirement age.

And they want to know should they accept or decline the offer?

The reason companies are offering ETVs is Defined Benefit pensions have become too expensive and economically unviable to continue.

There are risks to taking an ETV and risks in staying in the DB scheme, you just have to be aware of what they are. Once you know and compare the advantages and disadvantages of each, you can make a more informed decision about which is best for you.

#### DB SCHEME ADVANTAGES:

1. You have a fixed income for life, with no need to worry about investing the ETV amount and no need to worry about how markets perform in future.
2. The value of the DB payable is much greater than the ETV offer.
3. Your preserved benefit may increase in line with inflation/CPI index.

There are, however, potential disadvantages should you remain in a DB scheme as well.

#### DISADVANTAGES:

1. If you remain in a DB scheme, it could be wound up and you may not end up getting the full deferred pension at retirement age. If the scheme runs into

financial difficulties in the future, you could see your deferred pension cut via a S.50 order, as part of a restructuring of the scheme, with no floor to the cut which could be made. For example, some deferred pensions in Aer Lingus had their value reduced by between 45% and 60% as part of a restructuring of their DB scheme.

2. The scheme could be wound up and a transfer value offered which could be significantly less than what you are being offered now, and you would have no option but to accept it.

3. In retirement, even after the pension becomes payable, there is still a risk of a reduction in pension if the scheme was wound up or restructured.

4. If you were to die, a significant portion of your pension could die with you which is obviously not ideal for passing on your benefits to your family.

I now want to outline what I consider are the merits of taking an ETV.

#### ADVANTAGES:

1. If transfer value is enough, it could, depending on returns, pay a higher income than the DB pension.
2. If you avail of an ETV offering, you can pass on the value of it in death i.e. it goes into your estate and can be passed to your spouse/children/family.
3. You have much more flexibility and control over your income in retirement. By investing your ETV in a Personal Retirement Bond which will become an Approved Retirement Fund (ARF) when you begin to take benefits from it, you can dictate the amount you draw down from it each year to meet one off expenses. With a DB pension, you don't have that flexibility.
4. By taking control of your pension



**There are risks to taking an ETV and risks in staying in the DB scheme**



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in retirement, it removes the uncertainty over what your future income might become in retirement i.e. you are not impacted if the DB scheme decides to adjust the benefit payable to its members or not.

5. Taking the ETV and investing it via an ARF, this mechanism can allow you (a) access to your fund earlier than a DB pension and (b) you have the potential for a higher tax-free lump sum.

6. The value of your fund can increase over time with the return on the investment strategy.

7. Even if the transfer value doesn't translate into the exact amount a DB pension might, you may have access to other sources of income i.e. rental income, and when combined with the ETV income, it is more than sufficient from a cash flow perspective.

Another question asked is do you wait and see if the ETV gets bigger? If the solvency position of the DB scheme remains the same, the ETV offer would be expected to increase for each year you wait to take your deferred pension.

However, there are a few things that could upset this increase.

If investment markets dropped significantly in the meantime and the solvency position of the scheme deteriorated the transfer value might actually be cut.

Secondly, if the scheme fails to meet the funding standard, there could be a cut in deferred pensions and hence a cut in the transfer value available.

Lots to consider and it's important you get external advice from a trusted source, not someone involved with the DB pension scheme because there may be a conflict of interest.

### ASK LIAM

Our personal finance expert answers your questions ...

**Q: I'm considering taking out a life assurance policy, but really unsure about which type to take out. I'm 60 and think I only need cover until I'm 75. When the policy comes to an end, are all the premiums I paid lost? I know I'm paying for the cover, but wondering if I can get any of the premiums I paid back?**

A: The good news is that you can. There is a policy that has been launched by Royal London which is ideal for anyone, but especially for people of your age and older, and it's called their Whole of Life Changes Plan.

You have two options once the policy is in place 15 years.

You can discontinue the policy but get back 70% of the premiums you paid or stop paying the premiums but continue with a reduced level of cover.

If the cost of your new policy is, say, €100 each month for €60,000 cover, and after 15 years you want to cancel the policy, you have two options, you can either:

Get a guaranteed refund of €12,700 (€100 x 180 x 70%)

Or stop paying premiums but life cover in the amount of €18,000 continues until you reach the age of 100.

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# Anger at delay on shopping centre plan

**Retail:** An Bord Pleanála moves key decision back to next month

**NICK RABBITTS**  
 nick@limerickleader.ie

THERE is a fresh delay to a decision on a multi-million euro proposal to double the footprint of a suburban shopping centre.

In plans exclusively revealed by our sister newspaper, the Limerick Leader, Castletroy Town Centre bosses are seeking to significantly expand the footprint of the shopping centre near the Kilmurry Roundabout.

After the application was turned down by council planners, the applicant UGP Castletroy appealed the decision to An Bord Pleanála.

But now, in correspondence seen by Senator Maria Byrne, it has emerged the national appeals body has delayed making a decision on the scheme.

Ms Byrne is severely critical of the delay to the process, which now means it won't be decided upon until after Tuesday, March 12.

"Delays from An Bord Pleanála on deciding on the Castletroy Town Centre

expansion are unacceptable, Castletroy's population is expected to hit 24,000 people by 2022, this will make it bigger than the current population of County towns such as Tralee, Portlaoise, Clonmel, Sligo and Athlone," Ms Byrne pointed out.

The main plank of the council's decision to deny planning permission was the perceived negative impact the centre might have on the city centre.

But Ms Byrne said: "I can't see why the Castletroy Town Centre expansion plans can't proceed in tandem with the regeneration of the city centre. Castletroy is a growing community and facilities need to be in place for the people who live in the area. Castletroy Town Centre is unique in that it also caters to the retail needs of many of UL's 11,600 students and 1,300 staff, the 80 organisations employing 4,000+ people at the National Technology Park, and the Troy Studios film and television studios, all within a 15-minute walk of Castletroy Town Centre."

She argued the proposals do not



**Senator Maria Byrne, pictured outside the Castletroy Shopping Centre. She says delays on a decision on the expansion plans are unacceptable** PICTURE: KIERAN RYAN-BENSON

materially contravene the retail strategy for the Mid-West region, the Limerick County Development Plan, or the Limerick City Development Plan."

Social Democrats candidate Sarah Jane Hennelly added, "Anyone who lives in Castletroy knows how nice it is to have the centre there, the convenience and the community feel around the place. It's worth building on. Objectors to expansion argue that growth in the Castletroy centre would detract from city centre development. It doesn't cite progress to pit the city centre against a growing suburb like Castletroy.

"Analysing trends and projected patterns in population growth is the best approach to planning. The city centre was on its knees long before the Castletroy Centre was built. There is no causal link between the two. Castletroy is expanding rapidly, that is an undeniable trend. If we ignore that, like we ignored trends in the city, then we are left with a firefight, accommodating growth retrospectively. That is poor planning."

## Teckro raises \$25m

CITY firm Teckro has raised \$25m in funding that it says will help it speed up clinical trials to fight world's most complex diseases.

The company, founded and headquartered in Limerick city with offices in Dublin and in Nashville, said the fresh round of financing would accelerate its aim of helping to bring drugs and treatments to market quicker and more efficiently.

The life sciences company, which operates out



**Teckro chief executive and founder Gary Hughes**

of the Bank Building in the city, has developed specialist software for clinical drug trials.

Teckro's total funding now stands at \$43m - around €38.2m.

It uses machine learning technologies to improve the speed and accuracy of clinical trials.

## Free marketing advice

A LIMERICK group has been set up which will offer free marketing advice to firms in the region.

The Limerick Marketing Collective was set up in 2018 by Mary McNamee and Trisha O'Gorman, Caragon, both of whom were in stand-alone marketing roles and looking to connect with other marketers. With no official network for marketers outside of Dublin and Cork they went about forming one for marketers in the Midwest.

Support takes the form of free marketing clinics for any business, community project or charity that might need it.

The first Marketing Collective clinic will take place in the Bank of Ireland Workbench on 125 O'Connell Street, Limerick from 8am to 10am on Thursday, March 21.

More information: 061-415055.

## Women's Day event at Thomond Park

A MAJOR event celebrating women in business is to be held at the home of Munster Rugby on International Women's Day, writes Jess Casey.

Hundreds are expected for the conference at Thomond Park on Friday March 8 as Network Ireland marks the international day focusing on women's rights.

This will be the first time the conference is to be held in Limerick, and Limerick's Local Enterprise Office (LEO) is set to partner with the event.

"I am delighted to welcome this prestigious event celebrating International Women's Day to Limerick as part of Local Enterprise Week 2019," LEO head of enterprise Eamon Ryan said.

"It further strengthens the partnership between LEO Limerick and Network Ireland."

Speakers on the day will include former Ireland rugby international



**Network Ireland and Limerick's LEO are to host the event in the home of Munster Rugby**

Fiona Steed and performance coach Gerry Hussey. The conference will be led by MC, journalist Deirdre O'Shaughnessy.

This year's conference will focus on

building resilience, according to Network Ireland president Helen Wycherley. "It is important to develop a positive and resilient mind-set to conquer the challenges we as businesswomen encounter."

"Our celebration of International Women's Day will be a fantastic, inspiring, fun event for all with endless opportunity for learning and connecting with other women in business from across the country."

The theme for her presidency this year is 'step up', she said, adding that she wants to help women "to fulfil their potential."

"I want to help and support our members, to do more and be more. So this year will be all about empowering women to step up to the challenge, to be ready to seize opportunities as they arise," Ms Wycherley added.

Tickets for the event are available at [networkirelandiwd2019.eventbrite.ie](http://networkirelandiwd2019.eventbrite.ie)

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No 32 The Village, Adare. Originally a four bedroom property, it was converted to three large double bedrooms, but can be easily reinstated to a four bedroom property if required

# Adare to dream in Manor

**Luxury:** Extras include surround sound, underfloor gas heating and a large double driveway

### AT A GLANCE

**Location:** 32 The Village, Adare Manor, Adare

**Description:** Three bedroom, detached home

**Price:** €650,000

**Seller:** Rooney Auctioneers

**Contact:** 061 413511



One of the most sought-after addresses in Limerick, The Village, Adare Manor offers both substance and style in a very attractive package.

Rooneys Auctioneers are delighted to present a substantial detached property with beautifully landscaped gardens to the front and rear in this superb location.

Boasting a gorgeous finish throughout, Number 32 has surround sound, underfloor gas heating, a large double driveway and fully walled-in back garden among many other wonderful features.

Situated in a private cul-de-sac in the much sought after private residential estate adjacent to Adare Manor, the property which extends to 2,500 sq.ft (232.25m<sup>2</sup>) has been decorated to an exceptionally high standard and been beautifully maintained.

The private, landscaped, low maintenance, mature garden to the rear is laid out in a lawn area and patio area.

No 32 The Village is an outstanding family home which boasts two bright reception rooms with one exceptionally large reception room downstairs.



Granite worktops and a stylish Belfast sink are two eye-catching features of the kitchen

There is a large sunroom to the rear with French doors off to the patio area and garden.

A large and bright open plan kitchen/dining room is tastefully finished with granite worktops, Belfast sink and integrated appliances. There is also utility room, guest WC and large storage/walk-in closet downstairs.

Upstairs consists of the large double bedrooms with two en-suite bathrooms and main bathroom.

Originally a four bedroom property, it was converted to three large double bedrooms, but can be easily reinstated to a four bedroom property if required.

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## Rower Beg, Adare, Co. Limerick



Price on application

For Sale by Public Auction (on the kind instructions of the Vendors Anne and Patricia Sparling). Auction on Friday 5th April at 3pm in our Limerick City Auction Rooms (UPS), 25/26 Glentworth Street, Limerick

Prime residential roadside holding extending to circa 42 st acres. This property is situated just 1 kilometre south of the hugely popular tourism and picturesque village of Adare. The lands are truly in superb quality, laid out in easily managed divisions and well watered and fenced. There is a piped and natural water supply. Very extensive road frontage to the main Limerick/Killarney Road. The two storey residence is in need of repair but offers huge potential. A large range of out offices are also located on the lands including a hay barn, loose shed and yard. Inspection of this magnificent property is very highly recommended.

Solicitors - Valerie Noonan, MF Noonan and Co., Solicitors, Main Street, Rathkeale, Co. Limerick. Full details Contact Tom Crosse on 087-2547717 or John O'Connell on 087-6470746.

## Former Sisters Of Mercy Convent, Convent Street, Killaloe, Co. Clare



Price on application

Outstanding period property located in this hugely popular lakeside town. For Sale by Public Auction on Thursday 4th April @ 3pm at The Lakeside Hotel, Killaloe, Co. Clare (unless previously sold)

Prominent land mark property located in the hub of Killaloe located immediately adjacent to all amenities. Constructed in 1857 as "The Bishops Palace" this period property has extensive living and bedroom accommodation and could be adapted for numerous commercial or residential uses. Many of the original features are retained including high ceilings, wainscoting, carved architraves, detailed cornice work, ceiling roses and original window shutters. Good parking in the forecourt area. Inspection of this extensive and most desirable property is highly recommended.

Joint Agents - GVM Auctioneers contact Tom Crosse on 087-0872547717 and Harry Brann Auctioneers.

## The Grange, Raheen, Limerick



BER A3

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BER F

€120,000

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## 16 Castlemara, Annacotty, Limerick,



€285,000

A truly superb 4 bedroom semi detached residence situated in this much sought after established residential location, maintained in excellent condition throughout and located just a few minutes drive from University of Limerick, Plassey Technological Park, Castletroy College, Newtown Shopping Centre, Primary Schools, Castletroy Park and an array of local top class sporting amenities. Inspection of this magnificent family home is very highly recommended. Contact John O'Connell on 087-6470746

## 87 The Meadows, Murroe, Co. Limerick,



BER C1

€159,000

Spacious three bedroom semi detached family home in excellent decorative condition throughout located in a small mature residential development just on the edge of Murroe Village. This property has three double bedrooms and a south facing rear garden. Only 10 minutes drive to The University of Limerick and motorway network. Viewing highly recommended. Contact Declan Barry on 087-2026886

## 121 Evanwood, Golf Links Road, Castletroy, Limerick



BER A3

€270,000

A beautifully maintained and very spacious 3 bedroom semi detached residence situated in this much sought after location in close proximity to the University of Limerick, Plassey Technological Park, excellent quality primary and secondary schools, shopping centres, cineplex, and an array wonderful sporting amenities. This magnificent family home has been tastefully fitted to the very highest standards, and is an ideal opportunity to acquire a "turn key" property in one of Limerick's premier locations. Contact Declan Barry on 087-2026886

## 45 Park Gardens, Corbally, Limerick



€225,000

Three bedroom semi detached family home with spacious living accommodation in a very popular mature residential development only a few minutes from the city centre with all amenities including primary / secondary schools on your doorstep. Not overlooked to rear. Garage available for conversion if additional accommodation is needed (subject to planning permission). Good decorative condition throughout. Viewing highly recommended. Contact Declan Barry on 087-2026886

## 30 Creagh Avenue, Kileely, Limerick City



€115,000

Extended two bedroom end of terrace house with spacious living accommodation located in a very popular and convenient residential development adjacent to all amenities and within walking distance to the city centre. This property has been maintained in excellent condition throughout. Contact Declan Barry on 087-2026886

## 25 Chesterfield Downes, Castletroy, Limerick



€179,000

Spacious three bedroom semi detached house in a popular residential development in good condition throughout with a south west facing rear garden. Located adjacent to Childers Road retail Park and just 3.5 kilometers from The University of Limerick. Ideal family home or investment opportunity. Viewing highly recommended. Contact Declan Barry on 087-2026886

## Blossom Gate Street, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick. V35 HK18



BER C2

Price on application

Detached commercial unit situated on a landmark high profile corner site. The unit extends to C.105.44 sq. m. (1,135sq. ft.). Accommodation comprises of: reception/waiting area, 3 doctor's surgeries, canteen and 2 toilets. There is ample off-street parking and an enclosed yard to the rear which has an outside boiler house. This property is currently used as a doctor's surgery but has potential for numerous uses. OFCH, DG UPVC Windows, 8 Parking Spaces, Contact Richard Ryan on 087 8067772

## Dromelia, Murroe, Co. Limerick



BER D1

€235,000

Deceptively spacious three bedroom extended cottage standing on a large site of approximately 1.2 acres with detached garage and located just 3 kilometres from Murroe Village and a 20 minute drive to the University of Limerick. Viewing recommended. Contact Declan Barry on 087-2026886

## Ballynaught, Bruree, Co. Limerick. V35 X584



BER C3

€235,000

Deceptively spacious 4 bedroom detached residence situated within walking distance of the popular village of Bruree. The residence rests on a C. 0.6 St. Acre landscaped mature site. Accommodation comprises of: hall, sitting room, living room, dining room, kitchen, utility, 4 bedrooms, bathroom and guest toilet. Detached shed to rear. Viewing of this magnificent family home comes highly recommended. OFCH, DG UPVC Windows. Contact Richard Ryan on 087 8067772



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# Monaleen home a fab fit for family

## AT A GLANCE

**Location:** 45 Monaleen Heights, Monaleen  
**Description:** 4 Bed Detached Home  
**Price:** €319,000  
**Seller:** 061 418000  
**Contact:** Sherry Fitzgerald, 6 Shannon St, Limerick



Number 45 Monaleen Heights is an excellent 1980s detached property situated at the heart of one of Castletroy's most established residential areas.

Neatly tucked toward the rear of a quiet cul de sac, No 45 affords buyers the potential to create a modern family home suited to their individual needs.

The property offers a generous private site and superb internal dimensions, with scope to alter and extend the existing layout (subject to p.p).

Monaleen Heights is a highly regarded development of semi-detached and detached homes positioned just off Castletroy's Monaleen Road.

The area offers a host of

superb amenities on your doorstep, including Castletroy Golf Club, Castletroy Shopping Centre and playground, and a wide range of award winning restaurants and speciality shops.

The educational offering in this location is second to none; Castletroy College, Monaleen N.S, Milford N.S and the University of Limerick are all accessible within minutes.

Plassey Technological Park is situated just 2km away, in addition to multiple access points to the M7 road network.

The property is approached via sweeping cobble-lock driveway, offering ample parking for multiple vehicles and

bordered by mature landscaping to each side.

From the hallway, an impressive living room stretches the width of the front of the home, with an open fire at its centre.

The living room is south-westerly in aspect, and so benefits from plenty of natural light throughout the day. A through-way links the living area to a family room toward the rear of the house. A sunroom connects this space with the kitchen through the property's utility room at the rear.

The house contains a modern fitted kitchen, fully tiled at the floor and splashback, with integrated appliances and granite worktops throughout. A family room is set to the west,



**This spacious detached property in Monaleen offers the ideal blank canvas to someone looking to create the perfect family home**



a superb space suitable for entertaining guests – dual aspect and complete with a second feature fireplace at its heart.

On the first-floor there are four excellent bedrooms (three double, one en-suite),

in addition to a generous fully equipped main bath.

Those seeking a blank canvas from which to create their ideal family home will appreciate this property's potential.

## ACCOMMODATION

\* Ent Hall, Living Room, Family Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Guest WC, Utility, Sunroom, four bedrooms (three Double, one Ensuite)

## SERVICES

\* OFCH, BER: E1, Double Glazed Windows, Off Street Parking

# Excellent starter home in Castletroy View

## AT A GLANCE

**Location:** 25 Chesterfield Downs, Castletroy View  
**Description:** 3 Bed Semi Detached  
**Price:** €179,000  
**Seller:** GVM Auctioneers, 25/26 Glentworth Street, Limerick  
**Contact:** 061 413522



Number 25 Chesterfield Downs is a spacious three bedroom semi detached house in a popular residential development in Castletroy.

In good condition throughout, with a south west facing rear garden, the property is located adjacent to Childers Road Retail Park and just 3.5 kilometers from the University of Limerick.

It would make an ideal family home or investment opportunity and viewing highly recommended.

Entrance is via a tiled hallway, with a downstairs toilet off it.

The sitting room has a fireplace with double doors to the dining area.

**The south-west facing rear garden with patio area is one of the many appealing features of no. 25 Chesterfield Downs**

The open plan dining and kitchen has tiled flooring and the kitchen is fully fitted with a door to the rear garden.

There are two double bedrooms with built-in wardrobes in the master bedroom to the front of the

property.

There is also a single room to the front.

The bathroom has the usual fittings, is fully tiled and has an electric shower.

The hot press contains an electric immersion.

## NOTABLE FEATURES

- \* Good condition throughout;
- \* South west facing rear garden.
- \* Double glazed UPVC windows.
- \* Natural gas central heating.
- \* Open plan garden to the

front and off street parking. Enclosed south west facing rear garden with patio area and garden shed.

To view, drive along Childers Road from Parkway Shopping Centre and take first left and left again into

Castletroy View.

Proceed with third right and continue straight on into Chesterfield Downs. This property is located on the left hand side. Contact Declan Barry on 087-2026886 to arrange a viewing.





**DOORADOYLE, LIMERICK** BER C2

2 THE GROVE,

Low maintenance two bedroom ground floor apartment in a secure gated complex within walking distance to Crescent Shopping Centre, etc. The apartment is in excellent condition and comprises of a hall, large open plan kitchen-dining living room, two double bedrooms, one ensuite & bathroom. Ample communal parking. GFCH. Management company in place. BER No. 102554193

€180,000 Briain Considine 085 2894166



**DOORADOYLE, LIMERICK** BER C3

16 HEATHER GROVE, GLENCAIRIN,

3 bedroom residence of approx. 1,297 sq/ft. (120.5 sq/m.) located close to Raheen Business Park, University Hospital Limerick, schools, shops etc. Bright & spacious property comprising: hall, living room, kitchen, dining room, utility, garage, guest wc, 3 bedrooms, ensuite & main bathroom. Landscaped gardens. GFCH. Situated in a desirable residential area. BER No. 100879030

€255,000 Briain Considine 085 2894166



**ANNACOTTY, CO LIMERICK** BER C2

32 ELM ROAD, RIVERBANK

Spacious 3 storey townhouse located close to an abundance of amenities including the University of Limerick, Castletroy Shopping Centre, Plassey Technology Park, schools etc. Approx. 118 sq/m. (1,270 sq/ft.) comprising of four bedrooms, two ensuites, kitchen/diner with utility room off, a large living room with open fireplace and main bathroom. Fully enclosed rear garden. GFCH. BER No. 111477899.

€185,000 Briain Considine 085 2894166

# Rooney



**ENNIS ROAD, LIMERICK** BER B2

114 MAYORSTONE AVENUE

Fantastic 165.41 sq/m 1,780 sq/ft (approx.) house which comes to the market in superb condition having undergone a complete renovation in the last 12 months. New wiring, plumbing, heating, insulation, new kitchen & bathrooms, new windows and doors etc. Downstairs: Hallway, 2 reception rooms, kitchen-diner, utility, bedroom & en suite. Upstairs - 3 bedrooms & bathroom. South-west facing rear garden. Walking distance to the City Centre & just a stones throw from Thomond Park & LIT. BER No. 09794339

€315,000 Briain Considine 085 2894166



**CORBALLY, LIMERICK** BER C2

12 BROOKHAVEN WALK, MILL ROAD

Super 3/4 bedroom home of approx. 1,360 sq/ft (126.3 sq/m) situated close to river walks, schools, shops & city centre. Hall/guest wc, living room, dining room, kitchen-dining room, utility, playroom/bedroom 4. 3 bedrooms, ensuite & main bathroom. Tiered rear garden which splits the garden into 3 different levels - great opportunity to design a garden space like no other in a city suburb. GFCH. BER No. 101301935

€240,000 Briain Considine 085 2894166



**ADARE, CO LIMERICK** BER C2

32 THE VILLAGE, ADARE MANOR

Substantial 2,500 sq.ft (232.25m<sup>2</sup>) detached property with beautifully landscaped gardens. Situated in a private cul-de-sac in the much sought after private residential estate adjacent to Adare Manor. Decorated to an exceptionally high standard and beautifully maintained. 2 reception rooms, sunroom, kitchen/diningroom, utility, guest wc. Upstairs: 3 large double bedrooms, 2 ensuites & main bathroom. Originally a 4 bed property, it was converted to 3 large double bedrooms but can be easily reinstated. BER No. 107304644

€650,000 Lisa Kearney 087 2633422



**LIMERICK CITY CENTRE** BER G

9 CATHERINE STREET,

Unique property in the heart of Limerick City. The entrance is between O'Connell's Menswear & Be Fabulous Ladies Boutique. This leads to a hallway with a staircase to the 2 upper floors and a back hallway with store room and access to the basement. The property is in need of substantial renovation. Possible tax incentives for renovations via Living City Initiative Scheme. BER No. - 110823697.

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Excellent located 4/5 bedroom home close to all local amenities – schools, city centre etc. This character full home comprises of: hallway, 2 reception rooms, kitchen-breakfast room, 2 downstairs bedrooms, wet room style bathroom and 2/3 bedrooms upstairs one with large storage area off. GFCH. Alarmed. Double glazed upvc windows. Private large rear garden and front garden. BER No. 111831897

€260,000

Lisa Kearney 087-2633422

**CLARINA, LIMERICK**

TERVOE

Super family home in an excellent location only 10 minutes drive from Limerick City & right in the heart of Clarina Village. Approx. 2,023 sq/ft (188 sq/m). Hall, open plan kitchen-diner-living room, sunroom, living room, 4 double bedrooms, en suite, main bathroom, garage. Separate detached apartment of approx 444 sq/ft (41.26 sq/m) : 2 bedrooms, kitchen, bathroom & living room. Landscaped 0.5 acre site (approx.) including extensive sandstone patio & outdoor tub overlooking manicured long rear lawn & shrubberies. In excellent condition throughout. BER No. 111299731

€380,000

Briain Considine 085 2894166



BER D1

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BER D2

**10 HILLCROFT**

3 bedroom semi-detached home of approx. 85.5 sq/m (920 sq/ft). Hall/wc off, living room, kitchen-dining room, storage room. Upstairs: 3 bedrooms, ensuite & main bathroom. Within walking distance to primary and secondary schools, the Parkway Shopping Centre, Childers Road Retail Park, and the University of Limerick. Enclosed landscaped rear garden with patio. Gas fired central heating. BER No. 111596904

€160,000

Briain Considine 085 2894166

**CASTLECONNELL, CO LMK**

BER C1

**7 CASTLEROCK ROAD, CASTLEROCK**

Fantastic 4 bedroom home of approx. 140 sq.m (1,507 sq.ft.) located in the popular Castlerock area of Castleconnell. Excellently located being close to all local amenities and main motorways. This spacious home comprises of an entrance hallway with guest wc, spacious bright reception room, kitchen-dining room, utility room, 4 bedrooms, ensuite & main bathroom. GFCH. Rear garden. BER No. 111645602.

€225,000

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**CORBALLY, LIMERICK**

BER E2

**56 RICHMOND PARK**

Superbly located 3/4 bedroom home in excellent condition, close to national & secondary schools, shops & only a stones throw from the City Centre. Hall, kitchen-dining room, living room, utility, playroom, study/bedroom 4, downstairs wc, 3 double bedrooms upstairs & main bathroom. Landscaped rear garden with decking area & sandstone patio. OFCH. The house is tastefully decorated throughout. BER No. 111838918

€249,000

Briain Considine 085 2894166

**DOORADOYLE, LIMERICK**

BER C3

**38 INIS LUA, FR RUSSELL ROAD**

Spacious 3 bedroom end townhouse located close to the Crescent Shopping Centre, schools, and motorways. The accommodation extends to approx. 92.78 m2 and comprises of an open plan kitchen-diner, living room, downstairs wc, 3 bedrooms, en-suite & main bathroom. GFCH. Double glazed Upvc windows. Private rear garden with patio, raised flower beds, side entrance. BER No. 110904778

€210,000

Lisa Kearney 087-2633422

**DOORADOYLE, LIMERICK**

BER D1

**8 LISSANALTA GREEN,**

Substantial & extended 4 bedroom 3-storey residence of approx. 140.917 sq.m. (1,516.61 sq.ft.) within walking distance to shops, schools etc & within easy access to the motorway. Hall, study, living room, dining room, sun room, kitchen, utility, guest wc. 4 bedrooms. 2 en suites, main bathroom. In excellent condition with ample living space throughout. Overlooking a large green area. Large rear garden. GFCH. BER No. 100765148

€270,000

Lisa Kearney 087-2633422

**MURROE, CO LIMERICK**

BER C3

**31 LISCREAGH,**

Excellently maintained 3 bedroom semi-detached property of approx. 93.5 sq.m. (1,005 sq.ft.) located in the peaceful countryside village of Murroe. Kitchen-dining room, living room, 3 bedrooms, en-suite, main bathroom & guest wc. OFCH. Only a short stroll to the local shop, pub and restaurant along with a host of other amenities in the village. Close to the picturesque Clare Glens & Glenstal Abbey and a 10 minute drive from Limerick City. BER No. 111805636

€165,000

Briain Considine 085 2894166

**CASTLETROY, LIMERICK**

BER E2

**1 HAZELWOOD,**

4 bedroom detached residence of approx. 136.22 sq.m. (1,466 sq.ft.) situated just a few minutes walk from the University Campus, close to University Concert Hall, Troy Studios etc. Living room. Dining room/Bedroom. Kitchen. Utility room. Downstairs bathroom. Garage (potential for conversion to bedroom subject to PP). Upstairs: 4 bedrooms, en-suite & main bathroom. Enormous potential for any investor or family looking for a detached home. OFCH. BER No. 111831178.

€195,000

Peter Kearney 087 6488792

**NORTH CIRCULAR ROAD, LMK**

BER D1

**"BROOKFIELD"**

Located on the much sought after North Circular Road, "Brookfield" is a super family home with open plan livingroom/diningroom, open plan kitchen/breakfast room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, WC, utility & storage area. Situated within walking distance to Limerick City Centre & all local amenities. Large cobblelock driveway with ample car parking to the front. Private rear garden and patio area. GFCH. Double glazed windows. BER No. 110832052.

€325,000

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**RAHEEN, LIMERICK**

BER C3

**1A THE SANCTUARY, CHURCHILL MEADOWS**

Spacious 5 bedroom, 3 bathroom, 3 storey property of approx. 134.70m2. (1,450 sq.ft.) located in the popular Churchill Meadows area of Raheen. Ground floor: Hall, reception room, kitchen-dining room. 3 double bedrooms, ensuite & main bathroom on the 1st floor. 2 double bedrooms & bathroom on the 2nd floor. GFCH. Newly renovated throughout with all new carpets, painted etc. BER No. 111308904

€250,000

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**ENNIS ROAD, LIMERICK**

BER E1

**7 VEREKER GARDENS,**

Substantial detached property of approx. 151.30m2 (1,628.45sqft) situated in a private cul-de-sac. No 7 Vereker boasts 2 reception rooms, extended kitchen/diningroom, downstairs wet room, 4 bedrooms & main bathroom. Well maintained property. Private low maintenance gardens to the rear - laid out in a lawn area & patio area. GFCH. BER No. 111567699

€375,000

Lisa Kearney 087 2633422

**SARSFIELD ST, LIMERICK CITY**

BER B3

**UNIT 1 SARSFIELD HALL,**

FOR SALE - Modern ground floor unit with mezzanine floor. Vacant possession of the entire. Previously occupied as a Tanning Salon. Ground floor: 91 sq.m. (977 sq.ft.). Mezzanine: 52 sq.m. (560 sq.ft.). Ber No. 800675225. Price: Offers in excess of €200,000 (plus VAT)

€200,000

Gordon Kearney 061 413511

**MEELICK, CO CLARE**

BER E2

**THE MEELICK TAVERN,**

Licensed premises with residential accommodation for sale. Licensed premises of approx. 215.33 sq.m. (2,318 sq.ft.) comprising Large lounge area; bar; 2 store rooms; keg room; toilets. The pub /bar operated up until recently. 4 bed residence located directly behind the licensed premises - requires modernisation. On site of approx half an acre. Approx. 35 car parking spaces. BER No. 800675076.

€180,000

Gordon Kearney 061 413511.

# Spring buzz surrounds property auction

**Munster Property Auction:** List of lots grow for auctioneer's first public auction of 2019

**T**HE Munster Property Auction will hold its first public auction of 2019 next Thursday, February 28 in The Rochestown Park Hotel, Douglas, Cork.

The auction will offer properties from across the province including residential homes, commercial properties, investment assets and agricultural holdings.

Last year, the auction events averaged a success rate of over 90% sold which was the highest success rate in Ireland and the auction team are confident that success will continue throughout 2019.

The company are also now taking entries for the online auctions and upcoming public auctions and Patrick Convey from The Munster Auction team noted "with the high demand we are currently experiencing, now is a great time to market properties and we have thousands of registered applicants looking to buy. The earlier months of the



**Pictured left is Brodericks Furniture, Killanena, Co Clare and above the home at Killarney Road, Abbeyfeale. The next Munster Property Auction is on February 28, The Rochestown Park Hotel, Douglas, Co Cork. Registration starts at 6.30pm.**

rural area overlooking a lake and surrounding countryside area.

The property stands on circa five acres with a number of currently vacant buildings adjacent to the main house. These buildings were previously used as a local café and a furniture business up until recent times.

The property offers excellent potential and is a must view.

**Gortavoher, Tubber, Co Clare**

Offered at bids over €225,000 in partnership with Arthur & Lees Auctioneers. This magnificent five-bedroom detached bungalow superbly located just off the M18 (9km from Gort and 21km from Ennis). This property sits on approximately two acres with the benefit of a standalone two-door garage offering ample storage.

Contact The Munster Property Auction on 021 234 9699 to arrange for a free property valuation or for a property viewing, visit [www.munsterpropertyauction.ie](http://www.munsterpropertyauction.ie).

year are proving very busy in the property market and we are keen to speak to property owners thinking of selling. We offer free property valuations to assess the market value for the property and guarantee a fair reserve price for your property," he added.

The Munster Property Auction do not charge any upfront costs into the auction

and take on board all marketing and entry fees – so the property owner has no costs unless the property is successfully sold.

Three unique properties that will feature in their upcoming auction on February 28 are:

**Killarney Road, Abbeyfeale**

Offered at bids over €165,000 in partnership with

Property Professionals Woulfe & Co. This is an excellent opportunity to acquire a spacious four-bed detached bungalow, located on the Killarney Road a short stroll from the town centre.

The property nestles on a large site and benefits from large sheltered concrete yard to the rear, gravel drive and ample car parking area to the front.

Viewing of the fine property is highly recommend.

**Brodericks Furniture Killanena, Co Clare**

Offered at bids over €165,000 in partnership with Brian Lohan Auctioneers. This four-bedroom detached house is ideally located just 10 miles from Gort and 20 miles from Ennis in a beautiful a



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**Killarney Road, Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick**  
BER D2  
  
Start Bid+ **€160,000**  
• 4 Bed Detached  
• Large Site  
• Ideal Family Home  
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**Furniture Showrooms, Killanena, Co. Clare**  
BER F  
  
Start Bid+ **€165,000**  
• 4Bed Hse, Showrooms & Cafe  
• Just off M18 Motorway  
• Substantial Showrooms & Land  
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**59 Aisling Shanaway Road, Ennis, Co. Clare**  
BER B3  
  
Start Bid+ **€112,000**  
• 3 Bed Mid Terrace  
• Ideal Location  
• Rear Garden  
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**Gortavoher, Tubber, Co. Clare/Co.Galway Border**  
BER D2  
  
Start Bid+ **€225,000**  
• 5 Bed & Dbl Garage  
• c. 2.2 Acre Site (off M18)  
• 9km from Gort & 21km from Ennis  
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**The Old School Hse, Blackweir Kilkee, Co. Clare**  
BER G  
  
Start Bid+ **€36,000**  
• Close to Kilkee  
• Massive Potential  
• Ideal Holiday/Retirement Home  
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**Ballydonoghue, Lisdoonvarna, Co. Clare**  
BER C3  
  
Start Bid+ **€169,000**  
• 6 Bed, 3 Bath & 2 Bed Gran-Flat  
• Elevated Site - 0.5 Acres  
• C.1 Mile to Lisdoonvarna  
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**Former Public House, Grove St, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary**  
BER C1  
  
Start Bid+ **€105,000**  
• Profile Building & Courtyard  
• Former Public Hse & Residential  
• Excellent Potential  
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**Loch Donnell View, Quilty, Co. Clare**  
BER D1  
  
Start Bid+ **€159,000**  
• 3 Bed Detached House  
• High Quality Finish  
• c. 1/2 Acre Site  
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**Kilnoe, Bodyke, Co. Clare**  
Exempt  
  
Start Bid+ **€99,000**  
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**26 Carraig an Oir, Ennis, Co. Clare**  
BER D1  
  
Start Bid+ **€160,000**  
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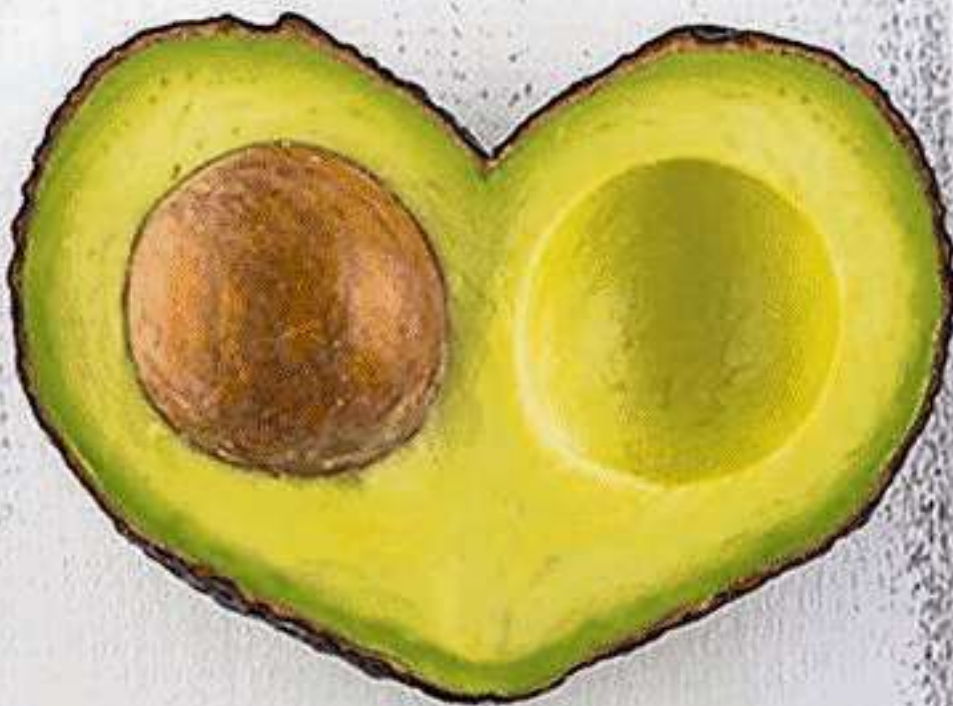


Pictured in the Bridal Suite in the Greenhills Hotel, Corina wearing a mother of the bride dress from Sinead's Boutique, Annacotty and Robyn donning a wedding dress from Attic Bridal, Roches Street  
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# Foods of Love



In the Spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love

So wrote the romantic poet Alfred Lord Tennyson and it is especially apt this year as we welcome you to the spring edition of the Limerick Leader's wedding magazine.

This year's edition comes out in the vicinity of Valentine's Day, when everyone's thoughts are turning to love.

No doubt there will be a few proposals on the 14th of the month. We hope they say yes, man and woman alike.

If your beloved did say yes, then you'll find plenty to interest you over the following pages with the best in wedding venues, fashion and suppliers in the region

Anyway, there is nothing like a wedding magazine to get you thinking about love and this year we turned our attention to one part of the big day that grabs everyone's attention - the meal.

What are the foods of love? Well, there are big claims made of the aphrodisiac qualities of quite a few foods, but the following 10 in particular are really meant to put a pep in your step. They are:

- Honey
- oysters



Enjoy a meal with your loved one at Harry's on the River in the Absolute Hotel PICTURE: COLM KERR PHOTOGRAPHY



The Strand's Tom Flavin took on our foods of love challenge with flair

chefs to create a wedding day menu that included all 10 of these ingredients, plus whatever meat they chose to add to the party.

Gamely standing up to the plate were James Whelan, of Harry's on the River in the Absolute Hotel, Timothy Harris of Sash Restaurant in No. 1 Pery Square and Tom Flavin of Riverside Restaurant in the Limerick Strand Hotel.

I'm sure you'll agree they've come up with some mouth-watering menus, that are sure to get the juices flowing, as it were.

Food for thought about your own big day dinner, maybe. Enjoy the planning and no doubt you will get plenty of inspiration and direction from the Limerick Leader spring wedding guide.

- garlic
- figs
- chocolate
- basil
- bananas
- avocado
- almonds
- asparagus

So what if you had all 10 in one meal?

For a bit of fun this February 14 we invited some of Limerick's leading

## Sash Restaurant, No. 1 Pery Square

*Oysters Kilpatrick*

*Avocado & Basil Bruschetta, Grilled Asparagus, Roast Garlic & Honey*

*Roast Loin of Venison, Roast Figs, Balsamic glaze & Leek ash*

*Italian Chocolate & Almond Cake & Roast Banana Ice Cream*

## The River Restaurant, Strand Hotel

*Starters: Basil infused bally goats cheese mousse. Mild limerick goats cheese, fig, Avocado, beetroot, granola*

*Butternut squash & baby spinach risotto  
Toasted almonds, shaved parmesan*

*Mains: Honey and soy glazed doonbeg fillet of cod garlic confit, grilled asparagus*

*Pat Barry's chargrilled 8oz (227 gr) sirloin steak flaggy shore oyster  
Tempura, wasabi mayonnaise,  
Pickled ginger*

*Dessert: Baked toffee cheesecake  
Dried banana, chocolate sauce*

## Harry's on the River, Absolute Hotel

*Arrival canapé: Fresh Achill Oysters served on ice with Champagne.*

*Starter: Fig & Basil Salad with a home-made sweet honey dressing.*

*Soup: Asparagus & Avocado soup with toasted garlic croutons.*

*Main Event: Slow Cooked rib of Beef served with honey glazed carrots, asparagus and roast garlic potatoes and a rich red wine jus.*


*Dessert: Melt in the middle chocolate cake with banana ice cream.*

*After Dinner cocktail:  
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# 4 LEADER WEDDINGS



Imagine the possible: The Castletroy Park Hotel's wedding showcase will take place on Sunday, March 31

## First impression matter in Castletroy

Experience timeless perfection at the Castletroy Park Hotel on your Wedding Day. A wedding is a very important day in the lives of a couple and is the first day of a long and happy life together, which makes choosing the venue all the more important.

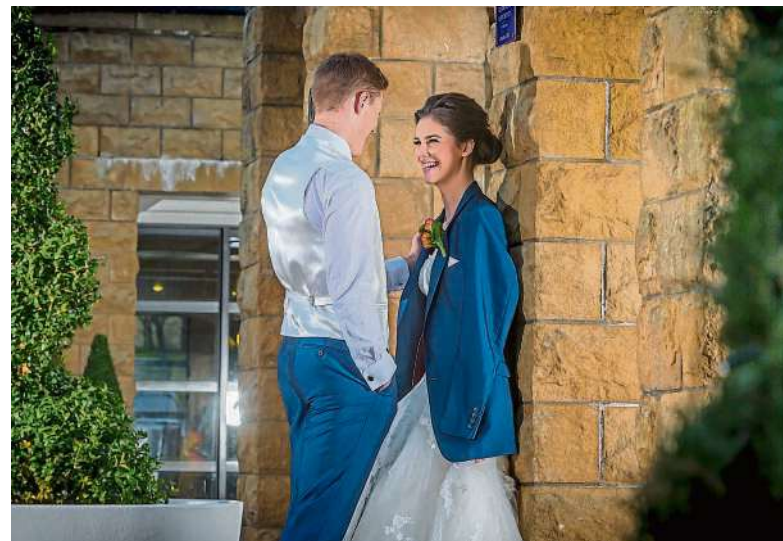
First impressions last a life time; hence the beautifully ornate new front gardens. Once inside you will find a bespoke design entailing luscious carpets, striking colours and intricate wood panelling, combing to create distinct elements of sophistication and modern chic, all superbly complemented by the essential warm welcome and excellent cuisine and service received by all our valued guests.

The Castletroy Park Hotel and Suites offer the perfect venue and location for your special day. Proud winners of Hotel Wedding Venue of the Year Limerick & Wedding Co-ordinator of the Year with Brides of Limerick as well as Best Limerick Wedding Venue at the WeddingDates.ie Awards in 2018, it's easy to see why. The dedicated wedding team work closely with the bride and groom through every step of the way to ensure their day is exactly as they imagined and more.

The hotel has undergone a major transformation with the Grand Ballroom, Lobby, Garden Room, Brasserie and hotel suites and bedrooms receiving a full refurbishment, particularly the

Bridal suite that ranks amongst the most elegant and chic suites in Europe. With the addition of the luxurious Suites adjacent to the hotel, your guests are guaranteed a comfortable stay with that added touch of luxury during your wedding celebrations.

The team at Castletroy Park Hotel would be delighted to meet with you, show you around the venue and walk you through the wedding planning process. Their next wedding showcase is taking place on Sunday, March 31 where you will be able to see the Ballroom set up as it would be on your big day. To book an appointment before then, call 061 335566 or email [sales@castletroypark.ie](mailto:sales@castletroypark.ie).



## Make my day: the wedding professionals who ensure it all runs smoothly

### Nicola Fagan Castletroy Park Hotel

#### How many weddings have you been a part of at the hotel?

I have been in my role with the hotel for 17 years so I have covered a lot of weddings since I first started here.

#### What is the most important part of the role?

Ensuring every Bride and Groom have the best day that they can possibly imagine.

#### Describe your duties 'on the

#### day'.

Ensuring everything is perfect in the Ballroom, the lobby and our new gardens outside the front and the courtyard so the couple's photos will be picture perfect. Our operations team on the day handle the rest, we're lucky to have a team that are so passionate about what they do! Darren Doyle our C&B Manager makes sure everything runs smoothly on the day of the wedding and is there for everything the bride

and groom might need.

#### Who do you mainly co-ordinate with?

Brides, they do all the organising, grooms tend to leave it all to the Brides as I suppose they have an image in their head of what their day is going to be like since being a child. I have had a few Grooms though that have taken the lead and have done very well of getting their loved ones day just right!

#### What is the most challenging thing to get right on a wedding day?

Ensuring that the room and

details are exactly what your couple want and more so that when they walk into the room you get that delight from them to see their dreams before them.

#### What is the most unusual request you have ever had from a couple?

Possibly to have their dog involved in the Ceremony!

#### What is your favourite part of the job?

The satisfaction in knowing that your Bride and Groom have truly had a fantastic day.





  
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The team at The Charleville Park Hotel are really excited to announce their upcoming Wedding Fair on Sunday February 17 from 2-5pm.

This is an event not to be missed if you are recently engaged.

On the day there will be a selection of wedding suppliers ready to meet couples.

There will be wedding cakes, photographers, videographers, hen and stag entertainment, cars, stationary, florists,

accessories and decor, fashion and so much more.

For the latest in bridal fashion The Celia Holman Lee Agency will be in attendance and the fashion show will include styles for the bride, groom, bridesmaids and mother of the bride/groom.

On the day you can meet with the hotel's experienced wedding team including sales manager Monica Gilmore, banqueting manager Sheila Dore and general manager

Michael Boyle and view the stunning and award winning Deerpark Suite fully set as it would be on your special day.

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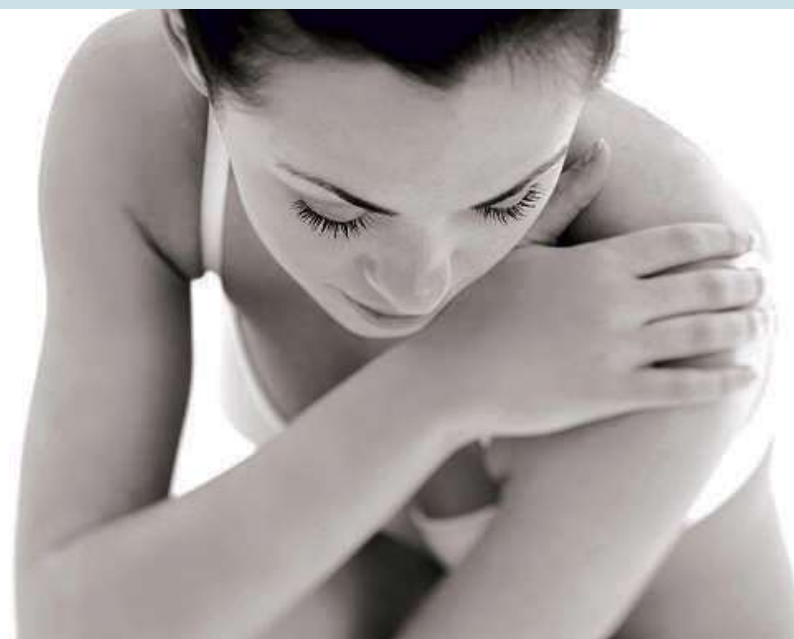
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# Sexton for Men's 2019 wedding collection



Wedding season 2019 brings new concepts and new collections to Sexton for Men, Thomas Street. This season introduces mix and match suit jackets and waistcoats ensuring the groom and his groomsmen stand out from the crowd. Brands such as Benetti, Herbie Frogg, 6th Sense, Lambretta head up the collections with 3 piece being the staple for all weddings. Waistcoats coordinate with box check and tweed patterns. At Sexton for Men each groom and wedding party is professionally fitted and suits tailored to fit. Wedding suits come in 3 different fittings to suit all styles an needs. A wide range of accessories and footwear is also available in-store. Ties, pocket squares, cuff-links, pocket watches etc. Call in and talk to the lads about putting together a wedding party package to suit your needs and budget





## Walk into a Woodlands wonderland

**Looking a million dollars:** Fitzgerald family hotel showing the benefit of second €1m refurbishment in six years

**V**isitors to this year's wedding fayre on Sunday March 3 from 4-7pm at Fitzgeralds Woodlands House Hotel and Spa will be amongst the first to see the four-star property's new ballroom and grand exterior entrance which marks the final stage of a €1m refurbishment programme of the Mid-West's finest wedding venue.

Over the last 35 years the Fitzgerald Family has hosted more than 5,000 marriage celebrations at their Adare-based hotel and, today, weddings account for 40% of

overall turnover.

The new ballroom is the final milestone in what is a three-year refurbishment programme, inspired by some of the most prestigious wedding venues in London and New York.

The ballroom's bespoke design features an extension with a gilded dome, double height top table and stage area, new intricate ceiling complete with custom-made moulding and crystal chandeliers, along with elegant pillars, panelling and mirrored walls, beautifully illuminated by a highly-sophisticated mood lighting system.

As well as the interior works, a beautiful new outdoor garden has been created with feature waterfalls, perfect for summer ceremonies, drinks receptions and family photographs.

As well as completely redesigning the hotel's ballroom, the Fitzgerald family have also created a new-look entrance for couples arriving on their big day.

This is the second €1m refurbishment project undertaken by the Fitzgerald Family in the last six years, the first of which led to the hotel gaining four-star

status.

All of the furniture, fixtures and fittings used on this project have either been sourced on an exclusive basis from leading European design houses or have been hand-made by local craftspeople. Fitzgerald family heirlooms also feature in the form of antique china tea cups offered to couples for use at their arrival reception.

Couples also have a choice of opulent gold or silver look table décor as standard.

Proprietor of Fitzgeralds Woodlands House Hotel and Spa, Mary Fitzgerald, said that right from the very first wedding the family hosted

some 35 years ago, they quickly realised that each celebration should reflect the uniqueness of the couple and their families.

"We have always tried to do things differently and distinctively," she said.

"For us, weddings were a natural progression from the 'dinners' we served back when the property was a bed and breakfast.

"And, right from day one, we decided to do what nobody else was doing. We offered a choice of main course and what became my famous dessert trolley, for example, both of which were unheard of 35 years ago!

"Today, we have a strict one wedding per day policy, ensure that every celebration is co-ordinated by a member of the Fitzgerald family from start to finish and have worked hard to become Limerick's only Guaranteed Irish hotel.

"We are now at a stage where we are hosting couples whose parents celebrated their own marriage at the hotel and our desire to create something special and unique is just as strong as it was at the very beginning."

"We are constantly looking for new ideas when it comes to hosting weddings, not least to ensure that we are

## Make my day: the wedding professionals who ensure it all runs smoothly

### Elaina Fitzgerald, wedding co-ordinator

#### How many weddings have you been a part of at the hotel?

I have been privileged to host thousands of wonderful wedding celebrations over the years and each wedding brings its own uniqueness, character and sense of fun. We are now hosting second

generation weddings which is a huge joy for us although it does make us age dramatically but we will call that the benefit of experience! The most intimate wedding that I have hosted has been for two guests and the largest has been for over 400 guests. Numbers don't matter, it is all

about hosting the dream day in partnership with the couple. Over time the wedding landscape has changed dramatically with the types of weddings, ceremonies in our gardens, 'insta' spots, dining and styling amongst others, and with the



opening of our brand new ballroom and garden this month, we are buzzing when it comes to weddings. It is a really exciting time for us and for the couples who have entrusted us with their wedding day.

#### What is the most important part of the role?

To be as passionate about a couples day as the couple are themselves but to do that in a respectful way. To listen to what couples envision and to help create their vision in our hotel and to go a step further and enhance their special day. To create a wonderful wedding that is true to the couple. On a more practical level, it is about hosting the perfect day for

couples. To have everything planned for so long that couples can enjoy the day knowing that they are in the best of hands.

#### Who do you mainly co-ordinate with?

I primarily coordinate with the couples but you often get to meet their support teams of siblings, parents and bridal party which always provides plenty of excitement. Then



able to reflect current and emerging trends. Our new ballroom is the result of months of international research and has been designed to ensure that it provides a unique space that

can easily reflect any trend or theme a couple might want to follow on their big day which will ensure that no two weddings will ever be the same."

Woodlands Wedding

Fayre is Sunday March 3 from 4pm to 7pm and is free admission. To arrange a wedding appointment call David or Elaina on 061605101 or email [weddings@woodlands-hotel.ie](mailto:weddings@woodlands-hotel.ie)

there are the other wedding suppliers chosen by a couple such as celebrants, photographers, cake specialists, and bands amongst others.

We are entrusted to make sure that everything runs smoothly and I will always give my honest advice if asked. I treat every couple's wedding day as if it was my own.

**What is the most challenging thing to get**

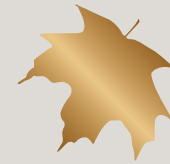
**right on a wedding day?**

There is no overwhelming challenge but timelines are important. I want couples to get the most out of their wedding day.

They put so much emotive energy into organising their day and obviously financially so it is important not to underestimate the timeline. You could never host a ceremony too early - we are good at hosting a long fun party!

**What is your favourite part of the job?**

Seeing a couple's wedding day being hosted with pride. Seeing our team surpass a couple's expectations. Seeing the innovations and quirkiness of our wedding personality coming alive. Seeing a couple's masterplan becoming a wonderfully hosted wedding. Being engraved in a couple's hearts and footprint forever. Being part of their story. There is no greater privilege



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The hotel is renowned for their famous beef 'carved to your liking' and there are several other delicious options to choose from for your personalised five course menu. The ballroom can comfortably sit up to 300 guests and has its own private bar as well as a direct opening out on to the garden.

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Sean was president of Limerick Chamber of commerce in 2008 and is a director of the Shannon Region Conference and Sports Bureau.

Elaine is a Clare woman from Bunratty and their son Oisín is also pursuing a career in Hotel Management. When they joined the Hotel they soon realised the uniqueness of the venue to host a wedding. The Lallys developed a package to suit all couples, the most popular package is the All Inclusive package the Happy Ever After, with no hidden extras.

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The couple then wanted to get the message across of

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On the day of your wedding Sean and Elaine are on the steps on the Hotel meeting and greeting all your guests ensuring that they receive the welcome that Hotel Woodstock has become famous for. Throughout the day the Lally couple oversee every aspect of your day to ensure that it runs smoothly and to deliver you the day of your dreams.

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Hotel Woodstock is really a hidden gem, family run with a really warm welcome for you and your guest, to host your wedding here the Lally family will ensure that they deliver you as they promise your day of your dreams.

Hotel Woodstock have recently won the best Hospitality provider in Clare at the Clare Chamber of Commerce Awards and won the Most Romantic Wedding venue at the Brides of Limerick awards on top of winning the Best Wedding personalities in 2017 and also the Best Family Run Wedding Hotel Venue.

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“Best Hospitality Provider 2018” Clare Chamber Awards



Hotel Woodstock is run by Sean and Elaine Lally, who host plenty of wedding for Limerick couples each year



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**Wedding showcase:** See you all at the Inn Dromoland at its open day and fashion show on February 24

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Part of the Dromoland Castle family, wedding couples can expect the very highest levels of hospitality and service.

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The Ballyhannon Suite is elegantly dressed with ivory drapes and both packages include room décor with well-known local supplier, Grace Events. A wide array of table centrepieces, along with chair covers or Chivari Chairs with silk or organza bows complete the perfect wedding day look.

Couples can also enjoy the majestic

backdrop of Dromoland Castle and Lough for those all-important wedding day shots, exclusive for their bridal parties.

The ballroom also benefits from its own private garden, which may also be used for arrival receptions or outdoor civil ceremonies. The Inn at Dromoland has been approved by the Registrar's Office as a suitable venue to accommodate civil marriages and partnerships.

Date for your Diary: Wedding showcase with fashion show and over 30 suppliers – Sunday February 24, 1-5pm, The Inn at Dromoland. Fashion Show at 3pm with Catwalk Modelling Agency to be MC'd by fashionista and stylist, Marietta Doran.

To arrange a viewing of the hotel please call Claire Coughlan, wedding co-ordinator on 061 368161 or email [claire.coughlan@theinnatdromoland.ie](mailto:claire.coughlan@theinnatdromoland.ie).



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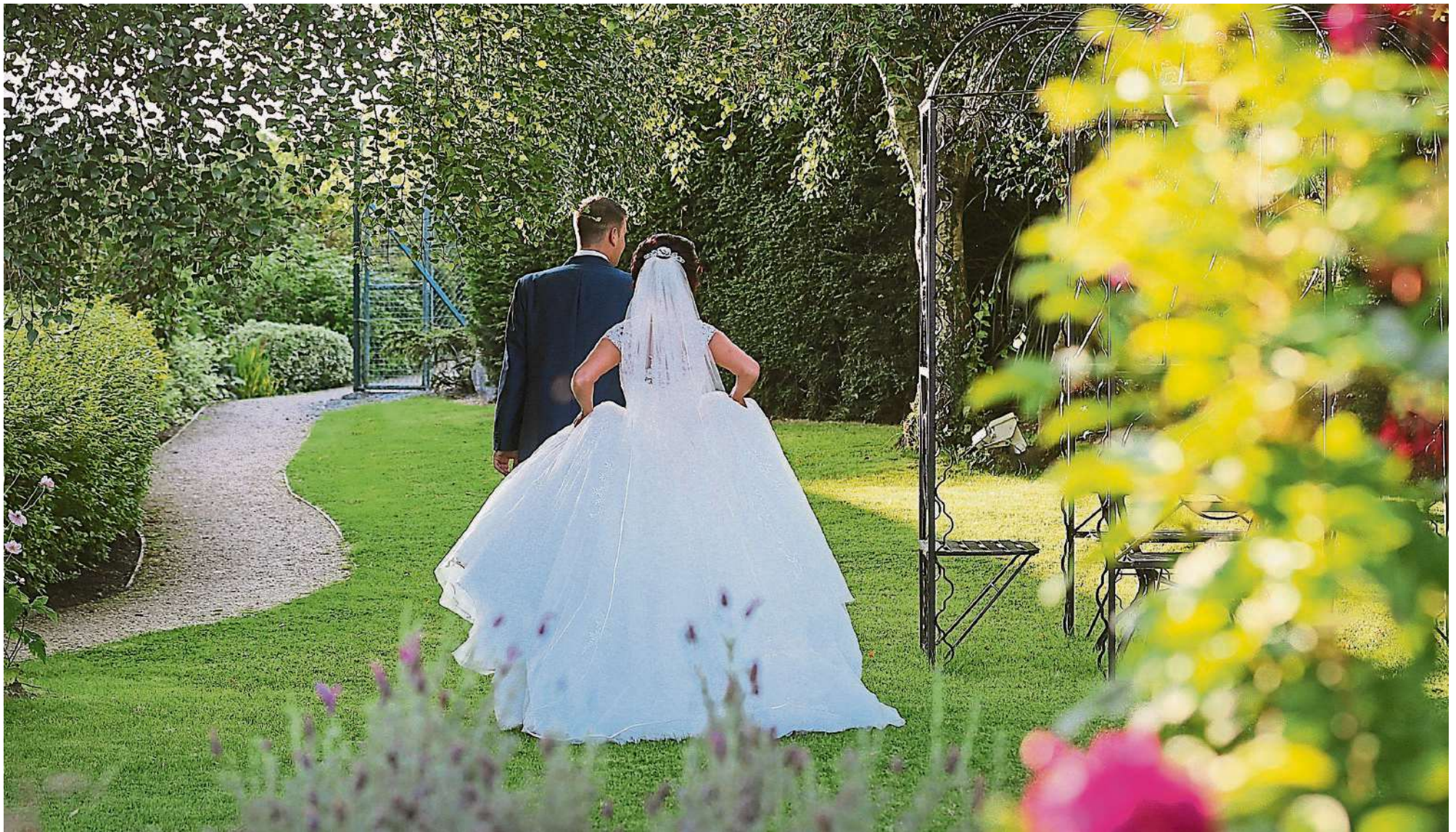
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The Greenhills Hotel's beautiful landscaped gardens offer an oasis of calm in the middle of the city and a fantastic setting for your wedding photographs PICTURE: DERMOT CULHANE

## Greenhills brand new ballroom is sure to wow!

The four star Greenhills Hotel is delighted to announce the complete refurbishment of its ballroom and private pre drinks area overlooking the landscaped gardens.

The hotel has spent in excess of €500,000 over the last three months to unveil a fantastic new state of the art ballroom, boasting Italian-designed chandeliers and bespoke timber panelling throughout to create a truly stunning space for a wedding.

"Timeless elegance is the look we have gone for where the wow factor in the room speaks for itself," says general manager Daphne Greene.

"We are really looking forward to unveiling it to all the couples over the weeks and months ahead."

Evoking the timeless romance of a country garden in the heart of the city, the Greenhills is ideally suited to those seeking a memorable setting for their special day, with a

scenic fountain and raised gardens providing a breath-taking backdrop for your drinks reception, civil ceremony and photographs.

It is truly an oasis space – and so close to the city.

The newly landscaped gardens are situated beside the elegant ballroom, which provides couples with photography options without having to leave their guests for any period of time.

The whole wedding party are involved in this part of the day.

The Greenhills Hotel has been owned and operated by the Greene family for over 45 years, with Daphne and Hugh Greene on hand to personally welcome you and your guests and ensure you get that personal attention that can only be found in a family-run property.

Hugh, the executive chef at the hotel, is always on hand to discuss menu options with the couple, and is always delighted to work with couples who need advice in



General manager Daphne Greene in the splendidly appointed new ballroom that has an undeniable wow factor

choosing the perfect menu, and will meet with you at the wedding tasting if more help or advice is required.

Daphne, the general manager, takes a hands-on role in all weddings, and personally oversees all details from the initial meeting to being there on the day to welcome the couple to the hotel,

another feature that makes the Greenhills stand out from other hotels.

The hotel has three magnificent suites to choose from for your big day, catering for 40 to 400, with each suite decorated to the highest of standards, offering full room décor, mood lighting and warm candlelit lanterns leading you down

to your chosen suite.

Therefore make sure you call out and chat with Daphne before booking a wedding reception in Limerick.

"Every wedding is unique and we deal with each couple individually to listen and guide them to ensure they get a day to remember," says Daphne.

# Perfect style on the perfect day

Corina wearing a mother of the bride dress from Sinead's Boutique, Annacotty and Robyn wearing a wedding dress from Attic Bridal, Roches Street PICTURES: ADRIAN BUTLER



# Frock and roll: dress to



Corina wearing a guest outfit from Mint Boutique, Little Ellen Street, Limerick



# impress on the big day

Robyn and Corina wearing wedding dresses from The Bridal Emporium, Milltown Malbay PICTURES: ADRIAN BUTLER



Robyn wearing a wedding dress from The Bridal Emporium, Milltown Malbay



Victoria Kybartaitė, Greenhills hotel with Corina wearing a mother of the bride dress from Sinead's Boutique, Annacotty and Robyn wearing a wedding dress from The Bridal Emporium, Milltown Malbay PICTURES: ADRIAN BUTLER



Robyn wearing a wedding dress from the Bridal Emporium, Milltown Malbay and Corina Wearing a mother of the bride dress from Sinead's Boutique, Annacotty

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# HENSHÍN - transformation awaits



## Express beauty bar: Celebrity stylists bring new concept in hair and make-up

Since its debut in November, HENSHÍN, Limerick's premier express beauty bar, specializing in hair styling and make-up application, has been steadily challenging perceptions.

Based in the Castletroy Town Centre, the salon's modern, minimalist look has been turning heads as much as its staff has been styling them.

Celebrity hair stylist Gareth Bromell and editorial make-up artist Mandy O'Loughlin realised it was time for a change in the services industry in their native country. With plans to expand, each beauty bar will offer a thoughtful and curated menu featuring 10 transformative hair and makeup looks.

The result of their 15-year friendship in the beauty industry, HENSHÍN, reflects a shared passion, not only of the aesthetics business, but also for Japanese culture, from folklore to art and tattoos.

Translated, it means "transform," a word that perfectly summed up their vision to offer their expertise, in an accessible way, to everyone in Ireland.

The name isn't the only element of HENSHÍN that draws inspiration from Japan.

The salon's design features a minimalistic simplicity that echoes Japanese culture and charm.

The strategic incandescent lighting, clean lines, reclaimed metals, and other materials mirror an eastern sophistication that crystallizes a calming, yet imaginative experience.

A restored wood beauty bar and

entrance wall create a private space that both inspiring and inviting.

Clients can create their signature look by selecting an image from an interactive menu developed by the co-founders

Each member of the HENSHÍN team has been personally trained by Gareth and Mandy to create these transformations in 30 minutes or less for €35.

The salon also offers a 'super express' menu for clients that need an even quicker change. For €15 the team will touch up and perfect already dried hair in 15 minutes or less.

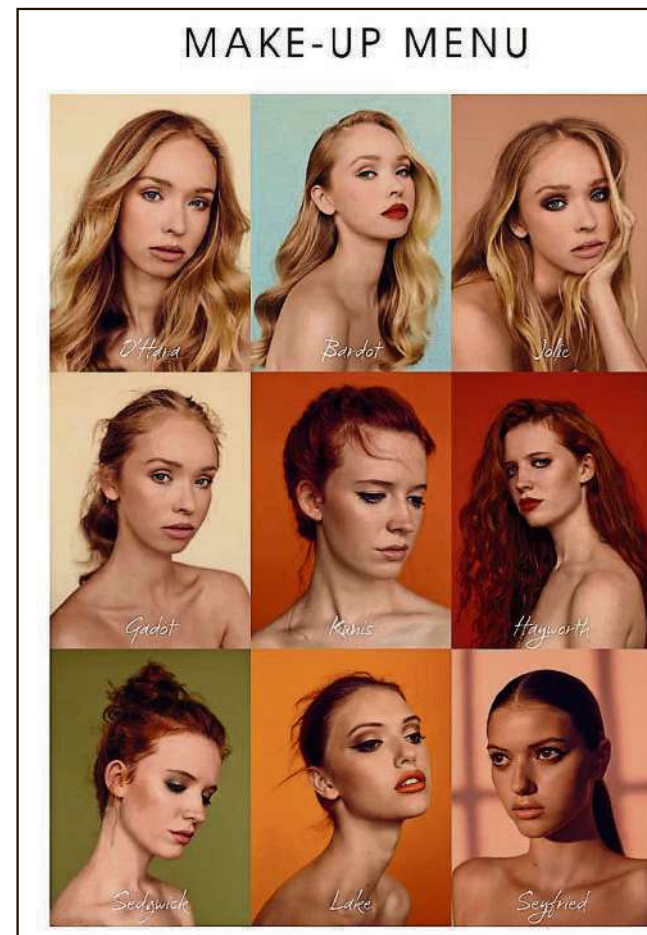
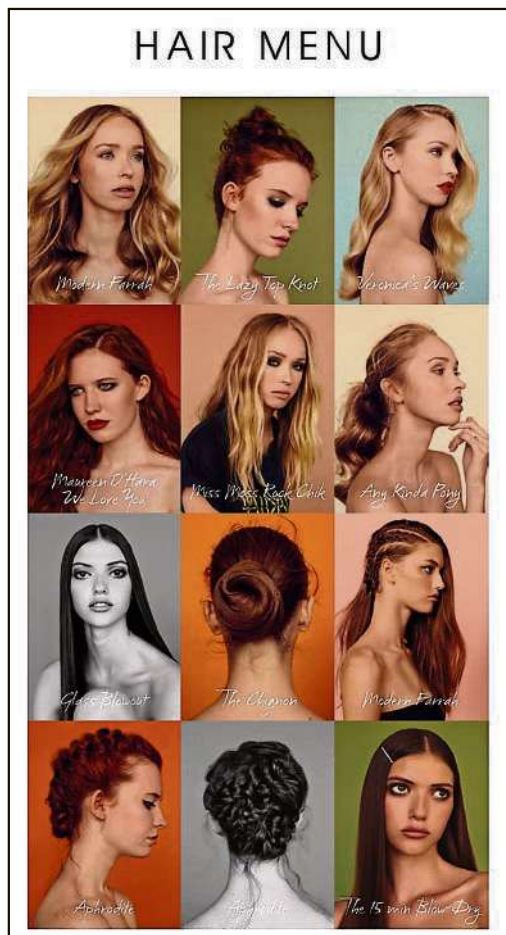
HENSHÍN offers 10 different hair styles with options for every hair type including "The Glass Blowout," inspired by beauty icon Cher, and most recently Kim Kardashian West and "Miss Moss Rocker Chic" featuring tousled waves for an effortless feel, reminiscent of the supermodel's signature locks.

In the make-up department, the beauty bar will offer nine options. Clients can opt for the "Sedgwick," to channel Andy Warhol's famous muse or "Lake," mirroring classic Hollywood glam.

To curate the menu, Gareth and Mandy drew upon their experience as fashion, editorial, and celebrity artists.

For the past 10 years, Gareth has been working with the major fashion houses including Alexander McQueen, Gucci, and Burberry.

His work is regularly featured on the pages of Vogue, W, and Marie Claire. His celebrity clients include Taylor Swift, Heidi Klum, Rita Ora, Shirley Manson, and Michelle



The hair and make-up was shot in New York by noted fashion photographer David Urbanke

Williams, among others. While Gareth traveled the world, Mandy focussed her expertise on building her career and client base in Ireland, with regular inspiration trips to Japan. She has shot for IMAGE magazine, Italian Vogue, and Creative HEAD. Mandy has worked

on numerous documentaries as well as interviews with RTÉ and tv3.

At HENSHÍN, there are no boundaries. It is a community where anyone of any age or style preference can transform into their best self while sipping on complimentary champagne or

coffee. The team helps clients realize the "feel" they desire and offer their style counsel, expertise, and honest opinions.

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can sign your legal paperwork on the day of your wedding

Pat is thoroughly enjoying his experience as a Humanist Celebrant and can provide help to couples getting married who want a ceremony that is designed around them. Pat worked as a wedding

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White Feather Boutique is Limerick's newest boutique with something to suit everyone. What started as a dream has quickly turned into a reality for boutique owner Laura Walsh. My main aim for "White Feather Boutique" is to cater for everyone of any age and style. I also want my customers to get value from the pieces they pick up



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Laura being a fashion lover herself has never wanted to follow the crowd and has always wanted to be a little different to everyone else and that is her main aim for "White Feather Boutique". Pop in store today to meet the incredible Laura and her team along with picking up the perfect outfit to suit you at "White Feather Boutique".

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Each journey begins with one step and, as a bride-to-be, the most important one you might take is up the stairs to The Attic bridalwear boutique in the heart of Limerick city.

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In this discreet and private setting you can try on an array of unique styles, hand chosen by owner and designer Orlaith Carroll.

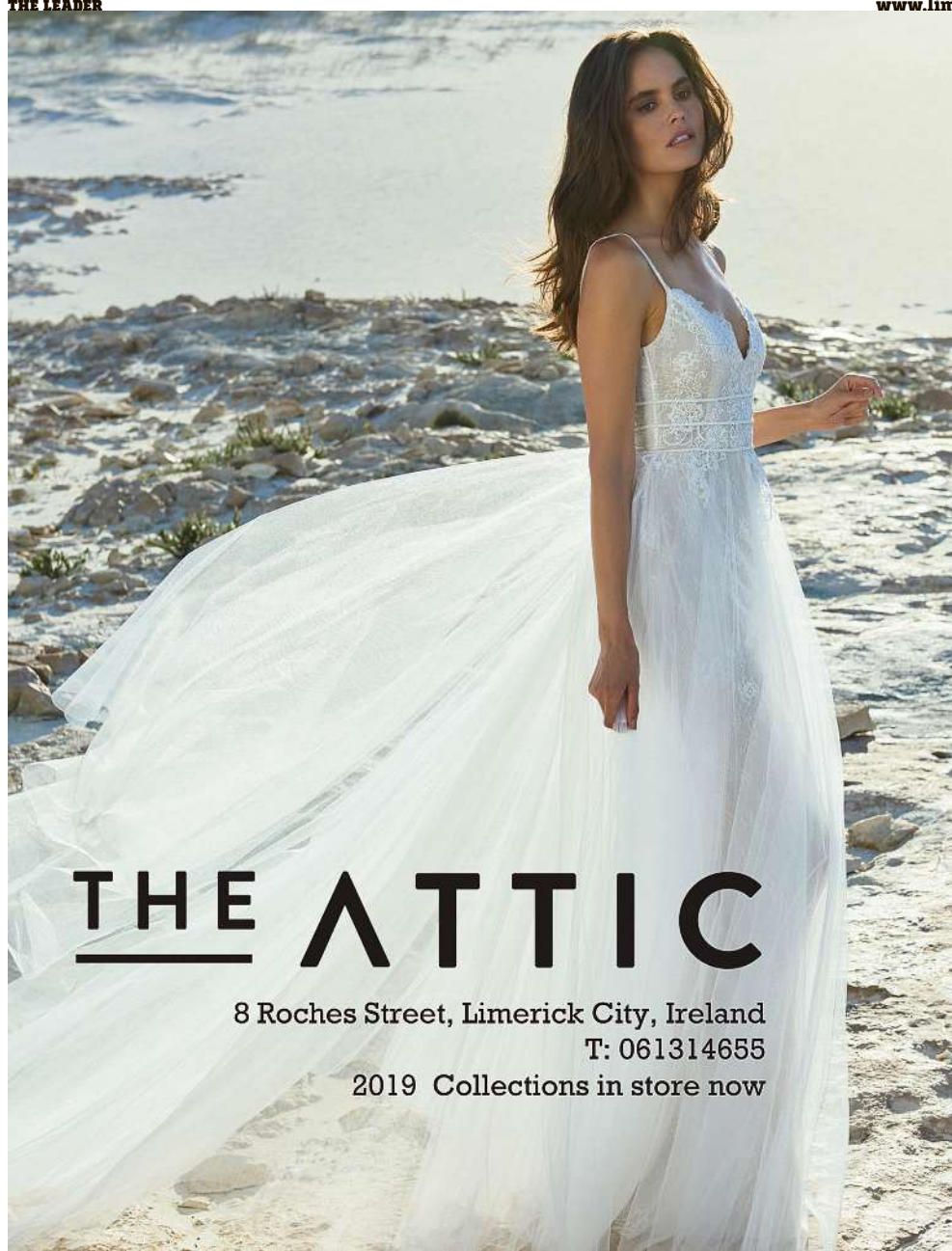
The real treat is the ability to adapt and change styles of dresses to suit your exact vision, along with being able to go down the road of a bespoke dress, designed by Orlaith.

The Attic stocks a carefully selected collection of wedding dresses from six international designers. So whether the final steps on your wedding journey are up the aisle or a less traditional



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## You've meticulously planned your wedding, so do the same with your honeymoon - here are our top 10 tips

So, the big day has finally come and gone, you've tied the knot in front of your friends and family and it was the most fantastic day of your lives.

But that didn't just happen by accident. Oh, no, it took months - years even - of meticulous planning to have that event go off just as you dreamed it would.

And if you want to look forward to a stress-free honeymoon afterwards to unwind and enjoy the company of your beloved, then you're going to have to plan that carefully too.

Here are our top tips for planning a honeymoon.

### 1. TRAVEL OUTSIDE PEAK DATES

If you can travel outside of peak dates such as July, August and holidays like Easter and Christmas almost as a rule of thumb airfares will be cheaper and this rule applies to almost all destinations worldwide.

### 2. LOW SEASON SPECIAL OFFERS

Many beach hotels in Thailand, Malaysia, Bali, Maldives, Mauritius and Sri Lanka have Free Night offers in their low season usually from May to October. Eg. Pay for 5 nights, get 2 free. So it's always best to look out for these offers especially as these long-haul destinations are perfect honeymoon spots.

### 3. BOOK EARLY FOR BEST VALUE

People may think you can get a bargain at the last minute but you won't be so lucky if you are trying to



go further afield for a long-haul honeymoon destination. You will miss out on special offers, the best accommodation, flight options, room choices and special early booking rates exclusive to Sunway, so there are great benefits to booking early especially when you are on a tight wedding budget.

### 4. CRUISING IN THE CARIBBEAN

If the Caribbean is your destination of choice and you are worried about hurricane season, a cruise is definitely worth considering. Cruise ships have the highest standard of technology and can reroute to alternative Caribbean islands should the itinerary be affected by bad weather. They offer fantastic on board facilities with the highest standards of cabins, dining options, activities and entertainment. Booking your cruise drinks and dining packages in advance can also save you a lot of money.

### 5. AVOIDING TROPICAL STORMS

If you're worried about tropical storms during the so called storm season (June to Sept/Oct) a top tip to consider is West Coast Mexico. Opt for the beautiful resort of Cabo San Lucas which doesn't get these problems and probably has a better climate all year round or Aruba in the Caribbean as this is just below the Tropical Storm Belt and offers beautiful white powdery sandy beaches if that's your thing!

### 6. CHOOSE TWIN CENTRE HONEYMOONS

If saving money is important then sampling two destinations in one trip works really well. New York and Cancun All Inclusive for example or Las Vegas with Cancun All Inclusive are popular, a classic shop and drop honeymoon. With All Inclusive holidays the advantage

is that you will pay for everything upfront and then you won't have to worry about any surprise bills at check out and you can use that extra money on your city break for shopping, entertainment or sampling top restaurants.

### 7. CHOOSE ALL INCLUSIVE

Choosing an All Inclusive holiday is a great way of saving money as everything is included once you arrive in resort. All Inclusive holidays now are quite comprehensive so you really don't need to put your hand into your pocket and let's face it, after the whole build up and ordeal of a wedding, sometimes just flaking and being pampered has just the desired effect. Popular all Inclusive resorts include Cancun in Mexico and Caribbean Islands like Barbados, St Lucia and Dominican Republic. Club Med also offer over 64 all-inclusive sun resorts worldwide.

### 8. EUROPEAN HONEYMOONS

You don't always have to choose a long-haul holiday for your Honeymoon.

There are a large array of Cruises in the Mediterranean around the Greek Islands or perhaps an All Inclusive in Cyprus is right for you as you will be almost guaranteed beautiful weather with excellent standards of accommodation and plenty sightseeing options on the island.

Italy has that quintessential romance to it and some of the most perfect Honeymoon hotspots are easily accessible like Sorrento, The Amalfi Coast, Sicily or Sardinia.

### 9. UP TO DATE VISAS & PASSPORTS

With the long queues for passports as people start preparing for their holidays, it's always important to make sure your passport is up to date and valid for travel.

Make sure apply for your passport well in advance to make sure your perfect romantic getaway is not disturbed by passport delays. Also, check with your reservation specialist about registering for an ESTA visa if you are travelling through the USA or any VISA requirements needed for the country you will be visiting.

### 10. USE A RELIABLE TRAVEL AGENT

Your best option would be an Irish-owned, fully bonded, reliable and dedicated travel agent, like Sunway to help you from start to finish with the best prices to suit your budgets.

# Make my day

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## BRID

**How many weddings have you been a part of at the hotel?**

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**What is the most important part of the role?**

Ensuring the Bride & Groom, and all wedding guests have a memorable day.

**Describe your duties 'on the day'**

Overseeing the operation and ensuring everything goes to plan

**Who do you mainly co-ordinate with?**

The buck stops with me, so I suppose the

Bride & Groom

**What is the most challenging thing to get right on a wedding day?**

Nothing is a challenge when you love what you do

**What is the most unusual request you have ever had from a couple?**

Two particular, loveable grooms requested their doggie to accompany them up the aisle

**What is the funniest thing you have seen on the job?**

A little flower-girl shouting out "I DO" before her mum (the BRIDE) got a chance to say "I DO"

**What is your favourite part of the job?**

Sharing the love of two people and the coming together of families and sharing the overall happiness of each couples special day

## TIM

**How many weddings have you been a part of at the hotel?**

36

**What is the most important part of the role?**

Making sure the meal is one to remember

**Describe your duties 'on the day'**

Cooking and making sure every plate of food is perfect

**Who do you mainly co-ordinate with?**

Our wedding organiser Brid Nash

**What is the most challenging thing to get right on a wedding day?**

Timing

**What is the most unusual request you have ever had from a couple?**

Sausages and Chips for dinner

**What is your favourite part of the job?**

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**The Bridal Emporium in Miltown Malbay, pictured above, Anne McGee after her Brides of Limerick win with her husband**

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They have won top awards for Best Bridal Shop nationwide 2016 and 2018 with the Brides Limerick magazine and wedding diary, wedding journal and many more. They also won overall Wedding Business of the Year in 2015 and 2017

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## Make my day: the wedding professionals who ensure it all runs smoothly

### Chloe Fahy

Strand Hotel Wedding Co-Ordinator

#### How many weddings have you been a part of at the hotel?

I have organised over 40 weddings since taking on the role as Senior Wedding Coordinator just over a year ago.

#### What is the most important part of the role?

Ensuring the couples day is as unique as special as they had imagined.

They have put in the hard work choosing a venue, suppliers, dress, suits and it's our job to pull it all together to make it the perfect day.

Every little detail matters and it is important to have gone through all the finer

points with the couple to make sure all goes perfectly on the day.

#### Describe your duties 'on the day.'

Working alongside the Operations Manager and team to ensure timings, décor, flowers, items the couple provide are all set up and ready to go prior to the Newlyweds arrival. I meet the couple on arrival and get their photo as the newlyweds for our personalised menus and bring them to the main ballroom to get their wedding cake shot and then to the wedding party and drinks reception.

I also assist the operations

manager with calling to sit and the calling of the Bridal Party and happy couple into the room.

#### Who do you mainly co-ordinate with?

As the wedding co-ordinator I am the point of contact for the Happy couple and work closely with the Operations Manager, Executive Chef, Reservations & Housekeeping departments to ensure that everything is in place for the big day. I also liaise with suppliers the couple have booked to ensure they are here and set up on time and know where they need to be!

#### What is the most challenging thing to get right on a wedding day?

Ensuring that everything



runs on time, we would always allow for a few minutes behind schedule due to speeches, couple arriving

later etc.

But ensuring the couple still get to enjoy all aspects and get the time they wanted at the drinks reception or hearing their band playing etc.

We do have a fantastic team on hand at the Hotel and luckily everything has always gone smoothly on the day.

#### What is the most unusual request you have ever had from a couple?

As we are becoming a multi-cultural city, we get all types of weird and wonderful requests!

The marrying of an Irish person to somebody with foreign traditions can be so much fun!

It mainly comes down to culinary requests the spices that Chinese & Indian guests

enjoy are quite different to that of the Irish palette

One wedding we were asked to cook reindeer for main course not a typical Irish wedding dish!

#### What is your favourite part of the job?

My favourite part of the job is seeing a newlywed couple blissfully happy. Their wedding day is the most important and remembered day of their lives and they deserve a reception that reflects that. I really get to know each couple throughout the planning process, building new friendships and when the big day comes, we all love seeing them delighted with how the day has turned out. Couples put so much work into their wedding, it's nice to see all our hard work pay off!

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## Mix of styles at Mint

MINT boutique opened its doors in November 2018 and while it maybe a newcomer to the retail fashion scene in Limerick, it's reputation is growing quickly mainly due to word of mouth and its very active online presence which has attracted new customers particularly prominent figures such as Aoibhin Garrihy.

Owners Michelle Loftus and Jean Sheahan wanted a store that would provide the ladies of Limerick a mix of styles at affordable prices, catering for occasionwear, glam nights out on the town and stylish comfy casuals.

They have recently expanded their store to include hats for hire by Graceful Hats Designs.

MINT can be found on Facebook @mint and on Instagram @mintboutiquelimerick, by phone on 0873436658 or simply drop in to the shop at Little Ellen Street.



Actress Aoibhin Garrihy pictured at Mint



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Then there is Mayoral which prides itself on designing high quality, versatile pieces bursting with personality and fun for both boys and girls, offering affordable style.

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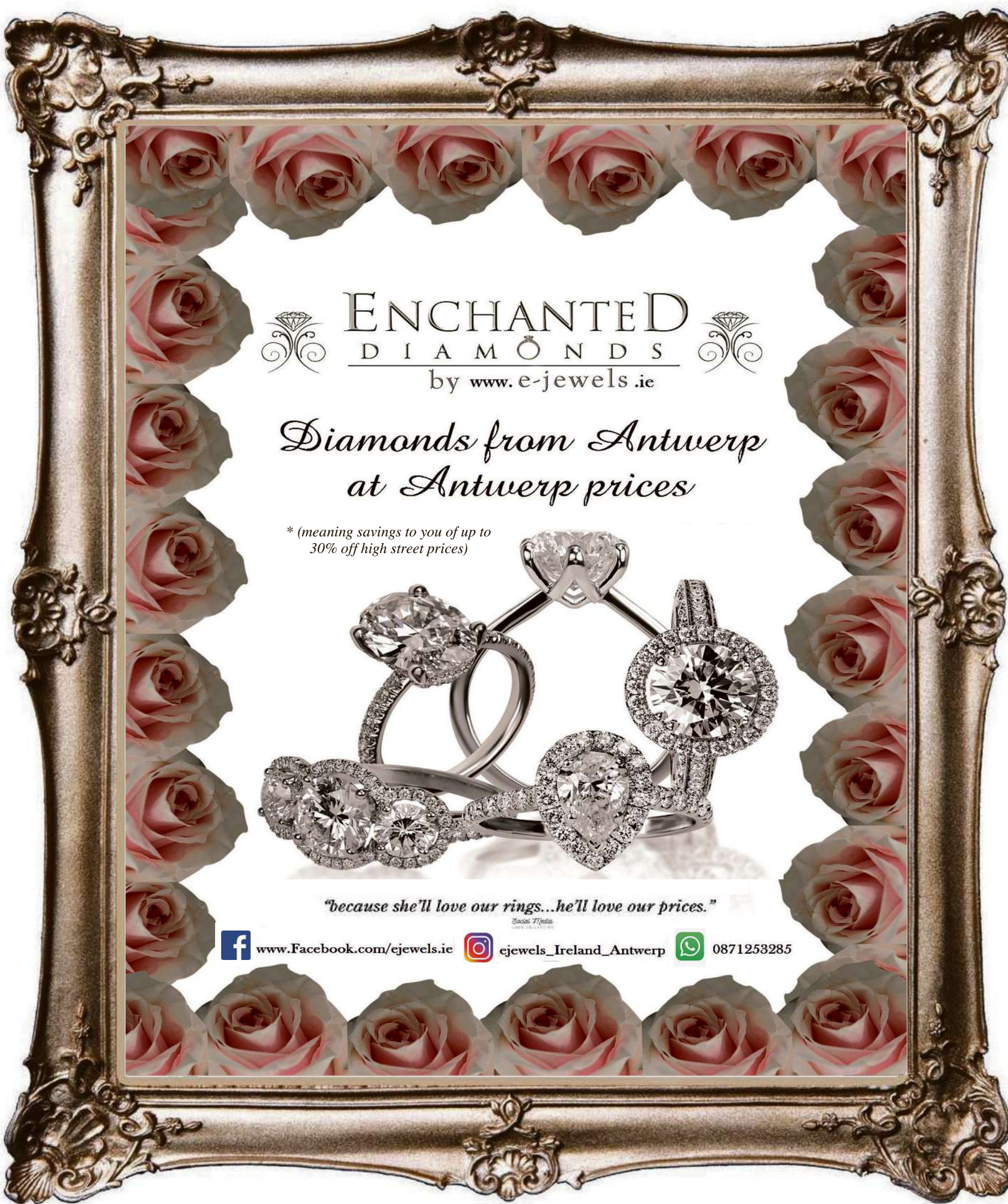
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'No. 5' is a 2-bed 2-storey red-brick townhouse in close proximity to some of the city's key amenities. Living/breakfast room, kitchen, main bath, dining/office, 2 bedrooms (2 double). 64 sq m / 689 sq ft approx. BER 105487730.

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BER E2

**MUNGRET**  
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€399,000



Development land with full planning permission for three detached houses measuring a total of 2000 Sq Ft. in the extremely desirable area of Mungret. .71 acres / .29 hectares, with one access point from the road.

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BER EXEMPT

# City centre outlet enjoys high footfall

## AT A GLANCE

**Location:** 16 Patrick Street, Limerick city

**Description:**

Commercial Property

**Price:** Price on Application

**Seller:** Rooney Auctioneers

**Contact:** 061 413511



The ground floor measures approx. 95.79 sq.m. (1,031.07 sq.ft.); basement: approx. 83.01 sq.m. (893.51 sq.ft.); 1st floor, approx. 57.44 sq.m. (618.27 sq.ft.).

The large open plan area (previously a hair salon), has timber flooring, various light fixtures which include drop down and recessed lighting; reception counter; cloakroom; air conditioning units; a number of hair cutting stations and wash points; two kitchenettes; store room and toilet.

The first floor is accessed from a staircase to the rear of the ground floor and has recessed lighting; tiled flooring; kitchenette; open plan staff quarters and office.

The basement is accessed from one of the kitchenettes on the ground floor and consists of four rooms with corridor and could lend itself to various uses.

Located in the centre of Limerick city on Patrick Street adjacent to Tony Connolly's Menswear, McDonalds and Arthurs Quay Shopping Centre, this premises enjoys a high volume of vehicular and pedestrian footfall.

The subject property extends to approx. 236.24 m<sup>2</sup> (2,542.86 ft<sup>2</sup>) over ground floor, first floor and basement and boasts a large window display with pedestrian door facing Patrick Street.



No. 16 Patrick Street is a substantial property in a high profile and busy city centre location



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Industrial Investment Opportunity extending 3,748 sq m (40,343 sq ft) (GEA)

The subject property is currently subdivided into 3 n. separate units.

Approximately 50 of the building is currently occupied and producing an income of €68,158 per annum.

Tenant not affected

Price on Application

Contact John Murray 061 418111

FOR SALE



## Lands at Clondrinagh, Ennis Road Limerick

The subject site comprises a development opportunity extending to approximately 3.22 hectares (7.95 acres).

The property benefits from approximately 250 metres of frontage onto the R445 servicing Shannon, Ennis and Galway.

The property adjoins the clondrinagh Industrial Estate to the south east.

Under the Limerick City Council Development Plan 2010-2016 (as extended) the site is located in an area zoned General Industry.

The Coonagh Cross Development is situated just east of the subject lands on the R445 Ennis Road between the Coonagh and clondrinagh Roundabouts.

Contact Ciara Mc Carthy 061 418111

FOR SALE



## Milano's Harveys Quay, Limerick

Attractive investment opportunity of approx. 185.8 sq m (2,000 sq. ft.), within Limerick City centre/waterfront location.

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Subject to contract, offers in excess of €890,000 are invited, equating to a NIY of 7.25%.

Tenant not affected.

Contact Dermot Hughes 061 418111

# Quality finishes abound in Quin

## AT A GLANCE

**Location:** 1 Cluain Gearrain, Tulla Road, Quin, Co. Clare

**Description:** Four bedroom, detached home

**Price:** €345,000

**Seller:** Costelloe Estate Agents

**Contact:** 065 6821299



Costelloe Estate Agents have just brought a stunning detached home to the market in Quin, Co. Clare

A picturesque village boasting an historic abbey at its heart, Quin is conveniently located east of Ennis and nestles just off the M18, close to the major employment centres of Limerick and Shannon.

Cluain Gearrain, is located superbly in Quin village, within walking distance of all local amenities including a superb primary school, village hall, community playground, shops, pubs, health centre and church.

No. 1, Cluain Gearrain,

tucked away at the end of a quiet cul de sac of three homes, occupies a large corner site, to the front of the development.

It is rare that such a beautifully presented home comes to the market in Quin.

Built in 2007, this energy efficient, super warm home (B3 Rated) offers bright and spacious accommodation of 195 sq. mtrs. (2,100 sq. ft.).

The property features a generous living room to the front opening to the substantial kitchen/dining room to the rear.

Also on the ground floor are a utility, w.c. and playroom. On the first floor there are four double bedrooms (two en-suite), bathroom and a large

dressing room opening to the master bedroom.

The immaculately presented and recently decorated interior boasts stylish finishes including a mix of porcelain/ceramic tiled, walnut and carpeted flooring.

There are extensive kitchen, utility and wardrobe units, tiled bathrooms, a marble style fireplace, coving on most ground floor rooms.

It also features softly painted woodwork, with chrome door handles, all complemented by colour coordinated wall finishes, blinds, curtains and light fittings.

Located on a large private site featuring front lawn with paved driveway, the house's

**A large family home in the picturesque village of Quin, the standard of finish at No. 1 Cluain Gearrain is of the very highest order**

enclosed rear garden features shrub beds, lawn, patio area and garden shed.

Priced at offers in excess of

€345,000 this home offers exception value. We have open viewings on Friday February 23 17.30 to 18.00 and

Saturday, 24 at 12.30 to 13.30. For further details contact Noel Moore at Costelloe Estate Agents on 0656821299

# Substantial Corbally home is full of character



## AT A GLANCE

**Location:** "Prague", Mill Road, Corbally

**Description:** Four to five bedroom, detached home

**Price:** €260,000.

**Seller:** Rooney Auctioneers

**Contact:** 061 413511



Rooney Auctioneers are delighted to present this fantastic 4/5 bedroom home located in the popular and much sought after Mill Road area of Corbally.

It is excellently located, being close to all local amenities.

Situated on a substantial site the house boasts a private

large rear garden and front garden.

This characterful home comprises an entrance hallway, two reception rooms, kitchen-breakfast room, two downstairs bedrooms, wet room-style bathroom and two/three bedrooms upstairs, one with large storage area off it.

The property has been recently redecorated and has gas fired central heating, while double glazed Upvc windows enhance the energy rating and security is provided by an alarm.

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**Prague, on the sought-after Mill Road, Corbally, has a large amount of space inside and out and is full of character**

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# All on your doorstep at Carrowkeal



## AT A GLANCE

**Location:** 153 Carrowkeal, Woodhaven, Castletroy

**Description:** Three bedroom, mid-terraced home

**Price:** €215,000

**Seller:** REA O'Connor Murphy  
**Contact:** 061 279300



opportunity for first time buyers to purchase a stunning home within the heart of Castletroy.

The property has a bright spacious kitchen/dining area and is newly fitted with an ample supply of floor and wall units.

The dining area has patio doors leading to a generous sized rear garden.

The living room to the front of the property is an excellent size with an open fireplace and double doors leading to the dining area.

A spacious guest room off the hallway completes the downstairs accommodation.

On the first floor there is no shortage of space with two large double bedrooms and one single bedroom to choose from.

The master bedroom is a



**Carrowkeal offers the chance to live in a stylish home in one of Limerick's best served locations**

REA O'Connor Murphy are delighted to bring this superb newly finished three bedroom property to the market in Castletroy.

Part of the superbly located Woodhaven development, No.153 Carrowkeal is finished to an excellent standard!

The accommodation on offer is ideal and a great

superb room to the rear of the house with a partially tiled en-suite shower room.

The family bathroom is fully tiled in neutral tones.

The front of the property has a tarmac drive with lawn area and the rear enclosed rear garden also has

a generously sized lawn.

As for location, there is none better in Limerick as every imaginable amenity is on your doorstep, much of it within a short walk's reach - including Monaleen National School and Gaelscoil Caladh an Treoigh, UL, Castletroy

Town Centre, with SuperValu, the Odeon Cinema and many other shops, pubs and restaurants.

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3 Bedrooms, En Suite, Bathroom, Guest WC - 100 Sq.Mtrs (1,075 Sq.Ft Approx)

We also have two four-bed semi-detached homes and a number of three bed terraced homes in this development for sale. Please call Elaine Fitzpatrick on 061 279300.

## Great space, even better location

## AT A GLANCE

**Location:** 26 The Hawthorns, Castletroy

**Description:** Five to six bedroom, detached home

**Price:** €295,000

**Seller:** REA O'Connor Murphy  
**Contact:** 061 279300



REA O'Connor Murphy are delighted to bring to the market this exceptionally spacious detached property in the heart of Castletroy.

This conveniently located property is in need of some up grading but has well laid out accommodation and offers a unique opportunity for the discerning purchaser to create a wonderful family home or equally a lucrative investor opportunity!

The accommodation comprises of spacious entrance hallway leading to a sitting room, living room,

kitchen/dining area and an addition room with en-suite which is currently a bedroom but depending on requirements could be a further family/play room.

Upstairs there are five bedrooms, one en-suite and the main bathroom completes the living accommodation.

Superbly located, No. 26 The Hawthorns commands

a corner site, in a small development of 26 properties is ideally situated within this quiet cul de sac.

The area is unrivalled in terms of amenities with schools, university, national technology park, shopping centre, pubs and restaurants all in easy walking distances.

The motorway network is only a two minute drive from The Hawthorns.



**No. 26 The Hawthorns offers great space in a one of Limerick's most sought after addresses**

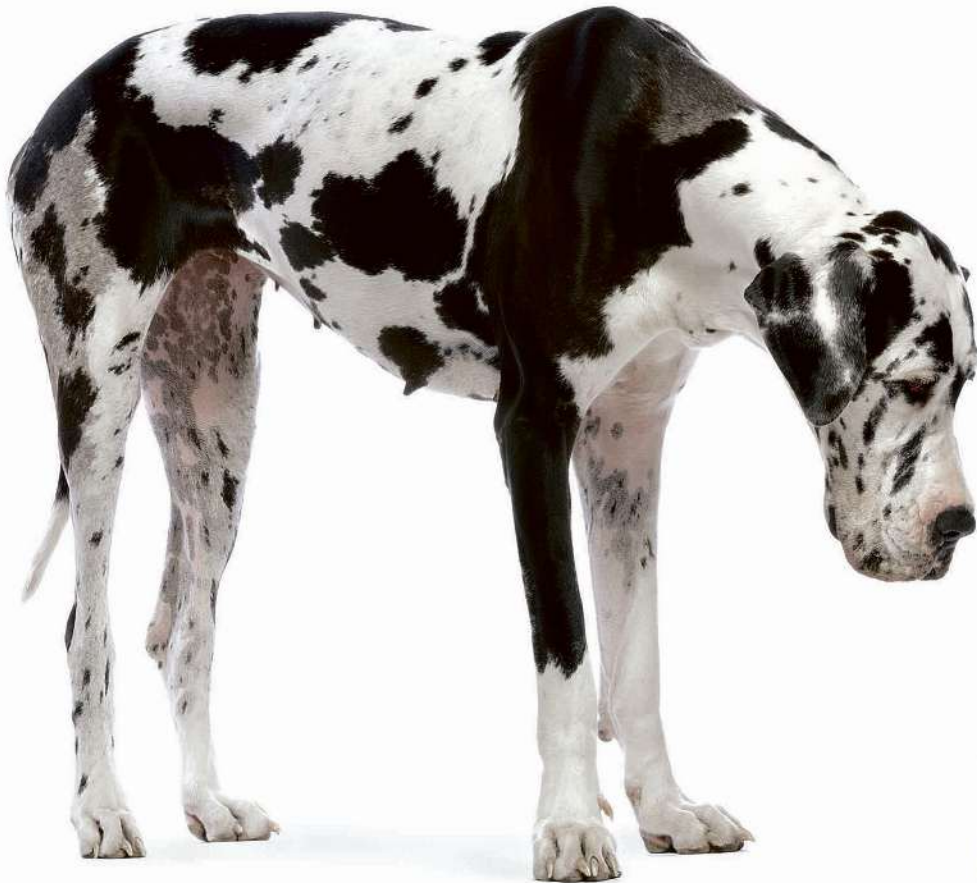




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**2 Ross Fearnna,  
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Semi detached 3 bed residence  
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AMV €86,000

**BER C2**

**43 Wolfe Tone Street,  
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Mid terrace two storey 3 bed house  
 ideal investment property

Agent: **REA O'Connor Murphy** 061 279300

AMV €105,000

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**Tulligmore,  
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3 bed extended cottage,  
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Agent: **REA O'Connor Murphy** (Cork) 021 2428938

AMV €60,000

**BER F**

**8/9 Atlantic House,  
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Mixed used development comprising office  
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Agent: **REA O'Connor Murphy** (Cork) 021 2428938

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**BER E1**

**9 The Fairways,  
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Substantial 4 bed detached residence  
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Agent: **REA O'Connor Murphy** (Cork) 021 2428938

AMV €310,000

**BER C1**

**6 Roseneath Villas,  
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Unique 1800's mid terraced  
 5 bed three storey Victorian residence

Agent: **REA O'Connor Murphy** (Cork) 021 2428938

AMV €304,000

**BER E2**

**15 Clonlara Village,  
 Clonlara, Co Clare**



Detached 4 bed bungalow set on a corner site  
 (Tenants not affected)

Agent: **REA O'Connor Murphy** 061 279300

AMV €145,000

**BER D1**

**50 St Patricks Tce.,  
 Kiltrush, Clare**



Mid terrace 2 bed townhouse on the periphery  
 of Kiltrush Town Centre

Agent: **REA Paddy Browne** 065 684 1755

AMV €30,000

**BER F**

**Unit 8 Ballycasey Park,  
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Ground floor retail unit. Present rent is €6,600 p/a  
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Agent: **REA O'Connor Murphy** 061 279300

AMV €75,000

**BER D1**

**Apt. 1 Iveragh Block,  
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Ground floor 2 bed apartment  
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# ENTERTAINMENT

YOUR **WEEKLY GUIDE** TO WHAT'S GOING ON IN LIMERICK

## 'Coup' as Madness get marquee slot on Docks

A MAJOR concert series in the city has been given a huge ska boost with confirmation that the iconic Madness have been added to the line-up.

Dolan's Live at the Docklands Series on the June Bank Holiday weekend will welcome the British music giants. Madness will join the already announced 2FM Live with Jenny Greene and the RTE Concert Orchestra at the Docklands concerts, set to take place in a specially erected Marquee on the Docks. Madness will play the series on Friday, May 31, in the specially erected six pole marquee that will be installed as part of the weekend-long series of concerts on the waterfront.

The Nutty Boys, as they are commonly known, enjoy an unrivalled reputation as one of Britain's greatest and most enduring live acts. They are one of the top 20

selling UK groups of all time, with seven top ten albums to their name and concert promoter Mick Dolan said, "Securing Madness to play Live at the Docklands in our first year is a real coup."

"The band achieved massive success in the mid-1980s spending 214 weeks in the UK singles charts over the course of that decade. This is a band that never fails to raise the roof and we are certain that audiences from Limerick and further afield will have the time of their lives on the June Bank Holiday weekend."

Greene and the RTE concert orchestra will play on Saturday, June 1 and it is anticipated that further musical acts will be announced over the coming weeks. Tickets for Madness go on sale this Friday. See [www.dolans.ie](http://www.dolans.ie) for more.



Torch Players in rehearsals for the upcoming Arms and the Man at the Belltable

## Torch Players take up Arms at the Belltable for GB Shaw play

The popular Torch Players are deep in rehearsals for their upcoming production of George Bernard Shaw's Arms and the Man.

The theatre company will present the tale of a witty and joyous love triangle at the Belltable from Tuesday, February 26 to Saturday, March 2.

In Shaw's charming comedy, two rival soldiers fight for the heart of

idealistic young woman Raina Petkoff, who is filled with romantic notions about love.

She is all set to marry war hero Major Saranoff when a soldier fighting for the opposite side comes crashing through her window and the battle really begins.

The delightful comedy has a dash of morality and Torch's take on the play, with direction in the capable and

assured hands of Maurice O'Sullivan, make this a must see.

The cast features Miriam Ball, Robert Hutchison, Pat Kelly, Stuart Mackey, Dan Mooney, Joanne O'Brien, Michelle O'Flanagan and Chris Rowley with lighting design by Pius McGrath and set design by Gerry Lombard.

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Meghan Lynch, Ailish Flanagan and Karen O'Sullivan at Dolan's PICTURES: DAVE GAYNOR



Carol McCarthy and Ann Keogh at Mother Macs



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Ewa and Adam Figura at Dolan's



Christina Griffin and David Barron at Mother Mac's



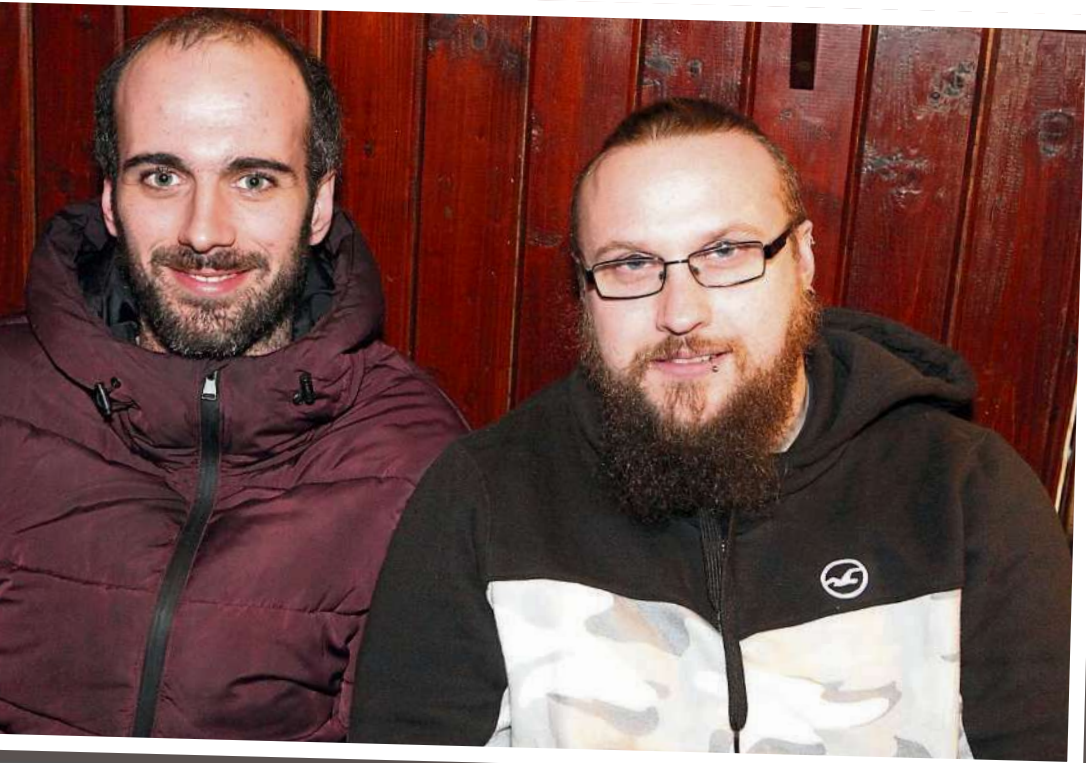
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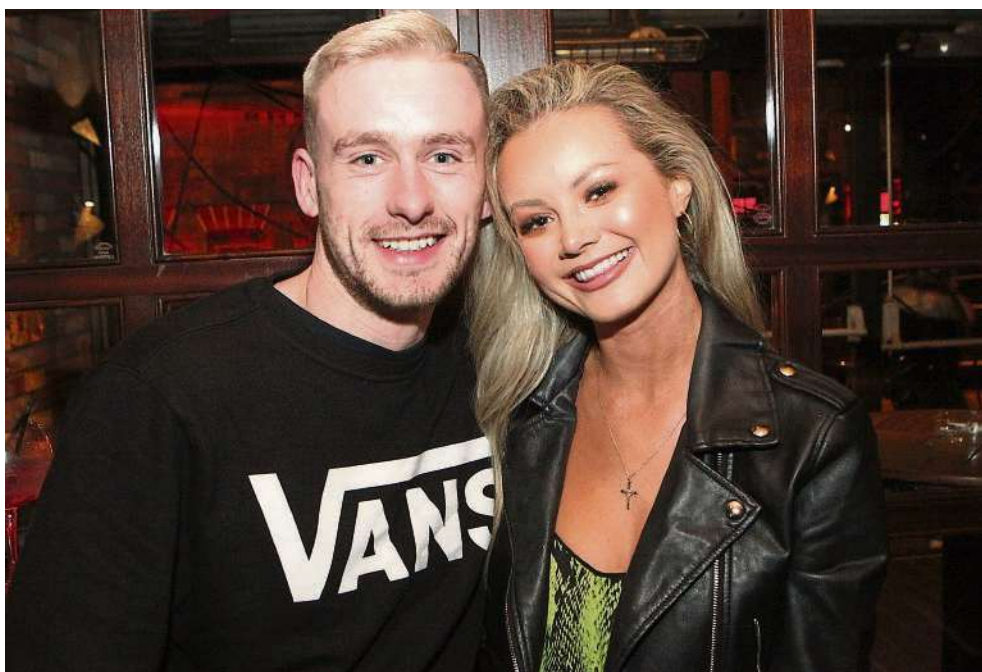
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Ann Blake's *The Morning After The Life Before* play is in Dolan's on Saturday

# THINGS WHAT ARE ON IN LIMERICK



ABOVE: Fontaines DC headline at Dolan's Warehouse on Friday



RIGHT: Nathan Carter plays the University Concert Hall this week



On *Blueberry Hill* is at the Lime Tree on Wednesday and Thursday PICTURE: PATRICK REDMOND

**L**IMERICK is utterly packed with events this weekend. The circus hits the town for children and fun-loving adults, there are two great plays to see, an entire weekend of literary hob-nobbing and some of Ireland's best indie bands on a single stage. There is so much on this weekend that some genuinely great events didn't make the cut for this weekend's lineup, so grab this weekend by the collar and make the most of it!

## Thursday (Feb 21)

**Duffy's Circus** is in Limerick this week, bringing the thrills and spills of acrobats and clowns to the Groody Road in Castletroy. It's the perfect chance to run away with the circus, though if you want to work as a clown you'll have some big shoes to fill. Shows until Friday are at 4.30pm and 7.30pm daily while weekend shows are at 2pm and 5pm. Tickets range from €14 to €26.

Country singer **Nathan Carter** plays two dates at the **University Concert Hall** this Wednesday and Thursday. His career continues to soar along the byways of Ireland and the show is a marvellous birthday present for your Granny who loves clean-cut Irish country music. Repeated playing of *Wagon Wheel* is prohibited by article 32 of the fourth Geneva Convention so if you really want to hear it twice, you're just going to have to go both nights. 8pm, tickets are €30.

Nostalgia and regret are the themes of Fishamble's acclaimed play *On Blueberry Hill*, at the **Lime Tree Theatre** this Wednesday and Thursday. Sebastian Barry's script puts two murderers in the same room, forced to consider the pain their past actions have inflicted on each other. Saying anything more than that would ruin the experience for you but, as this 100-minute play was one of the best highlights of the 2017 Dublin Theatre Festival, you will not be disappointed if you

It's another #WeekendInLimerick – and what a weekend! **Seamus Ryan** has the lowdown

pony up the cash to see it. 8pm both nights, tickets are €25 / €20 concession.

Jazz fans are in for a treat this Thursday, as the **Kevin Brady Trio** are playing *Dolan's Upstairs*. Irish jazz musician Brady has assembled a crack squad of himself, American composer Bill Carrothers and Canadian saxophonist Seamus Blake. Unusually for jazz trios, they play original music that's actually pretty damned good and I strongly recommend that you catch them live. They'll be on stage just after 9pm and a ticket will cost you €10.

## Friday (February 22)

**Limerick Literary Festival** kicks off this Friday, offering three days of authors encouraging people to read their books. A full weekend ticket will cost you €125, though it's really only worth buying a weekend ticket if you're planning on going to every single event of the festival. Instead, I suggest that you check out the opening event on Friday at 6pm in the Hunt Museum, which will feature Sean Rocks of RTE Radio's *Arena* talking to Richard Ford and Lyndall Gordon, followed by a performance by the Irish National Opera. That will cost you €15 / €13 concession and will make you feel like you've squeezed the entire festival into two hours. Other Lit Fest highlights include a talk by Cork author Louise O'Neill in the Hunt on Saturday at 10am (tickets

**Louise O'Neill** is at the **Limerick Literary Festival** this Saturday

are €14 / €12 concession) and *Desert Island Books* in the Lime Tree Theatre at 12.30pm on Sunday (€14 / €12 concession).

**Seoda Shows** are hosting their sixth birthday party at **Dolan's Warehouse** this Friday night, with Fontaines DC headlining. The punk quintet have been strongly tipped as the next big Irish act, so this show is your best chance to see them while tickets are still affordable. One great act wouldn't be enough for a Seoda party, so you'll also be gifted with *Altered Hours*, *Just Mustard*, *Fonda* and *Odd Morris*. That's the sort of indie lineup that would cause Dublin music journalists to gurggle quietly into their fists, so this is easily the gig you shouldn't miss this week. Doors at 8pm, tickets are €14.

You have a choice of two quality comedy acts in Limerick this Friday night if you fancy a laugh. Nowhere Fast star **Alison Spittle** is at the **Kasbah Social Club** with her *Makes A Show Of Herself* tour. That's at 7.30pm and tickets are €14. **Pat Shortt** is at the **University Concert Hall** at 8pm with his *Hey!* show. Tickets are €28. As Pat is also doing a UCH show on Saturday night, you could treat yourself to a weekend of laughs by seeing both Spittle and Shortt.

**Saturday (Feb 23)**  
**The Morning After The Life**



**Before** is in **Dolan's Warehouse** on Saturday night. Ann Blake's play, which she also stars in with Lucia Smyth, is a personal tale of life in Ireland before and after the 2015 Marriage Equality referendum. Apart from the journey of personal acceptance, it also contains plenty of sassiness and poignancy, two things that lots of plays could do with more of. It will be followed by a non-compulsory panel discussion. Doors at 7.30pm, tickets are €15.

The Kilkenny-based **Moot Tapes** label has been making quite a stir in the Irish electro scene and they'll be spinning discs in the Commercial's **Record Room** this Saturday. You can expect a good night of everything from trance to house. They'll be supported by Cork's *Trick Mist*. Doors at 8pm, tickets are €7.

## Sunday (February 24)

1980s classic movie **Big** is being screened at the **University Concert Hall** this Sunday. Tom Hanks stars as a wee lad who makes a wish to become taller and then finds himself working as a toy company executive and dating Elizabeth Perkins. That's the life most of us dreamed of when we were 12. It's still something to strive for. As 80s movies go, *Big* has aged incredibly well and is a great afternoon of family entertainment. 3pm, tickets are €5 if you book online.

## All weekend

Rory Prout's *The Lowering Skies* exhibition runs at Lucky Lane from 6pm on Friday until next Monday. The Michael O'Connor poster collection and Siobhan McDonald exhibition are at Limerick City Gallery until March 17. The 100 Years of Women in Politics and Public Life exhibition is at Istabraq Hall until March 29. The Limerick Printmakers exhibition at the Hunt Museum runs until April 22. All free to visit.

That's your lot for this weekend and, as always, if you go to things, there will be more things!

# LEADER LIFE

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## A Day In My Shoes

**Dr Robert Bowe**

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### What time do you get up?

I get up at 7 am. In the winter I make coffee and go back to bed for 20 mins, read the news and check emails. In the summer I'll go for a run or a row before work.

### What is your normal breakfast?

Coffee, porridge and fruit.

### Do you go for a walk or to the gym before/after the office?

I'll go for a run round the North Circular Road or go down to St Michael's Rowing Club. It's good to get the mind and body going in the morning. Ideally I like to meet one of my lads so it's social too.

### You arrive at the office at what time?

8.15am.

### What are your first duties?

We have a morning huddle with the staff. I make sure all the checklists for patients that day are completed. I'll see my first patient at 8.30am.

### How many cups of coffee/tea would you drink a day?

Three. I love the stuff but I don't drink it after 6 pm, otherwise I'd be up all night.

### What is normal lunch - do you have a favourite place?

Yes. I often but not always have a wrap with roast chicken coleslaw, cheese, tomato and onion, toasted. I like the Maldron Hotel next door or else We will do coffee around the corner.

### Do you have many meetings during the day?

I am generally busy assessing and treating patients all day. I'll have a daily meeting with the manager at lunchtime or the end of the day. Any other meetings will be after work.

### What time do you finish up at?

Generally 6pm. It could be later if I have meetings or need to plan cases on our software and I like to finish a bit early on a Friday if it's possible!

### Do you watch much television?



Not during the week. I love watching TV on a Sunday night. I am enjoying that drama Rebellion at the moment on RTÉ

### Do you read the newspapers?

Yes. I read the local newspapers, the Irish Times and the New York Times online.

### What do you do to relax?

Exercise. You can't beat it for burning off stress. If I can get out in a boat with the lads from the rowing club that is even better. I really love taking my son Daniel to swimming lessons. It's very satisfying to see him improve week to week.

### Are you able to leave the office behind?

I have to say I find it hard. I am treating patients all day so it is the evening when you have time to think about planning

their treatment in detail. I will often use our software and 3D models to ascertain what is the best treatment.

### What is a perfect work day?

I love doing All-on-4 teeth in a day. These patients usually have had ongoing dental problems for years, and with the skills and facilities in the clinic we can rehab them in just one day!

I place implants in the morning, teeth are made in our dental engineering department in the afternoon and we fit them in the evening. I love this work because it makes a huge difference to the patient's quality of life and it can be done in one day so they are never without teeth. It is life changing. I get a real kick out of this.

**Dr Robert Bowe claims the Government is not investing enough in paediatric screenings or doing enough to stop the marketing of sugary foods to kids**

### Do you ever lose 'the cool' and if so what would make you annoyed?

No. As a dentist I have learned to put patients at their ease so as a result I calm myself too! I don't do drama it doesn't help me solve problems.

I get annoyed that the Government still does not understand dental care and fails to invest in paediatric screening prevention and treatment. An ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure. I would put almost all the Government budgets into kids dentistry.

I also get annoyed by the marketing of sugary food. It's very clever... like "open happiness"... why don't they say "open a dental abscess". Particularly when this marketing is aimed at kids it's very cynical and should be regulated by Government.

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# Parting is such sweet sorrow



**MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS**  
**DR EDDIE MURPHY**  
 Clinical Psychologist

**O**PERATION Transformation viewers heard the biggest and best news ever last week — Limerick leader Jean Tierney has dropped out of the show's food and exercise plan, as she is pregnant.

My previous counselling session advising Jean that the bedroom was for sleep and for sex turned out to be prophetic!

I was bursting with protective emotions and thoughts for Jean. It was an incredible poignant moment when Jean told the experts and leaders of her pregnancy.

The way Jean handled this new-found situation was so classy. This leader previously suffered an ectopic pregnancy and a miscarriage, and lost her baby girl



**It was an incredible poignant moment when Jean told the experts and leaders of her pregnancy**

Sloane shortly after her birth. For an Operation Transformation perspective, Jean

will always be part of the OT 2019 family. Her smile lit up the nation and will never be forgotten.

All the experts are still there to offer guidance and support to Jean, and already Aoife has provided advice on good foods for her to eat during early pregnancy.

#### LEADERS CHALLENGE

Davy, Sarah, Wayne, Mary and Felicity all turned up for the Operation Transformation 2018 v 2019 walking football challenge.

What was very powerful and hard to capture on TV and in writing is that all the players wore the weight they lost in weighted-vests.

For Davy and Wayne, their vests felt like bales of briquettes. What really hit me is how our weight can creep up unnoticed. If you had to carry the extra amount around outside of your body, it would make you seriously think, you carried it external to you, it would make you seriously think.

Did you go to the pharmacy last Thursday and get your basal metabolic age measured? The country was talking about this last week after we measured Taoiseach Leo Varadkar, 40, whose 'true' metabolic age turned out to be 53.

I was in the same company as

the Taoiseach as I too trended older, so its time to add some resistance training into my adhoc fitness regime.

Here's how our leaders got on during Week Six of Operation Transformation:

#### Pamela Swayne

Target 3lbs. Lost 3lb

Her weight loss this week was a great achievement for Pam. There was no distraction this week and being the lightest leader in week six to hit this target is admirable.

I questioned Pam about her long terms goals, post-OT.

Pam wants to be "hot as feck" — however, I am not sure this would be great in the context of long-term sustainable goals.

Now is the time for the leaders to look into putting into place the building blocks for long-term activity, weight management and fun. Pam is going to focus on joining her local athletics club.

#### Cathal Gallagher

Target 4lbs. Lost 11lbs

It was a huge weight loss number this week for Cathal, the biggest ever leader on Operation Transformation. At this point, he has lost two stone of fat and eight inches off his waist.

Of course we want to see sustainable weight loss, so slow and steady is the way to go for Cathal.

The blue light family / first responders came out in force with ambulance service paramedic Cathal last week.

In his line of work, Cathal is exposed to more trauma than most. When we feel threatened, we can resort to comforting ourselves with food and alcohol.

I will report next week on why Cathal's weight has fluctuated over the years and explore his tripwires, as my planned trip to Cathal last week was switched to go and see Siobhan.

#### Siobhán O'Brien

Target 3lbs. Lost 5lbs.

Siobhan blasted her 3lbs target with a 5lb weight loss. Altogether she has lost 1.5 stone and one stone in fat to date.

My house visit to Siobhan explored her negative core beliefs. I think when we uncover core beliefs we can address them. This is my biggest message — become aware of those inaccurate assumptions then replace them with ones that are compassionate.

#### Paul Murphy

Target 3lbs. Lost 4lbs

We are en-route with Paul. He joined OT to lose weight, and ended up getting a lifestyle makeover into the bargain!

In fairness, I would have failed if his stress and work/life balance were left unresolved. Paul, I believe, has great intelligence and insight and want to plot a course where his lovely wife and children, and not his work, are central to his life.

Bobby Kerr, business guru is en route to see Paul, and will assist in helping him become more strategic in the business as opposed to purely putting hours in being busy, but not productive. A great sign was that Paul set up a personal phone number for himself — setting boundaries between work and life.

My biggest learning this week was how the incremental power of making consistent changes can accumulatively impact on health and wellness.

On a personal note UCD have appointed me an Adjunct Associate Professor at UCD School of Psychology.

Wow, what an honour — I never thought I would see that day, but there you are!

**I invite you to join us on the Operation Transformation Journey each Wednesday on RTE 1 at 9.30pm.**

**\* Dr Eddie Murphy is a clinical psychologist, author and mental health expert. ONLINE CBT - STOP DEPRESSION - STOP ANXIETY - available at <https://stratushealth-care.ie/mental-wellbeing/>**



Leader Jean Tierney has left the Operation Transformation plan after she became pregnant





# HEALTHY LIVING

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## Getting to the root of skin problems

I have a special interest in chronic skin conditions, since the route that took me to nutritional therapy was a struggle with my own skin.

One of the most common conditions I see is eczema, and no wonder, according to the Irish Skin Foundation, one in five children and one in 12 adults suffer with it in Ireland – no doubt due to the lack of sunshine, vitamin D and the damp weather which tend to make symptoms

worse.

Eczema is a term coming from the Greek “to boil” that connect many different non-contagious inflammatory skin disorders. It is named depending on the site, the triggering factors and the rate of immune system involvement. Contact dermatitis for example is limited to the area where the contact to chemicals or nickel repeatedly happens i.e. the hands / earlobe.



**Struggles with her own skin problems lead Eva Hill Hamilton to become a nutritional therapist**

Seborrheic dermatitis is limited to the face and scalp, most often linked to fungal organisms overgrowth.

Atopic dermatitis is the most common in children, it literally means

“hypersensitivity skin inflammation” – and it may affect the entire body. It may start in infancy and change to other atopic conditions such as asthma or hay fever later on, or lasts into

adulthood, accompanied by those other two. But it may also start in adulthood after a major triggering event.

The skin functions as a barrier, protecting us from the outside world and keeps lipids and water inside, keeping it well hydrated and soft.

In eczema there is a problem with this barrier, allowing chemicals to penetrate the deep layers where the immune cells initiate inflammation, causing redness and itching, and there is a loss of moisture, which makes the skin dry and scaly.

Conventional treatments are limited to the skin and symptom control. However, the root of the problem – as with many chronic inflammatory disorders involving the immune system lays in the gut. There might be a genetic component, involving genes

that code for proteins that build the barrier molecules or involved in skin shedding, making these individuals more susceptible - but it is always the environment that turns on these faulty genes.

As with the immune system, the barrier functions are also regulated by the microbes that live inside our gut.

Several clinical trials have shown that oral probiotic supplementation reduced the symptoms of atopy – both hay fever and eczema, because it improved the skin and nasal passage barrier functions and regulated the immune system, reducing reactions.

Once the barrier is strengthened, it is of the utmost importance to find what is the individual cause. This of course may be different for everyone, so a thorough investigation is the only way to find your root!



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## Crescent have spring looks on trend

**S**PRING is synonymous with floral patterns, light colours and natural tones. The current season is all about clean lines and effortless pieces that will make an impression without going overboard.

Recently we appeared on the RTE Today Show with some of the current spring fashion looks from the Crescent Shopping Centre.

The colourful looks on show were well cut, with cool prints that will fit into your existing wardrobe very well. It was all about looking casual but cool and getting the best from your spring purchases. On The Today Show we highlighted menswear, as well as ladies wear. The menswear was bang on trend with the great puffer jacket and the new look trench coat making a statement proving they really are essential pieces for his wardrobe.

Another favourite of mine was the wonderful palm print coat which is off the Richter Scale when it comes to wearability.

The Crescent Shopping Centre is an extremely popular destination when you are shopping for your spring wardrobe.



**Claudia wears an ultra cool black biker jacket and a daisy print dress from Shaws**

**Claudia poses in this wonderful print overcoat from Swamp**



**Lara with some bright ideas from Pamela Scott**



**Model Edwin keeps it casual with this outfit from Selected in the Crescent Shopping Centre**



**Lara wears a fabulous combination from MEGO**



**Edwin is smart and casual in this outfit from the Gap**

## CELIA SPOTTED

Looking good out  
and about in Limerick

**Name:** Holly Cussen  
**Occupation:** Sales assistant/  
student  
**From:** Fr Russell Road

**I** love everything to do with fashion, styling outfits together and keeping up with the latest trends. I don't really follow many bloggers or online influencers but I do take my hat off to those who have set up their own personal lifestyle or fashion blogs because being from Limerick I feel sometimes people are scared to step out of their comfort zone with what they wear. Sometimes you feel like people are going to judge you, but it's better to stand out from the crowd than to blend in!

### HOLLY SAYS

**Coat:** I bought this camel tailored coat in Zara about three years ago in the sales. It has become such a statement piece of clothing in my wardrobe. You can wear it with practically anything depending on how you style it to change the look of it. I love pairing the coat with hoodies underneath it to give it that casual but stylish look for when I'm going to college. I love keeping things simple and classy and this coat is by far my favourite for autumn/winter. I also can get great wear out of it for the early spring months too!

**Jumper:** As you can tell I love the neutral tones and they happen to be all the hype this spring/summer season in most high street shops. This high-neck knitwear jumper is from Zara and it is so comfortable and surprisingly goes with a lot.

**Jeans:** These jeans are a classic mom-fit from Zara. I love these style of jeans as they are a very late 80s and early 90s inspired fit. Mom jeans always make a come back every year and in my opinion will never go out of style. Fashion is just revolution that comes back with a twist.

**Shoes:** My shoes are not everyone's cup of tea but they stood out to me and for my leopard print and camel colour



obsession I thought they would be a good addition to my wardrobe. I'm not usually one for platform runners but these are so comfy and give you a bit of height too!

**Bag:** For me, having a statement bag is an absolute must! A handbag has the

power to bring a boring outfit back to life! I love this bag for its gold detail, and I also have a slight obsession with wearing leopard print. I find leopard print matches so well with neutral tones so I added a neck scarf from Penneys to my handbag to break up the double camel colours.

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## A guide to dress codes at weddings

Wedding dress codes seem like a nice idea. That is, until you receive an invitation for a "semiformal" wedding and neither you or anyone else that's invited have any idea what you're actually supposed to wear.

I've been there and I know a lot of my friends and Instagram followers have too because I frequently get DMs asking me to translate and make sense of wedding dress codes. So to put an end to the confusion, once and for all, I've put together a list of the most common dress codes and a guide to what they actually mean. Keep this guide and you will never go wrong.

### BLACK TIE

Black tie means highly formal and basically means tuxedo. You'll need to read the situation somewhat in terms of what you can play around with here. A sure-fire winner is black peak lapel tux. Colour variations, shawl necks and other stylistic details work well for New Year's balls and red carpets but at a very traditional black tie wedding they will not be welcomed so stick to black and you can't really go wrong. Black tie also means bow tie (although you can opt for a straight necktie but it's not recommended). Your shirt should be double cuffed which you can wear with cufflinks. You can also go for studs for your shirt in place of buttons (but it's not a deal breaker) and you have options like a

waistcoat or cummerbund and a white pocket square if you wish to accessorize. Your shoes should be black and polished and your socks should also be black.

### WHITE TIE

White tie is the most formal of dress codes and it quite literally means wearing a white tie. Your suit will be an evening tailcoat and trousers. Kind of like a tuxedo only fancier. The jacket, the underpinnings and the shirt should all be white. You'll need studs and cufflinks too. For your shoes, go for the most formal options. A polished shoe in patent leather will do the trick.

### BLACK TIE OPTIONAL

In plain English: you have the option black tie or the option of another formal suit. If you opt for black tie (tuxedo) then all the same black tie rules apply, but now you can get with a little bit more. If you don't go for the black-tie option then look to the most formal suit you have in a darker colour. Keep your accessories as simple as possible because there will other people there in full black tie regalia so even if you're not, you don't want to look out of place.

### SEMIFORMAL

Semiformal means no tux, but you are wearing a suit and tie. As I've covered many times already, the type of suit will depend on the location and time of year. If it's semiformal during the winter months, you'll want darker colours

and heavier fabrics. If it's spring or summer and/or held outside, you'll likely see less black and dark navy and more blue, light grey or beige. But the jacket and trousers should match, and you should be wearing a formal shirt. The level of formality here is best described as medium to medium-high so you will also need to wear a tie. Also, make sure to match your belt with your shoes. It might seem obvious but you'd be shocked by how often people get it wrong.

### COCKTAIL

The cocktail dress code was invented to bridge the gap between casual day wear and formal evening wear. So a suit, but you can make it fun (within reason). 'Suit' has a looser definition here. You can mix and match, like proper trousers with a different colour blazer. Depending on the venue, coloured trousers might be an option. You do still need to wear a collared shirt but you don't necessarily need to wear a tie. A blazer with a pocket square is a good alternative. You can definitely play with colour, both in the outfit and in the accessories. As for shoes, you could do a lace-up or maybe even a loafer.

### BEACH FORMAL

Even where you see the word 'beach', if you see the word "formal" in a dress code, it means wear a suit and tie. For a beach wedding, you can move away from the darker colours usually associated with formal weddings and play around with light summery colours and



**It might seem obvious but you'd be shocked by how often people get semiformal wrong**

linen fabrics. You should still wear a tie or a pocket square. For your feet, while might be walking near sand and water, that's no excuse to wear sandals or anything else you wouldn't otherwise be wearing to a formal event. Light colours and shoes you can wear sockless are a good choice here.

### DRESSY CASUAL

"Dressy" is the hint that shorts and trainers are not OK. Even if they're fancy expensive ones. You don't necessarily have to wear a suit. You could go for trousers or nice smart chinos. Up top, you could wear a crewneck with a blazer, or just a button-down shirt. A tie is not required here but be careful with your choice of shoe. You might think your "dressy trainers" are perfect. The couple might not. Err on the side of caution.

### CASUAL

With a casual dress code, you

can get away with a more relaxed ensemble, but it needs to look refined because you're still going to a wedding, after all. You could wear a pair of well-fitting dark jeans (no rips) and a button-down. You could wear a pair of chinos, a t-shirt, and a blazer. For your shoes, keep them polished. You can finally bust out those dressy trainers, or a nice pair of loafers. No running tackies or anything "street style".

### NONSTANDARD

You're going to have to depend on the hosts to give some sort of guidance here. If you are hosting, add a line about what you're expecting ("Cowboy hats welcome" or "Saints and Sinners" etc). If you're the guest, don't be afraid to ask. When in doubt, dress a little more formally. It's much better to go with a suit and tie—where you can take off the jacket and tie—than to not have the option at all.

## Look of the Week Sexton for Men/ Gatsby for Men

In keeping with this week's theme my look of the week is a wedding-ready look from Sexton for Men on Thomas St and Gatsby for Men in Newcastle West. Here, I'm wearing a mix and match Benetti three-piece suit with a Benetti shirt, tie and pocket square.

My socks are Happy Socks and the shoes are also Benetti. Benetti and a Happy Socks are just two of the amazing brands that Sexton and Gatsby have in store so pop into the lads and check them out along with all the other amazing brands on offer.

Photo by Paudie Bourke.



## Watch This Space Omega Seamaster 300m

MY watch of the week is the Omega Seamaster 300m Co-Axial Master Chronometer from Keanes Jewellers. With this version of the Omega Seamaster 300M, Omega brings the advantages of a METAS (Swiss Institute Of Metrology) certified movement to the Seamaster 300M family.

The new Seamaster 300M includes a version of the ceramic bezel as well as a ceramic dial, which is laser-engraved with the

well-known wave motif. The combination of a ceramic dial and a ceramic bezel also makes for a very visually striking wristwatch. In this model, the dial has a gloss finish that picks up the light beautifully, and both bezel and dial give an impression of very high quality and precision in manufacturing.

Hands-On, the new Seamaster 300M Co-Axial



Master Chronometer gives the feeling of a very well made, very solid piece of well-engineered equipment. The use of cutting edge materials feels justified by practical considerations rather than driven by a desire for mere cosmetics, and fit and finish are everything you could reasonably want in a watch. You'll find it at Keanes for €4,615.



# MEGHANN MIX

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### Pick'n'Mix

Happenings about town



#### Capaldi comes to the Olympia

Scottish singer Lewis Capaldi has announced a tour and will be hitting Dublin's Olympia theatre on November 21 and has a new album which is called Divinely Uninspired To A Hellish Extent. This is a great chance to catch the singer in a rare Irish gig.



#### Get some 'Game' at the Big Top

The Game will be taking to the stage in the Milk Market on March 6. The rapper was part of G-Unit with 50 Cent but has ventured on his own. He will be accompanied by a band on stage. One of his biggest hits was 2005's 'Hate It Or Love It' song.



#### Get out with Jean this Friday

This Friday the Metis Ireland Morning Run/ Walk has a special guest. Operation Transformation leader, Jean Tierney will be walking the 5k route that leaves from St.Micheals rowing club at 7am.

# Ready for March madness?

**W**ITH March just around the corner, it's time to look ahead, plan and book. Let's just hope the Beast from the East doesn't rear it's icy vengeance on us again this year. Keeping positive and hopeful about the weather, here are some key events coming up worth being part of.

#### ST PATRICK'S DAY

The day we can celebrate our Irishness, wear green clothing and use as much face paint as we like. If there is one thing I would suggest doing, it is St Patrick's Day abroad. New York is the most obvious place as it holds the World's largest St. Patrick's Day parade. I recently searched for direct flights from Shannon to JFK in New York and there's flights as cheap as €400 return. Another helpful site for New York is Shannon Airports own website as they do flight and hotel deals.

London is another great city to celebrate St Patrick's day. When I worked in London, my international office used to decorate the place with shamrocks and put Irish meals on the menu in the canteen. The city itself embraces the Irish culture and the many Irish bars throw Paddy's Day parties.

#### CHELTENHAM

One of the most popular racing festivals takes from March 12 to 15. I am heading over for the first time ever. I'm flying from Shannon to London and from there will get a two hour train to Cheltenham. I fly back from Birmingham airport which is the most direct one to go racing but cheap flights have been hard to come by. It's ladies day on the 13th which always hits the



Off to the races: Cheltenham takes place this year from March 12 to 15

headlines around the world. It's also a great festival for Irish owned, bred and trained horses.

#### RUGBY

Six Nations will be nearing crunch time in March. Ireland's final game is against the Welsh in Cardiff on Saturday March 16. Kick off is at 2.45pm. Later in the month, Munster are in Champions Cup

knock out rugby as they face Edinburgh in Murrayfield. Kick off is at 12.45pm. Flights are pricey but Stena Line ferries are running offers for Munster Rugby fans wanting to travel over.

#### DINGLE FILM FESTIVAL

This is the 13th year of the film festival in Dingle which runs from March 21 to the 24. It showcases

films from all around the world as directors, producers, actors and filmmakers descend on the Kerry village. The atmosphere is electric around the place as films are previewed during the day and at night fall there's a great festival atmosphere with live music in the pubs.

Get planning for what is going to be a busy and exciting month ahead.

## Rugby action

IRELAND are back in Six Nations action this weekend. The Irish side travel to Rome this weekend to take on Italy. We lie fourth on the table with four points while the Italians are on the bottom of the table with zero points.

The game takes place at 3pm on Sunday. The squad were back to training last Monday having had the weekend off. Chris Farrell and Tadhg Beirne will return to Irish training camp this week.

Meanwhile, Munster Rugby are taking on Ospreys in Liberty Stadium on Friday in the Pro14. Kick off is at 7.35pm.



**The Italian job:** Ireland hope to get back on track in Rome this Sunday if there is any chance - however small - of winning the Six Nations. Pictured is Jordan Larmour scoring a try during the Autumn Internationals match against Italy in Chicago



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# BNest supports Joe and his equine psychotherapy project

**J**S Equine Assisted Therapies is a social enterprise that was developed by Joe Slattery, a trained addiction counsellor and mental health professional. JS Equine Assisted Therapies incorporates unrestrained horses and people in ground-based activities with a focus on mental health and personal development.

It is a collaborative effort between Joe, who is a licensed therapist and Niamh Harney, an equine specialist working with the clients and horses to address treatment goals. Joe said, "This approach allows the clients to work through issues in the here and now, where the horses take up the role of people and places of importance in the client's life and story."

The Limerick man has been working as an addiction counsellor for the past seven years and specialises in working with adolescents who have substance misuse issues and their families. Joe explained: "I grew up in Southill and there was very little access to counselling services. Spending time with the horse named Jack created a space where I could truly be myself and gave me a space where I could be free and vulnerable." Joe's journey brought him to the



**Pictured at UL Nexus Innovation Centre are Kasia Zabinska, BNeSt, Niamh Harney, equine specialist, Eamon Ryan, BNeSt founder, Joe Slattery, JS Equine Assisted Therapies, Gert O'Rourke, UL Nexus Innovation Centre and Pauline Gannon, BNeSt** PICTURE: RICHARD LYNCH/ILOVELIMERICK

prestigious TEDxFulbrightDublin event to discuss the benefits of equine psychotherapy for young people. His talk focused on his own experience of growing up in a socially deprived area of Ireland and how horses helped him cope in that environment.

Joe and Niamh are currently taking part in the BNeSt incubator programme, the first dedicated Social Enterprise Incubator Programme in Ireland, which caters to all types of organisations from non-profits to community enterprises to businesses with a social conscience.

BNeSt offers a six-month peer programme at no cost to participating organisations and is dedicated to helping businesses that want to make a social impact.

Joe said: "We wanted to take part in the BNeSt programme to figure out how to reach a wider audience. We are coming out the end of

the program with a sense of confidence that we are heading in the right direction. I know BNeSt will continue supporting us after the programme is completed."

BNeSt extends a friendly welcome to the BNeSt Showcase 2019 on Tuesday, March 12 from 3.30pm to

5.30pm at the Nexus Innovation Centre, Tierney Building, University of Limerick. All are welcome and admission is free.

For more information about JS Equine Therapies visit [www.mybiz.ie/jsequinetherapy](http://www.mybiz.ie/jsequinetherapy) and to learn more about BNeSt go to [www.bnest.ie](http://www.bnest.ie).

## Novas fundraiser on International Women's Day

NOVAS are a voluntary organisation that work with vulnerable people and provide support for the homeless. Novas will be celebrating International Women's Day with a Sparkling Afternoon Tea, hosted at the Savoy Hotel on Friday, March 8. There will be a prosecco reception and

an afternoon tea, along with entertainment and all proceeds raised from the event will be going towards Novas.

Roisin Meaney, a local author, will also be present at the event as a guest speaker. Roisin tells me: "I'm looking forward to playing my small part on March 8 and hoping

that the women of Limerick will show their usual generosity by coming out in their droves to support this very worthy cause."

Tickets for the event are €45 and can be bought at the Novas' Head Office, 87 O'Connell Street, Limerick, the Savoy Hotel or from Eventbrite.



**Una Burns, Head of Policy and Communications at Novas and Carol Walshe, Savoy Group Sales Executive, pictured at the launch of the Novas Sparkling Afternoon Tea in celebration of International Women's Day celebration taking place on Friday, March 8 at the Savoy Hotel**

PICTURE: CONOR OWENS/ILOVELIMERICK

# THINGS I ♥ THIS WEEK

## STUDIO MARKS ANNIVERSARY

### Printmakers at 20

THIS year marks twenty years since the formation of Limerick Printmakers (LP), a printmaking studio and creative space that has in the intervening years, become an integral part of the cultural landscape of the Midwest with over sixty active studio members. Formed in 1999 by Melissa O'Brien, Claire Boland, and Kari Fry; then recent graduates of the Limerick School of Art & Design's (LSAD) printmaking department, Limerick Printmakers has evolved into an active studio that emphasises creativity, inclusivity, community, and experimentation.

Limerick Printmakers relocated to the Cultural Quarter in Johns Square in Limerick city in 2014 and has established itself in part by bringing printmaking out of the studio and direct to diverse local audiences in

a variety of engaging and impactful ways.

Jessica Tobin, director of Limerick Printmakers said: "Limerick Printmakers 20th Anniversary will be celebrated with a year of programmed events that aim to simultaneously pay homage to its past while also showcasing the dynamic future of contemporary printmaking in Ireland, with an understandable focus on the talent that resides in the Midwest region."

The Limerick Printmakers 20th Anniversary exhibition is at The Hunt Museum made up of new large-scale work by twenty-three studio members and invited printmakers. Limerick Printmakers at 20: An Exhibition of New Prints runs until April 22. See [www.limerickprintmakers.com](http://www.limerickprintmakers.com).



Pictured at the launch of LP at 20 exhibition at the Hunt Museum - Jessica Tobin, director of Limerick Printmakers, comedian Pat Shortt and Jill Cousins, Hunt Museum director PICTURE: CONOR OWENS/ILOVELIMERICK

## STATION REBRANDING

### New look for Live 95

IT'S an exciting time for Limerick's Live 95fm radio station as it unveils a new look and tagline 'Live 95 - Limerick's best music mix', which can be heard on the air and seen on Live 95's website, social channels, promotional vehicles and signage.

Speaking about the new brand, Sales and Marketing Manager, Julie White tells me, "We are really excited to launch the station's new look. It reflects our place at the

heart of the Limerick Community and our on-going commitment to provide the best service to a modern, confident Limerick."



Live 95's Breakfast Crew Mark and Catriona pictured with new logo

Live 95fm was proud to win a Gold Award at the 2018 IMRO's for 'Remembering Dolores', the special tribute coverage of the death of Cranberries star and Limerick native, Dolores O'Riordan and 'Local Station of the Year' in Ireland and the UK at the 2018 Wireless Awards.



Feruz Rameto, Nancy Ekhatu, Amanda Makulena, and Erin Berming pictured with their Junk Kouture designs at Colaiste Nano Nagle PICTURE: ORLA MCLAUGHLIN/ILOVELIMERICK

## Coláiste Nano Nagle enter Junk Kouture

**BANK of Ireland Junk Kouture is a national competition inspiring young designers in second level education to use everyday junk materials to create striking works of wearable art. The competition calls on all budding fashionistas to see if they have what it takes to be crowned King or Queen of the upcycled catwalk.**

The students of Limerick's Coláiste Nano Nagle are a fantastic example of these inspiring young designers. This

year a total of 26 Home Economics and Art Transition Year students from Coláiste Nano Nagle took part in this year's competition. They have entered 4 amazing outfits into the competition and teachers Suzanna Donohoe and Sarah Nestor supported the girls right from the start as they encouraged them to 'think outside the box'. Suzanna and Sarah highlighted the importance of teamwork between the girls as they all had something

unique to contribute. The students of Coláiste Nano Nagle learned useful skills while taking part in Junk Kouture 2019, including, design, social media, photography and makeup. They were also able to show their sewing and fabric manipulation skills which are taught through Home Economics.

The grand finale of Bank of Ireland Junk Kouture 2019 will take place Thursday, May 2 in the 3Arena.

## HEROES OF THE WEEK

### Urban Co-op

THE Urban Co-Op is the first community cooperative grocery store in Limerick; bringing you wholesome food and affordable prices. The Co-op is celebrating winning the 'Best Business Working with the Community' award at the annual All Ireland Community & Council Awards 2019. The awards were presented at a ceremony in Croke Park and the award was accepted by Co-op board members Deirdre MacMahon and Anne Maher.

The Urban Co-op win is well deserved as they have been in operation for over five years and have come a long way from humble beginnings as a members' buying club back in 2013.

Deirdre MacMahon, Chairperson of the Urban Co-op explained: "It is a wonderful acknowledgement of the incredibly hard work of our team, many of whom are volunteers. There has been a



Deirdre MacMahon of The Urban Co-op centre with other members pictured with their award at the Urban Co-op

PICTURE: KEVIN WALLACE

tremendous amount of work going on since the move to the new premises last August, and we are very grateful for the dedication

and commitment from everyone."

Limerick City and County Council also won and scooped the top prize at the

annual Awards after being named as Council of the Year. Congrats to all! Well deserved. See [www.theurbanco-op.ie](http://www.theurbanco-op.ie).



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4 Winners €40 each: Noel Aherne c/o B O'Brien, Dom and Majella c/o Gate Bar, Christine McNamara c/o C McNamara, Mary Funnell c/o C Cosgrave  
Next Weeks Jackpot €6400 Draw will take place in Kinsella Bar

## GERALDINES A.F.C.

WEEKLY LOTTO DRAW HELD ON 18/2/19  
This Week's Jackpot: €5900 No's: 2-7-10-24 no winner  
Lucky Dips: Tom O'Grady Snr c/o Dave Connolly, Kitty McInerney c/o Dave Connolly, John Nugent c/o Rose Nugent  
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NEXT Draw held 25th February 2019  
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## IN MEMORIAM



## † CARROLL

(Sixth Anniversary)  
In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather Tommy Carroll, late of 6, St. John's Ave, and the 12th Battalion whose sixth anniversary occurs on February 24th. Rest in Peace. Anniversary Mass will be offered on Sunday February 24th in St. Josephs Church at 5.30pm.

I never thought of losing you  
And maybe that's what's wrong  
You always seemed a part of me  
That would always carry on.  
Although I sadly missed you  
I know you're not alone  
For you are watching over me  
In a place you now call home.  
Sadly missed by your loving wife Mary, son Gerard, daughters Philomena and Tanya, her partner Eoin, all your grandchildren xx

The moment that you died Tommy,  
my heart was torn in two.  
One side filled with heartache,  
the other died with you.  
I often lie awake at night,  
when the world is fast asleep,  
and take a walk down memory lane,  
with tears upon my cheeks.  
Remembering you is easy Tommy,  
I do it every day,  
But missing you is heartache,  
that never goes away.  
I hold you tightly within my heart,  
and there you will remain,  
until the joyous day arrives,  
that we will meet again.  
Love and miss you so much Tommy. From your loving sister Rose & John xxxx Love you always Tommy.

There is a lonely feeling in my heart,  
An ache I can't explain,  
There is a picture of my loving brother,  
Locked in a golden frame,  
of all the gifts in life however great or small,  
To have had you for my brother Tommy,  
was the greatest gift of all.  
From your loving brother Michael, Sister-In-Law Rita & Family.  
Love you always Tommy.

Memory lane is a beautiful place  
Where thoughts and love are true  
Again and again I travel that lane  
To sit and talk to you  
There were no goodbyes  
When you fell asleep  
Our memories of you  
I will always keep  
Quietly today your memory is kept  
No need for words I will never forget  
Love you always your brother Jos and family  
P.s Tommy look after Mam and Dad, Martina and Pa. xx

## IN MEMORIAM

There is an open gateway  
To which we all will go,  
Leading to a radiant light  
Where flowers bloom and grow.  
You have gone through this gateway

To happiness and rest  
To live in God's protective arms  
And be forever blessed.  
Love from Billy, Anne and kids xx



## † HAYES

(20th Anniversary)  
In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother, Teresa Hayes, late of 21 De Valera Park, who died on February 20, 1999.

You laughed with us in good times, Mam,  
You cried with us in sad;  
You always went without for us,  
And gave us all you had.  
You taught us many things in life that we would have to do,  
But Mam, you never taught us,  
How to cope with losing you.  
Sadly missed by your daughter Regina, son-in-law Christy, grandchildren and great-grandchildren; daughter Veronica, husband Martin and family; daughter Bernie, husband Joe and family; daughter Lorraine, husband Danner and family; daughter Teresa and family; daughters Betty and Ann; sons Noel, John and Gussie xxxxxxxx  
Say Hi to our Dad, Breda, Trevor, Alan, Wayne, Stephen xxxxxx

## The Hand of God



*Though today, you walk in sorrow  
You will not be alone.  
There is One whose loving wisdom  
Is far greater than our own.*

*Put your trusting hand in His,  
As a little child would do  
And He like a loving father  
Will guide and comfort you!*

*Day by day, there will come to you  
New faith, new hope, new light.  
You'll find that stars unseen by day,  
Shine through the darkest night*

*And though your heart is longing,  
For the dear one who's at rest,  
You'll know before the journey's end,  
That God's dear ways are best!*

## IN MEMORIAM



## † KEANE

(Seventh Anniversary)  
In loving memory of a dear husband, father, grandfather Patrick (Pa) Keane, late of Flood Street whose seventh anniversary occurs 21st February. Mass offered in St. John's Church at 7pm on Sunday February 24th.

As I sit here safe in Heaven,  
And watch you every day,  
I try to let you know with signs,  
I never went away.  
I hear you when you're laughing,  
And watch you as you sleep,  
I even place my arms around you,

To calm you as you weep.  
I see you wish the days away,  
As you beg to have me home,  
So I try to send you messages,  
So you know you're not alone.  
Don't feel guilty that you have a life,  
That was denied to me,  
Oh, Heaven is truly beautiful,  
Just you wait and see.  
Please live your life and laugh again.

Enjoy yourself, be free,  
Then I'll know with every breath you take,  
You're taking one for me.  
Deeply missed, never forgotten from your loving wife Mena x x x x.

The lonely way you had to die,  
Is always on our minds,  
We wonder if you called our name,  
We wonder if you cried,  
No one you loved Dad was by your side,  
To hear your last sigh,  
To whisper just a loving word,  
And hug you before you died,  
You were always there  
When we needed you Dad,  
No task too great and a loving heart,  
For us you did it all,  
A memory and song is all we can give,  
And these you will have as long as we live.  
Sadly missed and always loved from your four daughters Lorraine, Karen, Lisa and Denise and sons-in-law xxxx

Little angels robbed in white  
Give Granda Pa a kiss goodnight  
Too dearly loved to ever be forgotten from your little buddies, grandsons Ben, Briám, C.J., Alex, Kevin, P.J and baby Dean. x x x x x x;  
granddaughters Princess Mia and Princess Sophie x x



## IN MEMORIAM



## † O'CARROLL, QUINLIVAN AND SWEENEY

(30th, 67th, 34th and 27th Anniversaries)  
In loving memory of a dear dad Michael O'Carroll, whose anniversary occurs on March 1 and his sons Michael, Francis and Charlie and daughter Pauline. Also remembering a dear niece, Jacinta Quinlivan, whose anniversary occurs on February 27 and a dear nephew Alan Sweeney, whose anniversary occurs on July 1. Also thinking of a dear nephew Trevor Corbett. Mass offered on 23rd February at 7.30pm in St Marys Church. Rest in Peace.

Today we light a candle and say a special prayer  
We take a trip down memory lane  
And know that you are there  
This is your anniversary  
You would not want a fuss  
Just to be remembered and a prayer from all of us  
From your loving daughter Eileen and son-in-law Mick.

A golden chain called family  
linked us altogether  
Although that chain is broken now  
You're in our hearts forever  
We shared so much together,  
laughter joy and tears  
For us who thought the world of you  
They were the happiest years  
So on this your anniversary  
As we walk down memory lane  
We are wishing with all our hearts  
We could have those times again  
From your loving daughter Joan and son in law Billy

Yere life was short my darling  
nephews and niece  
Peaceful be ye rest  
We thought we loved ye most of all  
But Jesus loved ye best  
Sadly missed from yere aunt Eileen and Mick.

## THANKSGIVINGS

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# GERALDINES AFC MAYORAL RECEPTION

MAYOR James Collins has honoured three Geraldines AFC stalwarts with a special reception at City Hall.

Turlough McNamara, Dave Connolly and Joe O'Sullivan were all recognised for their huge contribution to the famous Limerick soccer club, as well as helping the development of the game in the city as a whole.

"Sometimes we can be so busy in our day-to-day lives and our own clubs and communities keeping everything going, trying to get teams on the pitch, trying to get pitches lined, jerseys washed and players registered, sometimes you forget to stand back and recognise the achievements of the members of your own club, and the achievements of the club itself," Mayor Collins said.

Turlough McNamara is Geraldines AFC's public relations officer, a role he was honoured by the FAI for.

"The coverage he gets for Geraldines is unreal," the mayor added.

Club vice-chairman Dave, the mayor said, is the driving force in Geraldines "with a gentle touch and an ability to get all members working hard."

Joe is 'another man' leading by example, Mayor Collins added, describing him as a "pivotal figure" in the running of Geraldines. A former manager, he oversaw four schoolboy doubles between 2004 and 2007.



**Cllr James Collins, Mayor of the City and County of Limerick, Turlough McNamara, Joe O'Sullivan, Donal Conway, FAI and Dave Connolly pictured at a Mayoral Reception for Turlough McNamara, Dave Connolly and Joe O'Sullivan**



**Turlough McNamara, Joe O'Sullivan, Cllr James Collins, Mayor of the City and County of Limerick, Dave Connolly and Donal Conway, FAI**



**Joe O'Sullivan, Cllr James Collins, Mayor of the City and County of Limerick, Donal Conway, FAI and Dave Connolly**



**Mikey Ryan, President of Geraldines and Cllr James Collins, Mayor of the City and County of Limerick**



**Cllr James Collins, Mayor of the City and County of Limerick, Turlough McNamara, Joe O'Sullivan and Donal Conway, FAI**



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## LEAGUE ACTION RETURNS

Pike Rovers meet Regional in Premier

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## Unbeaten records on the line



**Headline act:** Pat Horgan of Cork in action against Mike Casey of Limerick when the sides met in the All-Ireland semi final last July. The Limerick senior hurlers top a jam packed bill of GAA this weekend, meeting the Rebels at 2.30pm on Sunday at the Gaelic Grounds

### JEROME O'CONNELL

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A BUMPER crowd is expected in the Gaelic Grounds on Sunday for another hurling and camogie league double-header.

Both Limerick inter-county teams bring a three match unbeaten league record into GAA Headquarters for the eagerly awaited ties.

The Limerick and Cork repeat of last Summer's epic All-Ireland SHC semi final has a 2.30pm start and for the

first time this season won't feature on the television matchday coverage.

Sunday is the first Limerick-Cork meeting in the group stages of the league since 2014 - when they drew 0-17 each in Pairc Ui Rinn.

The last Limerick-Cork league tie in the Gaelic Grounds was 2010 but Limerick's last win over Cork in the group phase of the league was back in 1993. The sides have met eight times since - Cork winning seven and one draw.

The men in green are

already all but assured of a place in the knockout stages but John Kiely's men are aware that victory in either of their two remaining group games would seal a top of the table finish and therefore a quarter final against the fourth placed team in Division 1B, where Dublin, Carlow, Laois or Offaly are all possibilities.

Limerick would have home advantage against Carlow or Dublin but would have to toss for home advantage with Laois or Offaly.

Limerick will be forced into at least two changes from the win over Kilkenny with Aaron Gillane and Paddy O'Loughlin to be rested due to their Fitzgibbon Cup final this Saturday.

In the camogie curtain-raiser, Limerick and Kilkenny battle for top spot in their group - throw-in will be 12.15 in the Gaelic Grounds. Both have already qualified for the semi finals and Sunday's final round group games in the Littlewoods Ireland Camogie League will determine the semi final

line-up with Galway and Cork also to feature.

On Saturday, both the Limerick senior footballers and the Limerick ladies footballers are in league action.

In Kilmallock, Limerick play Leitrim in round four of Division Four of the Allianz Football League, while in Ederney, Co. Fermanagh the Lidl Ladies Football league tie between Limerick and Fermanagh takes place at 2.30. Billy Lee's footballers have two wins from three starts to-date.

### PR014 Rugby

Sweetnam hopes to get Ireland Call once again

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WINGER Darren Sweetnam is hoping to hear Ireland's Call again in the future, but remains firmly focused on continuing to up his performance levels at Munster.

Sweetnam scored his 15th try for Munster in the province's runaway bonus point success over Southern Kings at Musgrave Park on Friday night.

Conference A table toppers Munster travel to the Liberty Stadium to face the Ospreys in a crucial Guinness PRO14 fixture this Friday night, 7.35pm.

Two days later, Ireland take on Italy in the third of their RBS Six Nations Championship fixtures in Rome, 3pm.

Sweetnam won the last of his three Ireland caps against the USA at the Aviva Stadium last November.

"I just need to concentrate on my own game, to try and hit a bit of form," Sweetnam said at Munster's UL training base this week.

"I think I'm getting there slowly although with Earlsy (Keith Earls) and Andrew (Conway) going well, it's not easy to get that game time. I will just concentrate on what I'm doing and get in there at some stage."

Munster enjoy a slim two-point advantage over second-placed Glasgow ahead of this week's trip to Swansea to face Ospreys and the following weekend's return to Wales to take on Scarlets.

Friday's game is live on TG4 and eirSport TV.



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# Fitzgerald excited by big kick-off



**SSE Airtricity League First Division players, from left, Stephen Walsh of Galway United, Jack Tuite of Cabinteely, Dean Zambra of Longford Town, Paul Keegan of Bray Wanderers, Aaron Brilly of Athlone Town, seated, Shaun Kelly of Limerick FC, Jack Doherty of Wexford FC, seated, Luke Byrne of Shelbourne, Conor Kane of Drogheda United, and Nathan West of Cobh Ramblers during the launch of the 2019 SSE Airtricity League season at the Aviva Stadium**

## Soccer

WING wizard William Fitzgerald kicks-off Limerick FC's new SSE Airtricity League First Division campaign boosted by his recent appearance with the Republic of Ireland U21 side.

Nineteen-year-old Fitzgerald, from Raheen, enjoyed an impressive season with Limerick in the Premier Division in 2018.

Although the league campaign ultimately ended in bitter disappointment for the 'Blues' with their relegation back into the First Division, Fitzgerald's finer run of form didn't go un-noticed with former Dundalk manager Stephen Kenny, who called him into his Rep of Ireland U21 home-based squad.

William Fitzgerald said:

"I didn't expect to be name checked by Stephen Kenny

when he was appointed U-21 manager in November. It was great, everyone at Limerick was delighted when myself and Karl (O'Sullivan) were called up into the squad.

"It is not too often that two Limerick-based players who were born in Limerick and raised here, who played their football all the way through at Limerick FC, so that was a pretty cool moment to be fair.

"Obviously we had the recent training camp with the U21s, I absolutely loved every single minute of it, getting to know the players, Stephen Kenny and his backroom staff.

"It was a great experience putting on the green jersey against the Republic of Ireland amateur side. There were a few of my family members up there to see it. It was pretty-short, but myself and Karl were delighted to get on the field.

"It was a good way to cap off the end of the training week."

Fitzgerald and his Limerick FC team mates kick-off their SSE Airtricity League First Division campaign against Longford Town at the Markets Field this Friday night, 7.45pm.

"It was very disappointing the way last season ended with relegation, but I suppose the season that we had people saw it coming from the outside and unfortunately that probably crept into the inside and into the dressing room which was unfortunate at the time, but I suppose it is a good way now to rebuild for the First Division and try and get crowds back into the Markets Field, try and push on for promotion like we did back in 2016.

"We are hoping to start off on Friday with a positive result."

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**Ciara Neville of Emerald AC, Co. Limerick, competing in the women's 60m event during day two of the Irish Life Health National Senior Indoor Athletics Championships**

## Neville set for second European Indoors

**LIMERICK teenager Ciara Neville has been selected to compete for Ireland at her second European Indoor Athletics Championships in Glasgow from March 1-3.**

**Eighteen-year-old Neville achieved the Athletics Ireland European Indoor standard when finishing second in the women's 60m final at the Irish Life Health National Indoor Athletics Championships in Abbotstown on Sunday.**

**The Emerald AC athlete clocked 7.40 seconds, behind Molly Scott, who ran 7.32.**

## Busy time for Limerick boxers

### Rugby

LIMERICK fighters Paddy Donovan and Martin Keenan are through to Saturday's Elite boxing finals which will be broadcast live on TG4.

Donovan believes that his last four performance against Antrim's Aidan Walsh at the National Elite Championships at Dublin's National Stadium on Saturday night was his best of the tournament so far.

"Going into these Championships, I knew it was gonna be a tricky fight. Everyone wanted to avoid him. He's tall, awkward and has brilliant movement.

"It's my best (Saturday's victory) in the tournament so far performance wise. I've lots to work on but can't complain, it's a big win for me"

Rathkeale Boxing Club's Martin Keenan renews acquaintances with Tipperary's defending champion Dean Gardiner in the super heavy final after convincingly beating Galway's Gydis Linskyas on points on Saturday.

Keenan claimed the Elite 91kg+ belt in February 2017 after beating Thomas Carthy, who Gardiner toppled on Saturday, but lost a box-off to Gardiner for a place on the Irish team in May of that year.

Meanwhile, Myles Casey and Tommy Casey dropped 4-1 split decisions to Laois' Christian Cekiso of and Dublin's Patryk Adamus in Friday's Elite featherweight semi-finals.

Myles, a former Elite champion, was on the wrong end of a

29-28,29-28,29-28,29-28 - 29-28 verdict at the home of Irish boxing.

In professional boxing news, unbeaten Limerick super-welter Graham McCormack-O'Shea (3-0-0) will face Cork-based South African Jade Karem (9-9-2) in his first six-rounder on a 17-bout "Clash of the Titans" promotion at the National Stadium on March 30.

Meanwhile, Limerick-based super-feather Siobhan O'Leary is slated to meet an opponent to be confirmed on the same card.

Also in the professional ring, Lee Reeves has confirmed his will fight on the Michael Conlan undercard in Madison Square Garden on March 17.

For more on these fights see [www.limerickleader.ie](http://www.limerickleader.ie)

# Crucial derby tops AIL bill of fare

## Rugby

THE 'Friday Nights Lights' meeting of local rivals Young Munster and Garryowen at Clifford Park, 8pm, is the highlight of another action-packed weekend of All-Ireland League action.

Both clubs will be desperate for the points on Friday, but for different reasons as fourth-placed Garryowen continue their pursuit of a top four play-off

place, while their hosts Young Munster will be anxious to record a much needed win in order to boost their survival hopes.

Munsters' currently sit in the relegation play-off position, three points behind eighth-placed UCC.

Also in Division 1A, on Saturday, seventh-placed Shannon host Dublin University on the back pitch at Thomond Park, 2.30pm.

Shannon will be looking to

bounce back to winning ways after their heavy defeat to high-flying Lansdowne in Dublin last weekend.

Meanwhile, in Division 2A, both Old Crescent and UL-Bohemian will look to build on excellent wins.

Promotion-chasing UL-Bohs, currently fourth in the table, make the long journey to take on Queen's University Belfast, who sit one spot below the Red, Red Robins in the table, at 2.30pm

on Saturday.

Old Crescent, who scored a narrow victory over Nenagh Ormond in their most recent outing, entertain basement side Galwegians at Rosbrien in another key fixture.

In Division 2C, relegation-threatened Thomond travel to Munster rivals Midleton on Saturday, while promotion-chasing Bruff host Bangor at Kilballyowen Park.



**Garryowen's Alan Fitzgerald makes a break during his side's last meeting with Young Munster. They meet again Friday**

# League back in focus

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WITH a full program of League fixtures this week, it gives local soccer clubs a chance to catch their breath after the slew of cup fare over the last couple of weeks.

As usual, the focus will be on the top flight where a number of crucial ties are scheduled.

Leaders Janesboro welcome Fairview Rgs to Pearse Stadium while second placed Pike Rvs face Regional in the tie of the day.

Pike come into the tie on the back of a 3-1 victory over Hibernians of Waterford. In Contrast Regional fell to a rare defeat going down 1-0 to Clare kingpins Newmarket Celtic.

Pike fought back from a goal deficit to win the tie with two second half goals.

The form of Steven McGann and Colin Daly will have please manager Mike Shiel while Jonathan Grant chalked up his 40th goal of the season in all competitions.

The win was achieved without the services of Pat Mullins and Wayne Colbert while Eoin Hanrahan was only used from half time. You imagine Pike will need a full side on Sunday to cope with a Regional side full of confidence.

How Sunday's defeat will affect the Dooradoyle side remains to be seen but the fact they played most of the game with ten men allows them to imagine 'what if'

Shane O'Donoghue and Tom O'Connell have done a superb job with the side this

season and hopes are high that their form could bring silverware to the club this season.

Jack Lynch has settled into the side seamlessly and has toughened up their defence. How he copes with the top scorer in the Leagues, Jonathan Grant, may well decide the outcome of this one.

Janesboro, four points clear of the Hoops welcome Fairview looking to keep their good run going.

Last Sunday they struggled early on against Nenagh before breaking away to win 3-0. They will have Shane Clarke back in the side this weekend which in itself gives them the advantage.

Kevin Barry and Keith Mawdsley shared the goals last Sunday and when you throw in the Decades top scorer, the League Champions have a potent looking strike force.

Fairview were unlucky to go out of the Tuohy Cup to Pike Rovers in their last outing but they did show a great fighting spirit to haul themselves back into the tie having fallen two goals behind.

They have a good side and will put up a good test for Janesboro but whether they have the ability to contain them is in question.

Two sides on the crest of good cup runs meet when Aisling Annacotty host Ballynanty Rovers. The 'Blues' have not given up on their slim chance of pipping Pike and Janesboro for the title so they will be keen to keep their run going. Aisling are rock solid in mid table and focusing on their cup runs which might give the visitors



**Pike Rovers Colin Daly and Hibernians Clive Prendergast clash for the high ball during their Munster Junior Cup tie last weekend. It is back to League action this weekend for the 'Hoops' as Pike host Regional**

a slight edge.

Two teams who recorded good Munster Junior Cup wins last weekend when Geraldines host Kilmallock. Geraldines were very impressive in a 3-0 win at Pilltown while Kilmallock won at Sporting Ennistymon.

The County side are uncomfortably close to the drop zone and badly need to get a few extra points on board.

Charleville's win over Prospect last Sunday has given the Cork side renewed

hope of survival and this weekend they would be hopeful to add further to their tally this weekend when they host Nenagh and below them Carew Park take on Prospect Priory more in hope than anticipation.

Charleville are in Munster Youth Cup action when they host Broadford looking for a place in the semi finals of the tournament.

The promotion race in Galtee Fuels Division 1A is turning into a thrilling affair with at least five teams in serious contention.

Coonagh's one point lead could be tested by a Fairview Rgs side who are still in the hunt for the title. Coonagh Utd had a couple of defeats in their last two games so will be keen to halt the slide.

Mungret, a point behind the leaders meet Summerville while Athlunkard Villa make the short trip to Corbally Utd.

Tonight (Wednesday) the Div 1A O'Halloran Cup continues with Athlunkard Villa taking on Coonagh Utd in Jackman Park at 7.00pm

For more see #LLSport

## JUNIOR SOCCER

PREMIER DIVISION	P	W	D	L	Pts
Janesboro	15	13	1	1	40
Pike Rovers	15	12	3	0	39
Ballynanty Rovers	14	11	1	2	34
Regional Utd	13	9	2	2	29
Fairview Rgs	14	7	5	2	26
Aisling Annacotty	13	6	2	5	20
Geraldines	14	5	2	7	17
Nenagh AFC	14	4	0	10	12
Prospect Priory	14	2	5	7	11
Kilmallock	13	3	0	10	9
Charleville	16	2	1	13	4*
Carew Park	15	0	0	15	-3*

DIVISION 1A	P	W	D	L	Pts
Coonagh Utd	15	9	5	1	32
Moyross	15	10	1	4	31
Mungret Reg	14	9	3	2	30
Fairview Rgs B	16	8	5	3	29
Athlunkard Villa	14	8	3	3	27
Murroe	15	7	2	6	23
Holycross	14	6	3	5	21
Corbally Utd	15	5	2	8	17
Cappamore	16	4	4	8	16
Aisling Ann B	16	3	5	8	14
Castle Rvs	16	2	3	11	9
Summerville Rvs	16	2	0	14	6

DIVISION 1B	P	W	D	L	Pts
Kilfrush	16	13	1	2	40
Hill Celtic	15	12	1	2	37
Newport	14	10	1	3	31
Knockainey	17	8	5	4	29
Geraldines B	16	9	2	5	29
Shelbourne	16	7	5	4	26
Southend	17	6	4	7	22
Caherdavin Celtic	15	5	1	9	16
Ballylanders	15	5	0	10	15
Granville Rgs	16	2	2	12	8
Regional Utd B	17	3	1	13	7*

DIVISION 2A	P	W	D	L	Pts
Hyde Rgs	10	10	0	0	30
Star Rvs	10	8	1	1	25
Patrickswell	9	5	1	3	16
Caledonians	10	5	0	5	15
Kennedy Park	10	3	0	7	9
Charleville	10	3	1	6	7*
Glenview Rvs	10	2	1	7	7
Corbally Utd B	11	2	2	7	5*

DIVISION 2B	P	W	D	L	Pts
Pallagreen	12	8	4	0	28
Mungret Reg	12	8	1	3	25
Holycross B	13	6	0	7	18
Newport	13	5	3	5	18
Athlunkard Villa B	11	5	2	4	17
Parkville	12	4	4	4	16
Aisling Annacotty C	12	4	4	4	16
Caherdavin Cel B	12	3	2	7	11
Ballynanty Rvs B	12	1	2	9	5

DIVISION 3A	P	W	D	L	Pts
Kilmallock B	13	10	2	1	32
Castle Utd	13	8	4	1	28
Wembley Rvs	13	7	4	2	25
Murroe B	13	7	2	4	23
Meanus	13	5	5	3	23
Janesboro B	13	6	1	6	19
Prospect Priory B	13	5	1	7	16
Knockainey B	13	2	3	8	9
Abbey Rvs	13	1	3	9	6
Aisling Annacotty D	13	1	1	11	4

DIVISION 3B	P	W	D	L	Pts
Herbertstown	12	9	3	0	30
Brazuca United	12	6	3	3	21
Hyde Rgs B	10	6	2	2	20
Northside	11	6	1	4	19
Weston Villa	10	6	0	4	18
Coonagh Utd B	12	5	0	7	15
Kilfrush B	11	4	2	5	14
Cappamore B	10	3	3	4	12
Dromore Celtic	10	2	1	7	7
Mungret Reg C	12	0	1	11	1

DIVISION 4	P	W	D	L	Pts
Lisnagry	11	9	1	1	28
Fairview Rgs C	11	8	1	2	25
Coonagh Utd C	10	6	1	3	19
Parkville B	11	5	3	3	18
Shelbourne B	11	5	1	5	16
Aisling E	11	3	2	6	11
Athlunkard Villa C	11	2	3	6	9
Murroe C	10	2	2	6	8
Newport	10	0	2	8	2

## JUNIOR SOCCER FIXTURES

### WEDNESDAY FEB 20

#### DIV 1A O'HALLORAN CUP

Athlunkard Villa v Coonagh Utd, 7.00, R Broe

### SATURDAY FEB 23

#### MUNSTER YOUTH CUP

Charleville v Broadford, 7.00, B Higgins, M Kavanagh, M Kiely

#### PJ MATTHEWS PREMIER LEAGUE

Aisling Annacotty v Ballynanty Rvs, 7.00, N Casey

### SUNDAY FEB 24

#### PJ MATTHEWS PREMIER LEAGUE

Pike Rvs v Regional Utd, 11.00, B Higgins, Janesboro v Fairview Rgs, 11.00, A Keogh, Geraldines v Kilmallock, 11.00, K Gorman, Carew Park v Prospect Priory, 11.00, R

McCann, Charleville v Nenagh, 11.00, D Power

#### GALTEE FUELS DIV 1A

Cappamore v Aisling, 11.00, R Broe, Fairview Rgs v Coonagh Utd, 11.00, M Bourke, Corbally Utd v Athlunkard Villa, 11.00, M Kirby, Summerville v Mungret Reg, 11.00, G Clancy, Castle Rvs v Holycross, 2.15, G Clancy

#### GALTEE FUELS DIV 1B

Shelbourne v Hill Celtic, 11.00, M Cuddihy, Knockainey v Granville, 11.00, M Kiely, Ballylanders v Newport, 11.00, D Broughton, Southend v Kilfrush, 11.00, N Casey, Caherdavin v Geraldines, 2.15, S Rooney

#### MCGETTIGANS DIV 2A

Patrickswell v Hyde Rgs, 11.00, M Monaghan,

Caledonians v Star Rvs, 11.00, A Whelan, Glenview Rgs v Corbally Utd, 2.15, D Downing

#### DIV 2B E RAY CUP 1ST ROUND

Caherdavin Cel B v Newport, 2.15, M Kennedy

#### MCGETTIGANS DIV 2B

Parkville v Athlunkard Villa, 11.00, J Rooney, Ballynanty Rvs B v Mungret Reg, 2.15, M Monahan

#### STA FURNITURE DIV 3A

Castle Utd v Kilmallock, 11.00, P O'Brien, Abbey Rvs v Murroe, 11.00, PJ Walsh, Meanus v Aisling, 11.00, Ken McCormack, Wembley v Janesboro, 11.00, F O'Neill, Prospect v Knockainey, 2.15, E Kenny

#### ALL TAN SUNBED DIV 3B

Kilfrush v Dromore, 2.15, F O'Neill, Cappamore v Coonagh Utd, 2.15, P O'Brien,

Hyde Rgs v Herbertstown, 2.15, T Joyce, Weston Villa v Mungret Reg, 2.15, A Walsh

#### EDEN HAIR SALON DIV 4

Newport v Aisling, 11.00, Keith McCormack, Lisnagry v Murroe, 11.00, E Kenny, Parkville v Coonagh Utd, 2.15, J Clancy, Shelbourne v Fairview Rgs, 2.15, K McCormack

#### UNDER 17 DIV ONE

Newport v Nenagh, 2.15, A Keogh, Fairview Rgs v Aisling, 2.15, R McCann

#### UNDER 17 DIV TWO

Kilfrush v Caherdavin, 2.15, M Murphy, Corbally Utd v Geraldines, 2.15, J Curran

### WEDNESDAY FEB 27

#### DIV 1A O'HALLORAN CUP

Fairview Rgs v Cappamore, 7.00, Jackman Park, B Higgins

# ON THE BALL

“**Limerick to the core...**”

JEROME O'CONNELL

## Limerick work-rate a model for everyday life

**A**RD pointe ar fad, they said on TG4 and it certainly was.....

Nine different Limerick players were involved before a Barry Murphy point put Limerick 14-points clear in Nowlan Park.

It was a score that had the inquisitive among us reaching for the history books. It wasn't a concern by the final whistle but for the record, 13-points appears the biggest Kilkenny defeat under Brian Cody – the final margin was the ninth time during the 21 years of Cody's reign that Kilkenny have lost a league game by more than six points.

Anyway, back to the score....

Thirty seconds of beauty – from defence to attack.

Funnily enough it all started with a rare stray puckout from Nickie Quaid!

The Effin man was wing back the last time the sides had met in the league (2010) and in this instance he was attempting to find Shane Dowling but the delivery was briefly intercepted.

But Dowling worked back inside the Limerick '45 to flick clear before James Maher gained full control of the sliothar. The Na Piarasigh man nudged in the direction of Diarmaid Byrnes and the Patrickswell man returned with a handpass but Dowling again needed to be alert to

flick into the path of Dan Morrissey.

Marauding corner back Tom Condon offered a support run and Morrissey off-loaded.

Then came an exchange with Conor Boylan and when Condon regained possession he was inside the attacking half. Darragh O'Donovan arrived on the shoulder of Condon and the Knockaderry timed his pass perfectly. O'Donovan to Graeme Mulcahy next and the final pass to Barry Murphy – Limerick 2-16, Kilkenny 0-8 and the stopwatch just short of 47-minutes.

Nine different players and seven handpasses – from defence to attack.

A willingness from all to work, strength from Boylan to hold off three tacklers, and power from O'Donovan and Mulcahy to break clear of challenges. On top of all that, clear intelligent lines of support running and an awareness of where the available space lay ahead.

Thirty seconds of beauty that perfectly demonstrate this one facet of the Limerick gameplan.

And, Limerick are far from one dimensional.

Minutes earlier, another Barry Murphy point was down to hard graft and no little skill to finish with aplomb from the left sideline.

That's not to mention the



**Hard work pays off: Conor Boylan of Limerick, 12, celebrates scoring his side's second goal with team-mate Aaron Gillane. Limerick's work rate is a joy to behold** PICTURE: SPORTSFILE

direct-ball option. Time after time, Aaron Gillane was left isolated in front of goal and high or low, he caused panic in the Kilkenny rearguard.

Limerick had just nine of their All-Ireland final team on duty but the introduction of new faces was seamless – all fitting perfectly into the model and each well aware of their role within the team.

There are of course worries that Limerick are peaking too soon and a quick look back over recent seasons will show Tipperary and Galway in similar veins of form yet to fall short in the Summertime.

But without time travel, the future remains very much up for grabs and

uncertain.

What we do know is that these are exciting times to be following Limerick hurling and the best advice would be to sit back and enjoy the ride. Too often, Limerick have looked in from the outside but right now they are front and centre in the hurling season and for all supporters of the green and white, it's time to live in the present and enjoy this group of players.

Silverware is the reward that all crave but that shouldn't mean supporters can't enjoy the current high standard set by John Kiely's men.

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COLM KINSELLA

## Christmas Eve dawns for fans of Limerick FC

HOPE springs eternal.

Christmas Eve has finally arrived for Limerick FC fans. After a winter of discontent, following the club's relegation back to the First Division of the SSE Airtricity League, a new era dawns for the 'Blues' this Friday night when Longford Town visit the Markets Field.

When the teams emerge from the tunnel just after 7.40pm on Friday, a winter of uncertainty, a significant cut in playing budget for 2019, including the departure of several experienced squad members from 2018 to new Premier Division clubs, will be forgotten.

For 90 minutes on Friday night, Limerick FC fans will dare to dream. Every team starts the season on zero points. Anything is possible.

To help cope with the pitfalls of being a sports fan you need to be an optimist by nature.

Recent confirmation that Limerick would indeed play their home fixtures at the Markets Field in 2019, allied by the granting of a Premier Division licence to the club and then the subsequent announcement of a new jersey sponsor and the emergence of a consortium who are willing to back the club financially this season has provided a major shot of optimism.

How long that lasts remains to be seen. A good start through the opening weeks of the new season would help greatly.

DONN O'SULLIVAN

## Do we blame Declan Rice or do we blame the rules?

**T**here has been a lot written in the last number of days about Declan Rice and I am sure there is more to come.

The West Ham star's decision to play for England over Ireland has attracted massive amounts of criticism for the 20 year old former Chelsea academy graduate.

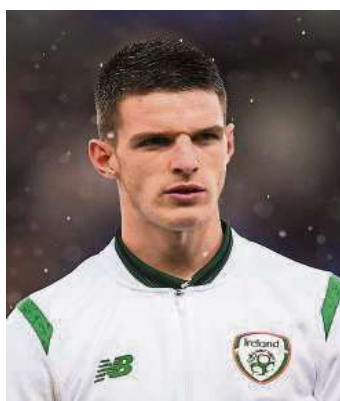
There are many angles to this story. Why did he decide to leave Ireland for England? Does he now feel English, when he used to feel Irish? Does he stand to make more money now as an England

international? Was that the reason?

Rice's statement is a clear and well thought out 'PR' exercise, but the hurt still remains for Irish soccer fans.

Regardless of the reason he has left, Rice has done just that.

Like all things in sport, fans need



Who is to blame for Rice call?

someone or thing to blame.

A lot of the criticism has been levelled at Rice, but for me, the blame lays with the law makers.

We have moved away from the old rules where you could only play for the country you were born in.

We now have a 'granny' rule which

Irish soccer has benefited more from than most, while we also have the residency rule in other sports.

Where do the law makers go from here? For me, if a player plays in a friendly, where the anthem is played and where official kits are worn, that is a cap. End of.

The loophole was there for all to see and Rice knew that from the moment he wore the green of Ireland from underage onwards. He knew he had a 'legal' out. We can't blame him for taking it, we can just blame those who allowed it to happen.



Limerick FC's Shaun Kelly at the league launch for 2019

**COLM KINSELLA**

Thomas can 'justify' favouritism at WGC event in Mexico

**T**HE first World Golf Championship of the year commences in Mexico City this

18-time World Golf Championship winner Tiger Woods will make his competitive debut in Mexico, joining a stellar field.

Woods will be paired with

Bryson DeChambeau and Abraham Ancer, the first Mexican to win the Australian Open through Thursday and Friday's opening two rounds at Chapultepec Golf Club.

Forty three-year-old Woods is sure to attract huge galleries and media attention this week, but at 20/1 doesn't represent much by

way of value.

Another America, Justin Thomas, makes plenty of appeal. Thomas loves Mexico.

During his two appearances in this event he has finished no lower than tied fifth, and last year he narrowly lost out to eventual champion Phil Mickelson in a play-off.

The American also holds the course record at Chapultepec Golf Club after his third round of 62 last year, and the 25 year old has the lowest scoring average of any player over the past two seasons in Mexico.

At 9/1, he is a short price, but his record in the event makes Thomas impossible to ignore.



**Our man in Mexico - Justin Thomas**



**Sunday**



**Keith Earls will be looking to fill his boots on Sunday**

**Wednesday**

**SOCCER**  
SEVILLA V LAZIO  
BT ESPN 5PM

**SOCCER**  
DERBY V MILLWALL  
SKY SPORTS 7.45PM

**SOCCER**  
AT MADRID V JUVENTUS  
BT SPORT 3 8PM

**SOCCER**  
SCHALKE V MAN CITY  
BT SPORTS 8PM

**SOCCER**  
PSG V MONTPELIER  
BT ESPN 8PM

**Thursday**

**SOCCER**  
ARSENAL V BATE BORISOV  
BT SPORT 5.55PM

**SOCCER**  
VALENCIA V CELTIC  
BT ESPN 5.5PM

**GOLF**  
MEXICO CHAMPIONSHIPS  
SKY SPORTS 7PM

**SOCCER**  
INTER V RAPID VIENNA  
BT SPORTS 8PM

**SOCCER**  
CHELSEA V MALMO FF  
BT SPORT 8PM

**Friday**

**RUGBY UNION**  
HIGHLANDERS V REDS  
SKY SPORTS 6.35AM

**CRICKET**  
S AFRICA V SRI LANKA  
SKY SPORTS 8AM

**SOCCER**  
MARINERS V BRISBANE  
BT SPORT 8.50AM

**CRICKET**  
WEST INDIES V ENGLAND  
SKY SPORTS 3PM

**HORSE RACING**  
AQUEDUCT RACES  
SKY SPORTS 5.50PM

**GOLF**  
MEXICO CHAMPIONSHIP  
SKY SPORTS 7PM

**SOCCER**  
W BREMEN V STUTTGART  
BT SPORT 7.30PM

**SOCCER**  
DUNDEE V HIBERNIANS  
BT SPORT 7.45PM

**SOCCER**  
WEST HAM V FULHAM  
SKY SPORTS 7.45PM

**RUGBY**  
GLOUCESTER V SARACENS  
BT SPORT 7.45PM

**RUGBY LEAGUE**  
ST HELENS V LEEDS  
SKY SPORTS 7.45PM

**SOCCER**  
CRUSADERS V GLENAVON  
BBC1 7.45PM

**Saturday**

**RUGBY UNION**  
CRUSADERS V HURRICANES  
SKY SPORTS 6.35AM

**RUGBY UNION**  
BRUMBIES V CHIEFS  
SKY SPORTS 8.45AM

**RUGBY UNION**  
SHARKS V BLUES  
SKY SPORTS 1PM

**HORSE RACING**  
NEWCASTLE  
ITV4 1.35PM

**RUGBY UNION**  
FRANCE V SCOTLAND  
BBC1 2.15PM

**RUGBY UNION**  
WALES V ENGLAND  
BBC1 4.45PM

**GOLF**  
MEXICO CHAMPIONSHIPS  
SKY SPORTS 5PM

**SOCCER**  
WEST BROM V SHEFF UTD  
SKY SPORTS 5.30PM

**SOCCER**  
LEICESTER V C PALACE  
BT SPORTS 5.30PM

**BASKETBALL**  
76ERS V TRAIL BLAZERS  
SKY SPORTS 6PM

**GAELIC FOOTBALL**  
DUBLIN V MAYO  
EIR SPORT 7PM

**GAELIC FOOTBALL**  
TYRONE V MONAGHAN  
EIR SPORT 7PM

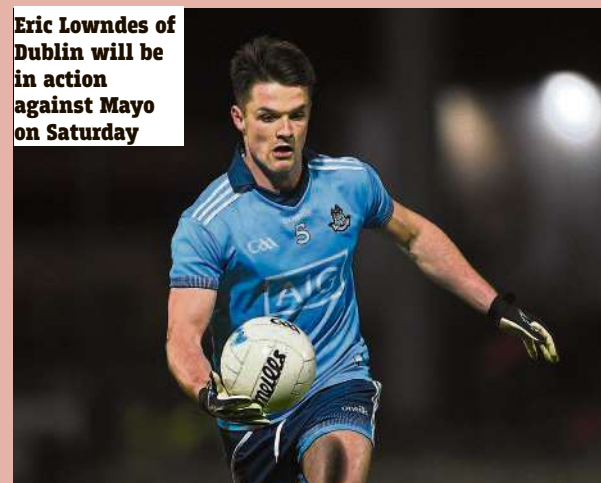
**RUGBY**  
LA ROCHELLE V S FRANCAIS  
SKY SPORTS 7.45PM

**BOXING**  
DE GALE V EUBANK JR  
ITV BOX OFFICE 10PM

**Ronaldo returns to Madrid for a mid week Champions League tie with Atletico**



**Eric Lowndes of Dublin will be in action against Mayo on Saturday**



**CRICKET**  
S AFRICA V SRI LANKA  
SKY SPORTS 8AM

**SOCCER**  
HAMILTON V RANGERS  
BT SPORT 12.15PM

**RUGBY**  
WORCESTER V LEICESTER  
BT SPORT 1PM

**SOCCER**  
MAN UTD V LIVERPOOL  
SKY SPORTS 2PM

**HURLING**  
TIPPERARY V KILKENNY  
TG4 2PM - LIVE

**HURLING**  
CLARE V WEXFORD  
TG4 2PM - DEFERRED

**GAELIC FOOTBALL**  
GALWAY V KERRY  
TG4 2PM - DEFERRED

**RUGBY UNION**  
ITALY V IRELAND  
VIRGIN MEDIA 3PM

**RUGBY UNION**  
LYON V CLERMONT  
SKY SPORTS 3.50PM

**SOCCER**  
CHELSEA V MAN CITY  
SKY SPORTS 4.30PM

**SOCCER**  
DORTMUND V LEVERKUSEN  
BT SPORT 5PM

**GOLF**  
MEXICO CHAMPIONSHIP  
SKY SPORTS 5PM

**SOCCER**  
FIORENTINA V INTER  
ELEVEN SPORTS 7.30PM

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