

Caherslee News

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'Now Is Never Too Late For The Future'

February 2006

The next meeting of the Caherslee-Mounthawk

Umbrella Group of Residents Associations will take place on Monday, 27th March 2006 in *O'Donnell's Mounthawk* at 8.30pm. Your Voice. All welcome.

On the same night March 27th, there will be a brief meeting for the establishment of **The Golf Society** – at 8.00pm

Road Carnage

It is too late for the 499 real people, last year, and the almost 60 people, this year so far, and their families, relations and friends today. Ordinary people just like you and me, who had plans, who had children, who looked forward to....who had jobs and responsibilities, who in many cases were the innocent party in the event that ended their lives. These figures do not include the thousands who were injured, many of whom will have physical and psychological scars for the rest of their lives.

A driving license is NOT a right it is a privilege and it must be earned. There is much trust placed on the shoulders of those of us, young and old who use our roads. Many of us betray and abuse this trust when we speed, drive carelessly or dangerously, when we ignore the safety of other road users.

I for one am convinced that very radical measures are needed to curb the slaughter on our roads. Example: all drivers under the age of 25, irrespective of their driving history or license type, should be compelled to display a coloured disk on their vehicle, back and front. Introduce a curfew system where such vehicles are banned from being used on the roads from midnight to 6am.

Drivers who have 4 or more points on their license should also be compelled to display a coloured disc on their vehicle when they are driving.

In the event that a driver is convicted of two or more serious road traffic offences their vehicle should be confiscated- the period of confiscation can be graded according to the offences committed.

These are just some thoughts, your views are welcome on this issue. But I seriously believe that unless very stringent measures are introduced and enforced the problem of needless deaths on our roads will continue and get worse.

Tralee Town Development Plan 2003 – 2009.

(1) Housing Estate Completion

'Developers will be required to give security to the [Tralee] Town Council by way of a bond to ensure satisfactory completion and maintenance of the development. Developments should be phased so as to minimise disruption to new residents. This bond shall remain in force until such time as all the works are satisfactorily completed and / or the

development has been taken in charge [by Tralee Town Council]. Details

regarding phasing of large-scale developments will be required'.

(2) Taxi-Hackney Offices

'Taxi-Hackney Offices will not be permitted where they are likely to cause traffic congestion or traffic hazard or where they would injure the amenities or civic dignity of the area. A proliferation of hackney bases shall not be permitted in any one location'.

Is Tralee Town Council enforcing both of these issues? Many residents are not too pleased with the state of newer estates, which are still unfinished. There are also examples of Taxi-Hackney Offices, which are located IN areas that DO cause traffic congestion. **Questions must be asked therefore about the implementation of the Development Plan and the enforcement of strategies therein.**

Older Residents

A proposal to establish a gathering of the older residents of our area has landed on my desk. I would very much welcome your thoughts and ideas on this. In the meantime I will arrange a gathering for **Saturday 11th March, 2006** in *O'Donnell's Mounthawk* from 11am. You are all welcome. I can see a potential for organising information and presentation sessions on various topics e.g. health, welfare, exercise etc. in the future or simply just to meet and chat.

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The Price We Have Paid!

Within the EuroZone today, Ireland's inflation is moving very far ahead of other countries. Ireland is now the most expensive country in the EuroZone and the gap between other countries is growing wider. This is particularly noticeable in key areas under Government influence:

Health inflation in Ireland is running at almost 4 times the rate in the Eurozone - previous figures put it at 3 times the EuroZone rate. Inflation in **housing, water, electricity and gas** is running at almost twice the rate of the EuroZone. Inflation in **education** in Ireland is also double the euro trend. **Communications** stands at almost 6 times the euro rate.

Mortgage interest rates are up 18%, accounting for almost one quarter of the year's inflation. The Consumer Price Index ignores the fact that house prices are also up 20% so new home buyers are getting a double whammy. Trends in this market are pushing personal borrowing up by 30% in just one year. This is a source of real concern.

This is a source of real concern because, it is obvious to many of us, the value we get for our euro and the tax-euro is extremely poor. For a country that prides itself for achieving unprecedented wealth over the past 10 years we are still playing catch up in health, communications, education and infrastructure. This situation is very relevant to those of us living in this part of the country.

'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world'. **Nelson Mandela:**

'The time to repair the roof is when the sun is shining'. **John F. Kennedy**

Boy Racers: Finding a Solution.

This activity has become a real menace for law abiding road users and for communities throughout this country. Here is an attempt at solving the problem in New Zealand.

Drivers can lose their car for 28 days if involved in unauthorised street racing under the Street and Illegal Drag Racing bill. If someone is hurt, the driver faces five years in jail, a fine of up to \$20,000 (€1 = 1.75 NZ Dollars) and losing their licence for at least a year. Nationwide, 721 cars have been impounded since the legislation was introduced, about 100 a month.

Inspector John Kelly, from the police commissioner's office in Wellington, says driving habits from boy racers are improving. "It's early days but from just looking in the papers you can see the complaints about boy racer behaviour have gone away. It seems the bravado they were showing in the early days is getting less and less," Mr Kelly says.

North Shore Times Advertiser (New Zealand)

Parking Problems

There are still many areas in this town, where vehicles are parked illegally. This is causing serious inconvenience to other road users – delays, congestion etc. Persistent offenders should be sanctioned heavily – serious fines, clamping, removal of vehicle etc. should be considered for this offence.

We simply do not enforce the traffic bye-laws strongly enough. Why should one or two vehicles (persons) be allowed to inconvenience hundreds of others? These people are showing no regard for other road users and so they should be treated in a similar fashion.

Historical Site – The Dominican Priory

The Dominican Priory of Holy Cross was established in AD 1243. John of Callan, founder of the Kerry Geraldines

established it. The priory had a large cemetery with the burials of many Fitzgeralds. The Priory was officially suppressed in 1580, but continued to function until 1652, when it was completely destroyed. The site of the church and burial grounds was built over and there are no substantial remains. The Dominicans re-established a church in Tralee in 1871, and this continues under the parish of Saint John.

Taking Action

There are many examples of where local communities need or should seriously consider taking action on issues without waiting or relying on the local authority to do so.

One such action that I came across recently was where a group of volunteers, organised and directed by Brendan Griffin (Castlemaine) set about cleaning Inch Beach. Brendan has informed me that the volume of litter collected on the day was

astounding and bewildering. Well done to all concerned.

There are many other things communities can act on, if you have thoughts on this do let us know.

Primary Schools - Class Sizes

In the last full academic year there were 108,457 pupils – approximately 1 in 4 pupils based on the last available figures – being taught in class sizes of 30 or more.

The number of primary school children being taught in classes of more than 30 rose sharply between the 2003/2004 school year and 2004/2005.

The class sizes for the last two years where figures are available show the following:

Class Size	'03/'04	'04/'05	% +/-
30+	73,069	99,364	+45
35+	4,499	9,093	+102
40+	N/a	162	N/a

Total	77,568	108,619	+40
30+			

NUMBER OF PUPILS BY CLASS SIZE CATEGORY (2004/2005)

Class Size	No. Pupils
0-9	2,095
10-19	63,492
20-24	103,988
25-29	155,398
30-34	99,464
35-39	8,931
40 +	162
TOTAL	433,530

Studies have shown, time and time again, that the most productive time spent in education is in the earliest years. Effective education can only occur when the student is getting the maximum possible attention and where the progress of the student can be monitored adequately. There is obviously a strong need to lower the number of students in very many classes in Irish Primary Schools today. It is time for both teachers and parents in unison, to participate in a strategy to progress this issue. It is my view, that no classroom in this country, whether at Primary or Secondary level, should have more than 15 pupils. The resources are there to do this now – this is a proposal that all, but the Minister for Finance, would welcome.

Top 10 Essential Classic Rock Albums

1) **Sticky Fingers-Rolling Stones**
More than six million copies have been sold since it was released in April 1971.

2) **Who's Next-The Who**
Released in 1971, this was one of the most technically advanced albums of its day..

3) **Led Zepplin IV-Led Zepplin**

4) **Wish You Were Here-Pink Floyd** released in September 1975

5) **Revolver-The Beatles**
This was the 13th of the 20 Beatles albums released in the United States. It was released in August 1966.

'In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity'. **Albert Einstein.**

Penalty Points System*

No.	Offence		
1	Driving when unfit	M	3
2	Exceeding speed limit	2	4
3	Careless driving	M	5
4	Driving without wearing a seatbelt or permitting a person under 17 to occupy A front seat by not wearing a seatbelt or appropriate child restraint	2	4
5	Using mobile phone while driving	1	3
6	Parking in a dangerous position	M	5
7	Breaking general speed restriction (for vehicles)	2	4
8	Failure to yield right of way	2	4
9	Dangerous overtaking.	2	5
10	Driving along or across median strip	1	3
11	Failure to stop at stop sign	2	4
12	Failure to comply with traffic lane markings	1	3
13	Entering hatched marked area of roadway	1	3
14	Crossing white lines	2	4
15	Failure to obey traffic lights or to stop at traffic sign adjacent to such lights	2	5
16	Contravention of requirements regarding driving of vehicles at road junctions eg not being in the correct lane when turning into another road	1	3
17	Failure to comply with mandatory traffic signs	1	3
18	Failure to yield right of way at yield sign or yield line	2	4
19	Failure to comply with traffic signs	1	3
20	Failure to drive on left	1	3
21	Failure to keep left at certain signs	1	3
22	Failure to turn vehicle left onto a roundabout	1	3
23	Contravention of requirements regarding reversing of vehicles (eg reversing from a minor to a major road)	1	3
24	Failure to obey level crossing lights or to stop at traffic signs adjacent to such lights	2	5
25	Contravention of restrictions of driving a vehicle on a footway	1	3
26	Contravention of restrictions of driving a vehicle on a cycle track	1	3
27	Failure to stop at School Warden Sign	1	4
28	Failing to stop for a Garda	2	5
29	Failure to comply with signals given by Garda	1	3
30	Breach of duty at accident	M	5

31	Using motorcycle without wearing a crash helmet	2	4
32	Allowing passenger to be carried on a motorcycle without wearing a crash helmet	2	4
33	Failure to leave appropriate distance between you and the vehicle in front	2	4
34	Driving a HGV or Bus on the outside lane of a Motorway	1	3
35	Driving a vehicle against traffic flow on a motorway	2	4
36	Driving on the hard shoulder of a motorway	1	3
37	Driving Vehicle before remedying dangerous defects	M	3
38	Failure by vehicle to comply with traffic sign signifying that a roadway not be entered	1	3
39	No (NCT/DOE) test certificate	M	5

*Column 3 refers to Points for each offence. Column 4 refers to Points if it is challenged unsuccessfully in Court and M refers to a mandatory court appearance.

VALENTIA OBSERVATORY

Monthly and annual average and extreme values 1961-1990 for February
RAINFALL (mm) average
 monthly total 123.0
TEMPERATURE (degrees Celsius) 6.6 average
 Average no. of days with ground frost 7.1
SUNSHINE (hours) average daily duration 2.16
WIND (knots) average monthly speed 12.6

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Hedges and Bushes

While delivering the January Edition I found, on at least three occasions that hedges and bushes at the boundary walls were a hazard. Injury to my eyes was prevented by the facts that I was wearing glasses.

Bus Service

I have written to Tralee Town Council seeking information about the extension of the **Tralee Public Bus Service** and about a **Caherslee-Mounthawk Area Plan**. In the event of a reply I will include news in the next edition.

Study Skills 05

Good Listening In Class

It is important for you to be a good listener in class. Much of what you will have to learn will be presented verbally by your teachers. Just hearing what your teachers say is not the same as listening to what they say. Listening is a cognitive act that requires you to pay attention and think about and mentally process what you hear. Here are some things you should do to be a good listener in class.

Be Emotionally Ready to Listen When You Come to Class. Make sure you complete all assigned work and readings. Review your notes from previous class sessions. Think about what you know about the topic that will be covered in class that day.

Be Emotionally Ready to Listen When You Come to Class. Your attitude is important. Make a conscious

choice to find the topic useful and interesting. Be committed to learning all that you can.

Listen with a Purpose. Identify what you expect and hope to learn from the class session. Listen for these things as your teacher talks.

Listen with an Open Mind. Be receptive to what your teacher says. It is good to question what is said as long as you remain open to points of view other than your own.

Be Attentive. Focus on what your teacher is saying. Try not to daydream and let your mind wander to other things. It helps to sit in the front and center of the class, and to maintain eye contact with your teacher.

Be an Active Listener. You can think faster than your teacher can speak. Use this to your advantage by evaluating what is being said and trying to anticipate what will be said next. Take good written notes about what your teacher says. While you can think faster than your teacher can speak, you cannot write faster than your teacher can speak. Taking notes requires you to make decisions about what to write, and you have to be an active listener to do this.

Meet the Challenge. Don't give up and stop listening when you find the information being presented difficult to understand. Listen even more carefully at these times and work hard to understand what is being said. Don't be reluctant to ask questions.

Triumph Over the Environment. The classroom may too noisy, too hot, too cold, too bright, or too dark. Don't give in to these inconveniences. Stay focused on the big picture – **LEARNING**

Austin Stacks Park

There are many people out there who would view the sale, if and when it happens, of Austin Stack Park as bordering on sacrilegious. It has been the home of the GAA in this county for many years. The almost weekly pilgrimage to this site lives long in the memory and hearts of the old stock of this town. Our country cousins will also have many of the same memories of the stadium. We cannot stand in the way of progress, but I do suggest that a fitting substantial memorial be erected to the memory of those greats who graced the field to the applause, cheers and shouts of many thousand of spectators.

This proposal, does however, give an opportunity to the Town Council and Kerry County Council to reassess the street patterns and road alignments in this area. In the event that planning permission is sought for any development of the site there is an obligation on the part of the locals authorities to maximise their input and acquire sufficient lands to alleviate future potential traffic problems in this area.

Exercise Programme - Simple

Lose weight – burn off your calorie intake – to exercise efficiently and with genuine results – you must perspire and you should be slightly out of breath. Dieting does help but without exercise in some form weight loss is limited.

Tralee Regional Sports & Leisure Centre, Clounalour, Oakpark, Tralee
 Tel. 066 – 71 26 442
 email: traleesportscentre@eircom.net
 GYM Opening Hours

Mon. to Fri. 7am to 10pm
Sat., Sun. & Bank Hols. 10am – 6pm
 As stated in the January edition – a good workout in a gym can be very

6) After Bathing At Baxter's Jefferson Airplane - The group's third album, released in 1967.

7) Eric Clapton
Eric Clapton with Delaney & Bonnie

Clapton's first solo album, released in 1970.

8) Electric Ladyland - Jimi Hendrix - This album was released in 1968, when Hendrix was in peak form. It was the legendary rock guitarist's only No.1 album.

9) The Doors-The Doors
 This group's debut album, it was released in 1967.

10) Blonde On Blonde - Bob Dylan

This was the rock genre's first double album, first released in 1966.

'The palest ink is better than the best memory'.

Chinese Proverb

21 Essential Facts You Need to Know About Your Earth

Human Population of the Earth: 6,500,000,000 (6.5 billion) as of February 2006

World Population Growth: 1.14% - 2006 estimate (this means at the current rate of growth, the earth's population will double in 61.4 years)

Countries of the World: 192

Earth's Circumference at the Equator: 24,901.55 miles or 40,090.61km

Earth's Circumference Between the North and South Poles: 24,859.82 miles or 40,023 km

Earth's Diameter at the Equator: 7,926.28 miles or 12,761 km

Earth's Diameter at the Poles: 7,899.80 miles or 12,717 km

Average Distance from the Earth to the Sun: 93,020,000 miles or 149,762,200 km

Average Distance from the Earth to the Moon: 238,857 miles or 38,455,977 km

Highest Elevation on Earth - Mt. Everest, Asia: 29,035 feet or 8,849.868 m

Tallest Mountain on Earth from Base to Peak - Mauna Kea, Hawaii: 33,480 feet or 10,204m (rising to 13,796 feet or 4,205m above sea level)

Lowest Elevation on Land - Dead Sea: 1369 feet or 417m below sea level

Deepest Point in the Ocean - Challenger Deep, Mariana Trench, The Western Pacific Ocean: 35,840 feet or 10924.032 m

Highest Temperature Recorded: 135.86°F or 57.7°C - Al Aziziyah, Libya, September 13, 1922

Lowest Temperature Recorded: -128.56°F or -89.2°C - Vostok, Antarctica, July 21, 1983

Water vs. Land: 70.8% Water, 29.2% Land

Age of the Earth: 4.5 to 4.6 billion years

Atmosphere Content: 77% nitrogen, 21% oxygen, and traces of argon, carbon dioxide and water

Rotation on Axis: 24 hours

Revolution around Sun: 365.2425 days

Chemical Composition of the Earth: 34.6% Iron, 29.5% Oxygen, 15.2% Silicon, 12.7% Magnesium, 2.4% Nickel, 1.9% Sulphur, and 0.05% Titanium.

worthwhile – depending on your goals or fitness level it is worth a visit. Request a programme suitable to your needs, from the instructors.

Increased Health: While stress can cause illness, illness can also cause stress, with the physical pain, missed activities, feelings of isolation and other costs that come with it. So improving your overall health and longevity with exercise can also save you a great deal of stress in the short run (by strengthening your immunity to colds, the flu and other minor illnesses) and the long run (by helping you stay healthier longer, and enjoy life more because of it).

Our Unusual Weather Patterns!

The following piece is based on data collected at Valentia Observatory, Co. Kerry for the month of January 2006. I have made comparisons with January 2005 and with the average figures for the month of January.

The average (mean) monthly rainfall (precipitation) for January at this location is 167.0mm. In January 2005 this figure was exceeded by 18.6mm for a total of 185.6mm. However, in January 2006 the figure is 145.0mm, this is a 'fall' of 22mm on the average for the month.

Thus far in February (to the 9th) the total rainfall is 6.5mm, while the average for the month is 123.1mm. Of course this figure might and probably will change over the next few weeks. The rainfall for February 2005 was 88.5mm (July 2005 had the lowest rainfall at 78.3mm and the wettest month in 2005 was 185.6mm in January).

According to the average statistics collected at the Observatory the driest month is July with 73.3mm and the wettest month is January with 167.0mm.

The average annual total rainfall for the area is 1430.2mm. In 2005 this total figure was 1500.1 mm. So far this year the total is 151.5mm.

The average (or mean) monthly temperature for January, at this location is 6.8°C. In January 2005 this figure was exceeded by 1.6°C for an average of 8.4°C. January 2006 had a the average (or mean) temperature of 7.9°C an increase of 1.1°C.

The average (or mean) temperature for February is 6.6°C. In February 2005 the average (or mean) temperature was 6.8°C. So far in February 2006 (to the 9th) the average (or Mean) temperature has been 8.3°C.

The average warmest months according to the Observatory is both July and August with averages of 14.8°C. The coolest month on average is February with 6.6°C.

The annual average (or mean) temperature for this location is 10.4 °C.

In January 2005 the annual average (or mean) temperature was 11.3 °C. The average temperature for Jan-Feb in 2005 was 7.6°C and for Jan-Feb 2006 (to 9th) this figure is 8.1°C.

There will be variations from the norm in our weather from time to time, however it is perhaps too early to speculate what the rest of the year will offer.

Curraheen Reservoir – Walk

Recently, I took another opportunity to explore this area. I availed of the calm, dry and bright weather we have experienced in the past while.

Park at the rear of Curraheen Church and a short walk will take you to the gate at the entrance road to the reservoir. Initially the route is paved and slightly steep until you get to the reservoir. At the reservoir you can go right or left – go to the right of the old

reservoir and the pathway will bring you along the river. For the first 10 or 15 minutes the path winds along the meander of the river that is spectacular. You will see how the river was harnessed to service the reservoir through a series of manmade weirs and pipe work.

Continuing your trek towards the mountain you will pass the Dingle Way route at the manmade river crossing. At this point you can choose to take either the right or left routes along the river. The river winds it way down from the mountain in a series of meanders, rapids and waterfalls.

If you are adventurous enough you can continue right up into the valley of the river mindful of your step – don't wander too far from the river bank as the underfoot conditions are very soft in places.

For a while you will get a great view of parts of Tralee Bay however the view is more restricted the further you travel into the valley.

The area is rather bleak with the odd tree surviving and many rocky outcrops present. It is however a pleasant walk and not too strenuous – take your time and enjoy the peace and quiet. Allow yourself plenty of time. Remember to observe the usual Country Code and it is best not to do such a walk on your own.

'Them Bones'

By Martha Brassil

It was a soft day, which in Ireland roughly translates as being grey and relatively nondescript. Moody clouds threatened from the horizon but as long as the rain stayed over the Atlantic the day would be perfect for the procession. Nell and Nora didn't have to travel far, only out of their shop in fact, to secure an ideal viewing spot.

Nell and Nora were twins born in 1922 at the same time as the birth of the Irish Free State. They had lived in Freshford all their lives, not by choice but from necessity. Their mother Noreen had died not long after their birth and from a young age they had replaced her as a carer for their father Michael Murphy. According to local gossip poor Michael was in such a bad way after the death of his wife that he took refuge in the bottle. Who could blame him what with two daughters to rear all on his own. The poor man deprived of the comforts of a wife craved a source of solace.

Meanwhile the daughters, who essentially reared themselves once they could walk, spent their lives tending to the needs and whims of their heartbroken father. Marriage was out of the question as guilt prevented them from leaving the man who depended upon them for his very survival.

On their fiftieth birthday, Michael, after a night on the booze, was found floating belly up in the river. Such a tragedy, people said, a fine man, a good and respected man. Everyone expected the sisters to be overwhelmed with the death of their father but it had the opposite effect. It liberated them.

Having inherited a tidy sum from the parsimonious Michael Nell and Nora decided to invest their money in a grocery shop, that they would take turns to run. Nell, the elder of the two by five minutes did the morning shift and Nora who was totally allergic to mornings worked in the afternoon. It was a job that suited them both admirably. Besides having a shop in the village gave them instant access into the loop of village life and its golden gossip.

Nell told Nora she had to get up early to watch the procession or otherwise she would have to go into Kilkenny

later and she would be crucified by the heavy traffic. At their tender age of eighty-one, traffic was something they usually sought to avoid at all costs.

"Don't know why you got me up this early Nell," grumbled Nora, "I could have stayed in bed for at least another hour."

"If we waited any longer the crowds would have come and taken our spot," muttered Nell under her breath. She had learned for many years not to cross her twin so early in the morning.

"She's not even one of the Saints I pray to. I have my own list and she's certainly not in the top ten", said Nora. "That may well be but as she's the one passing through our village you can put in a special request" suggested Nell.

Nora threw her eyes up to heaven. "Special request, my eye. Who told you that nonsense?"

"Father Dennehy" said Nell lending authority to her suggestion.

With pursed lips Nora looked up at the top of the hill and saw cars and crowds of people descending upon the village. "Saints preserve us," said Nell, "they're coming. I wonder if we have to kneel or genuflect as the hearse passes us." She blessed herself twice. Nora however was too busy trying to see who was in the car with Father Dennehy to answer her sister.

"Well wouldn't you know it, look at Pansie Mc Carthy sitting beside Father Dennehy. The funeral look on her face, you'd swear she was burying a blood relative," laughed Nora.

The cortege slowly passed their shop and stopped suddenly. For a few moments it seemed as if all activity ceased. People averted their eyes to the ground, and furiously mouthed their requests to the Blessed Saint. Nora stared in at Pansie whose eyes were beginning to well up with tears. I know it is not good to think ill of the dead or the living but I so dislike the sanctimonious cow, she thought and then immediately requested that Saint Theresa helped her with her rheumatism. Nell prayed for the soul of her father and mother and asked the Saint to let the tax inspector reduce his unreasonable bill for this year. The hearse headed for the local church where Saint Theresa could be viewed for the next hour. It would give people a chance to pray to her.

"Mary McGrath told me all this parading about with Saint Theresa's bones was a PR stunt by the Catholic Church", said Nora.

"Now Nora you mustn't speak ill of the dead," said Nell rather piously.

"What's wrong with telling the truth as I see it. Although you'd think if Rome wanted a PR agent to attract the youth they'd have hired someone like Louis Walsh. Sure all he'd have to say is that they'd have to go to mass first if they wanted to be in pop idol." Nora cackled at her idea.

Nell miffed at the very suggestion shuffled inside. She wanted to fortify herself with a strong cup of tea laced with a wee drop of brandy before she started work in the shop. The trouble with Nora was that she always spoke before she had time to think things through. Still it was a free country so she was entitled to her opinion.

Nora followed her into the kitchen. She cut a thick slice of Barnbrack and spread it with real butter, not the plastic, let's pretend to be butter, that her sister used.

"You do know that the box only contains some of the Saint's bones, don't you?" she said in between a large bite.

"And where are the rest of them?" asked Nell incredulously

"In Yugoslavia. She's doing a world tour so some of the bones go to Ireland and the others go elsewhere."

"I don't believe you Nora. You're only saying these things to upset me and you know I have to look after my blood pressure."

"Cross my heart and hope to die. You can ask Father Dennehy, 'cos he told Mary McGrath at confession last week," retorted Nora.

What was the world coming to, sighed Nell. She wondered how they divided the bones, a leg and an arm for each box and which one got the head or the torso. She got up and poured a more liberal amount of brandy into her tea. Reality blurred was a lot more tolerable. Anyhow Saint Theresa wasn't on her list of saints either. She had a soft spot for the men, saints like Jude and Andrew or Blessed Martin. Besides Saint Theresa came from Lisieux, somewhere in France and she didn't like the French, not since her unsuccessful and only affair with Jean-Phillipe. She had plenty reasons to distrust the French.

She made her way slowly downstairs to greet their first customer of the day. "Hello Pansie" she said, "How can I help you? Wasn't the procession only out of this world....."

You must be the change you want to see in the world.

Mahatma Gandhi

WATER SAFETY IN IRELAND

By Shane O'Sullivan

As the summer approaches and we all start getting into our summer routine, I think it is important that we all take into account water safety in relation to everything we do in or around the sea.

ON THE BEACH: We should always make sure that a lifeguard is present. If a lifeguard is not present make sure you bring it to the attention of the local authorities. Always swim parallel to the beach, and if you are a weak swimmer always stay in shallow water **DO NOT GO OUT OF YOUR DEPTH!!!**

SAILING: Make sure that everyone on board has a life jacket under the 2004 Marine Act any person operating on or around a boat must wear a life jacket. Its not just being safe - it's the law. If your life jacket is over 12 months old and has not been used, change the gas cylinder or check the gas cylinder. Make sure that you have a radio in working order and carry out a test before you set sail. In Kerry a test can be carried out on channel 16 and by contacting Valentia radio. Make sure you pack spare clothes and keep them dry. Ensure that a flare kit is kept on hand and kept dry.

For Sale

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History in February

1943: Germans surrender at Stalingrad

1945: Thousands of bombs shower Dresden

1952: King George VI dies in his sleep

1958: United players killed in air disaster

1959: Castro sworn in as Cuban PM

1962: Russia frees US spy plane pilot

1972: British embassy in Dublin destroyed

1981: Thatcher gives in to miners

1983: Police hunt Shergar's kidnappers

1990: De Klerk dismantles apartheid

1998: 4,000 feared dead in Afghan earthquake

2003: Columbia shuttle disintegrates killing seven

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Year	January	%
2004		4.5
2005		4.2
2006		4.3

Live Register Figures

	January 2005	January '06
Kerry	6,971	6,819
Ireland	160,543	160,139

Tralee - January

YEAR	No.
2006	2,994
2005	3,051
2004	3,091
2003	2,898
2002	2,650
2001	2,626
2000	3,185
1999	3,837
1998	4,363
1997	4,379
1996	5,074
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