

# Caherslee Community News

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## II Papa

### Johannes Paulus II – ‘The Great’

Many of us, of all religions and none, recognised and witnessed the immense contribution which Pope John Paul II gave to the world over the past quarter of a century or more. In matters of faith, hope and love he had few equals. May he enjoy his rest in the arms of the Lord.

## New Format for

### *Caherslee Community News*

Until now this newsletter was in A4 format but from this edition onwards we have gone bigger with the A3 format. This change has been as a result of the increased interest which you the reader has shown in the newsletter. Many of you have contributed with your comments and ideas, for which we are grateful. There has also been an increased interest from businesses to include advertising in the newsletter. We will continue to ensure that this newsletter will be delivered to your home as each edition is published. Thank you again for your interest.

## Bus Service for Caherslee Area

Ed Ryan tells us that he has had a great reception and support from the majority of people in the area in his campaign to petition for the bus service for Caherslee. There is still time to add your name to the list of signatories. You can do so by contacting us here at the newsletter by 'phone or email and we will pass on the details to Ed.

## Traffic Issues

Many of you will notice, from time to time, that Pembroke Street is congested with traffic. Taxis and hackneys are the usual culprits at night and especially at weekends. Parking at any time so close to traffic lights and on a relatively narrow street shows the utmost disregard for other road users. More importantly there is a safety issue to be addressed here as there are other premises from which pedestrians exit and enter near by. This situation will continue until there is a serious accident or until enough people complain to the appropriate authorities. The question needs to be asked as to how, on such a narrow street so near to traffic lights planning permission was sought and granted for this business? Surely there are other locations close by which would not be as dangerous or as restricting.

## Website

Recently we have set up a site on the internet. This site, it is hoped will, be a vehicle through which you the reader and people in the wider world can access this newsletter. We would like you to visit the site and send on your comments, thoughts and anything that you think is relevant to the people of the area. Without the input of you the people of our community this newsletter will fail in its aim to meet the needs of the community.

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## Make Life Easier!

If you would like *Caherslee Community News* by email just let us know by sending us an email or 'phone. We can also send it to a friend/relation anywhere. Contact Us.

## ‘Umbrella’

### Residents Association

Just to remind you that the inaugural meeting of this association is on:

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2005 in  
The Grand Hotel, Denny St.  
at 8.30pm**

It has been suggested that each existing Residents Association in the area should send at least two of their committee members to this meeting. All other interested residents are very welcome to attend.

Please try to attend this meeting. A presentation by a member of **An Garda Siochana** will centre on home and neighbourhood security. It is also envisaged that the association can look towards the future planning for the whole area and bring forward proposals which can be of benefit to all residents.

Your views and expertise on related matters will be very much appreciated. If you cannot attend encourage someone else from your area to attend.

## Politicians on the Trail

As you may well be aware, and may even have had a visit already, many politicians are out ‘canvassing’. Do take the opportunity to engage with them and let them know about the questions and concerns you have about the area, the town or even national issues. It may even be worth your while writing these down and therefore give each of them, regardless of your affiliation or otherwise, the same message!

## Public Lighting

It has been brought to our notice, by an observant resident, that a number of the street lamps on the main road are not functioning. Since January of this year the lights on poles numbered 13, 16, 29 and 32 have been out of order. Since March some have been fixed. The questions we are asking are:

Is this situation replicated throughout the town? and

Should it be necessary for residents to repeatedly enquire about this before action is taken?

## Hedges, Bushes and Trees

At this time of the year many people like to take a walk in the neighbourhood. One point that come up in conversations time and time again is overgrown hedges and bushes. Not only do they not look nice when neglected, they become harder to keep as time goes on. More importantly people have commented on the danger that these over grown plants pose for people who use the footpaths. Bushes and hedges should be cut back to your boundary wall and tree branches need to be cut or trimmed if lower than 6 feet.

## Advertise Your Business - Trade

If you would like to advertise something or service locally, please contact us.

*Caherslee Community News* is distributed to each house – at least 850 houses – monthly. The newsletter is also available in most of the shops in the area.

## Tralee Tidy Towns

Could your area do with a clean up or a small improvement in the way it looks?

Is there something you can do to help?

*The Tidy Towns Committee* will be launching a competition for groups who take on work to clean up an area in need of attention. Details later.

## Road Surfaces

Many of you have commented on the poor condition of the road surfaces throughout the town. There are sections of the main road in Caherslee that have worn badly and repairs that have been carried out have been unsatisfactory. It is only four years since the main road was surfaced. In planning this work more care should have been taken with the choice of material used. The volume of traffic and the consequent wearing of the surface should have been factored into the

process of surfacing the road. Is there any accountability for the money spent ? Was the work guaranteed and for how many years?

There are also some black spots on roads most of us use each day. By black spots I really mean 'pot holes'.

In Stacks Villas, about 20 metres, before the pedestrian crossing.

The area of the roundabout, at the junction of Matt Talbot Road and High Street.

The length of Rock St. from The Brogue Inn to Our Lady and St. Brendan's church.

These are only some of the examples that come to mind.

There are X number of vehicle tax payers in this town, paying an average of X euro per vehicle.

Surely this money or a significant % of it should be used to repair / surface the streets of this town?

This money should be ring-fenced for this purpose only!

**Gentle Reminder**  
**Has Your Home been tested**  
**for the Presence of dangerous**  
**levels of Radon Gas?**  
**More details on our website**

### **A Vatican Experience (Part 1)**

Even the most well adorned book cannot portray the beauty of Rome, the Eternal City and in particular the Vatican. This writer had the great privilege of privileged access to the Vatican Library and that great *sanctum sanctorum* - the Sistine Chapel - while on a pilgrimage to visit a granduncle, Father Leonard E. Boyle in the early 1990's. Father Eugene, as we knew him, was Prefect of the Vatican Library.

Presenting as a hungry and exhausted inter-railer at the Vatican Passport office with a smattering of Latin salvaged from earlier experiences in the Green was not enviable. However Father Eugene - as we knew him - appeared much to my relief, dismissed the passport bureaucrats and ushered me out of harms way to the Vatican Library. There I was treated to a most welcome and memorable cup of coffee at a small room attaching to the side of the Library. He was as astonished to see me as I was to see him. Had I come a day earlier I would have missed him as he was away on business. An impecunious student, such as I was then, would never think of going about the mundane business of purchasing a stamp beforehand and posting it! As luck would

have it he was there and how much at home did I feel!

Being a young Kerryman, the sight of exquisite beauty is common - but the beauty presented to the eye at every opening in the Vatican has to be seen to be believed. Michaelangelo's *Pieta*, the embrace of St. Peter's Square, Bernini's sculptures on high and much more. Much more in fact, it also involves the air, the light, the august atmosphere, the staccato rhythms of the chattering people, the awe amongst speechless groups, aghast of their surroundings. The beauty cannot be known by the mind alone but has to be witnessed *in corpore!*. So I will abandon description!

Before long I was introduced to the staff of the Library, shown around its various sections and from then to the main reading room which was lit up by huge windows, with magnificent frescoes all round. Scholars worked on huge ornate reading desks in the quiet solemnity of study. Father Eugene showed me famous love letters from Henry VIII to Anne Boleyn, the Vatican Virgil and the score of Allegri's famous Miserere - just some of jealously guarded treasures among the two million books and 150,000 or so manuscripts from all parts of the world. There were old books from subjects as diverse as architecture to cooking to astronomy - all unique and celebrated.

A visit to the manuscript repository was fascinating. This consisted of a subterranean vault accessed by a two foot thick door. In earlier times this was the headquarters of the Vatican guard. His own living-quarters was a roof-top apartment adjoining the library and providing an astonishing view of the Vatican. Of particular pride was a roof-top garden where Father Euguen tended a crop of lemon and oranges trees!

An early morning visit to the Sistine Chapel meant that I was the sole visitor as some workers restored the Last Judgement. I lay down on the ground and poured over probably the greatest fresco ever done.

As much as a great place is made even greater by great company, I think the reverse is true when I recall the wonderful time I had with Father Eugene over evening meals under the evening starry skies in the Piazza Navona. Through the candlelight, he recounted many hilarious anecdotes from his years as a Dominican priest. One I recall was when, as a respected Padre, he hopped on a bus and asked two young

Dominicans whether they believed all that stuff that St. Thomas Aquinas had written - much to their dismay!

Financial pressures, then the common daily burden of a student, ensured a hasty but not uneventful exit from Rome to here. Suffice to say that I will always remember my time in the Vatican in the company of a such lovely man, who cast a spell of the love of learning over me that I hope will endure. It is nice to think that the next time I visit Rome I will be able to visit his grave in his beloved San Clemente, the Basilica of the Irish Dominican community and see on his grave the words: *Omnia disce, videbis postea nihil esse superfluum (Learn everything, you will see thereafter there is nothing worthless).*

### **Tralee**

#### **By Jerry Daly**

To this simple paper I put my simple pen 'Tis not too easy to decide how to begin For I wish to write about my dear Tralee And I'm not too sure where to find the key

I'm writing 'cause I feel it's a place unique And once discovered one need ne'er again seek

Such are it's qualities that mere words can't describe

And that's the task before me, me a mere scribe

By night or day whether wet or dry  
In Tralee I always feel on a high  
The air is fresh, the mood is bright  
My heart is always gay and light

Though 'tis far I've roved by sea and air  
I've ne'er found the likes of its atmosphere

In other places I've felt old and blue  
But here I always feel young and new

Now 'tis oft I ask why this is so  
And I wonder why I'm never low  
In life I'll ne'er leave this blessed sod  
Perhaps 'tis to Tralee that God gave the nod

Why do winds of freshness always blow  
And waters of gladness always flow  
I'll never know, the truth to tell  
Tralee is the town I love so well.

**We would like to thank Jerry and all other contributors in this Issue of Caherslee Community News. We will be including more stories, poems etc. in later Issues**

## Broadband Internet

This service brings many benefits to surfing the web. It is a welcome improvement, as many of you have experienced, on what preceded it, if not in the developed world!

Some facts from a recent OECD report:

At present in Ireland we have the most expensive and slowest Broadband connection available within OECD countries. We have a 2Mbps system. In France for 35euro per month you get 80 TV channels, unlimited national and local 'phone calls and a 20Mbps Broadband connection. In Northern Ireland, with 135,000 customers there is 100% broadband coverage, and a line failure rate of 1%. Coverage in the Republic is 55% and there is an average line failure rate of 25%.

## Charity Golf Tournament

On the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of July 2005 the JP McManus Charity Golf Pro-Am Tournament will be held in Adare Manor Hotel & Golf Resort in Co. Limerick. Many of the current top players including Tiger Woods, Pdraig Harrington, Darren Clarke and more will be playing in this tournament. This is a great opportunity to see players of this calibre in action.

Tickets @ 061 - 487022 or on-line @ [www.jpmanusgolf.com](http://www.jpmanusgolf.com)

## Yoga Classes

A six week Yoga course will commence on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 2005 in Our Lady and St Brendans Pastoral Centre.

Times of classes are as follows:  
Mornings: 10.00am - 11.30am  
Evenings: 6.15pm - 7.30pm

For further details contact

**Sally Ryle**  
**066 - 718 5297**

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[www.ratemyteachers.ie](http://www.ratemyteachers.ie)

Would a website [www.ratemystudents.ie](http://www.ratemystudents.ie)

be of more benefit?

## Road Funding

County Kerry has just been allocated 56.2million euro for road projects for the coming year. A significant sum indeed.

According to Central Statistics Office figures Co. Kerry has the 6<sup>th</sup> highest number of private cars in Licensing Authority Areas = 52,989. Private car tax income for Co. Kerry accounts for euro18,615,629million. That is an average of euro351 per car. These figures do not include vehicle licensing tax for commercial vehicles and HGV.

Question: Are we getting our fair share? Co. Kerry is still playing catch-up in regard to the condition of our roads while other counties have been doing very well.

**Caherslee Community News**  
**will be including a business**  
**directory of businesses,**  
**trades and services in the**  
**area, in the next edition. If**  
**you would like to be**  
**included, contact us.**

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## Photographs on the Website

Those of you who visit our website [www.cahersleeneews.com](http://www.cahersleeneews.com) will see some photographs taken in the area recently. More photos will follow. We are particularly interested in (a) photos of gardens and (b) photos of areas or places which are neglected i.e. small public areas - where a little work by local people could really make a difference and (c) places or spots on the roads or paths that need attention, such as potholes, drains, manholes, kerbs etc. Please let us know if you have any places in mind to suit the above.

## Other websites of Interest

[www.ask.com](http://www.ask.com) - ask about anything?  
[www.cso.ie](http://www.cso.ie) - Central Statistics Office  
[www.greathobbies.com](http://www.greathobbies.com)  
[www.consumerassociation.ie](http://www.consumerassociation.ie)

**We would like to extend our sympathy**  
**to those in our area who, in the past**

**while, have lost someone close to**  
**them. May they rest in peace.**

## Security Issues

- Do ensure that the rear of your house is fenced off and not easily accessed by unwanted visitors.
- Do inform neighbours if you are going to be away for a long period i.e. Holidays.
- Do report suspicious activities in your area and let your neighbours know of your concerns also.

## Tarrant's ESSO

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**Send us your stories, your**  
**thoughts, your comments or any**  
**information.**

## Who Would Be a Teacher?

Many young teachers are being treated unfairly - 11 hours work a week or less is not uncommon. Decreasing the pupil-teacher ratio would help and it would also improve delivery of services. Holidays for these teachers = no pay! Job security does not exist either.

How can the system improve if new teachers are treated so poorly? – The design of your house will dictate the type of lights required.

### Statistics for Co. Kerry

#### Total rainfall for Kerry

YEAR	Total
1960	1232mm
1980	1776mm
2000	1786mm
2002	1923mm

#### Total No. of Houses Completed in Ireland

YEAR	TOTAL
1992	22,464
1994	26,863
1996	33,725
1998	42,349
2000	49,812
2002	57,695
2003	68,819

#### Total Population for Co. Kerry

YEAR	TOTAL
1946	133,893
1961	116,458
1971	112,772
1981	122,770
1991	121,894
2002	132,527

**Grow your own Holly Bush  
Save the Wild Holly Bushes!**

### Home and

### Neighbourhood Security

We have been onto the **Crime Prevention Office – Community Relations** of An Garda Siochana at the Tralee station. Sgt. Noel O' Connell has forwarded some very useful information. It is our intention to include more articles on this subject in subsequent editions. The first installment:

#### Securing Your Home – Lighting

In urban areas the likelihood of intruders being seen is greatly increased by the presence of adequate security lighting around the house.

- lighting should be downward facing and should illuminate windows, doors and any recessed areas
- lights should be fitted to the front and rear of your house

#### Types of Lights include:

- Passive Infrared Movement Detectors
- Timer Switches
- Dusk to Dawn Lighting (photo electric cell activated)
- Intruders will feel exposed where adequate lighting exists and the chances of detection and identification are also increased.

**Pope Benedict XVI**  
We welcome a new beginning .  
Let his Papacy be fruitful in bearing the message of Jesus.

### Personal Trainer

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Contact:

**Maeve Frawley**

**087 – 415 38 45**

**maeve\_frawley@yahoo.com**

**May 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Dawn: 07.09 Sunset: 22.03**

### Summer Camp

Mounthawk Montessori School and  
Busy Bees Nursery and  
Child Care Centre

Bookings are being taken for the  
Sixth Annual Summer Camp

8.30am – 6.00pm Mon. to Fri.

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Contact:

**Susan Crowley**

**086 – 815 3757**

### Rock St. - Caherslee

#### Community Games

There is a lot of activity at present on the Community Games front. Swimming, Gymnastics, Table Tennis, Tag Rugby, Gaelic Football and Athletics.

I you are still interested in giving some time to help in these events the next meeting is on

**Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Ballyroe Heights Hotel at 9.00pm**

### Aidan Hennebery

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### Barry Print

**Rock St., Tralee**

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**Deadline for articles, ideas and  
ads. etc. for the next edition  
not later than May 28<sup>th</sup> next.**

**NEXT EDITION  
JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> next.**

### Your Gardening

**Courtesy of, Liscahane Nursery,  
Ardfert.**

**066 – 713 4222**

1. Start regular feeding of houseplants
2. Nothing tastes better than home-grown vegetables – even 'gro-bags' are good in restricted areas.
3. Trim hedges to control size and increase density.
4. Plant annual bedding plants for a riot of summer colour.
5. Don't forget pots and hanging baskets too.
6. Keep those weeds under control – hoe regularly.
7. Make your own garden compost in a specially designed bin.
8. Most of all – enjoy your garden!

**There is a need for extra Gardai on the streets of Tralee, at night, during weekends. Resources need to be provided to allow this to happen.**

#### Weather Statistics

**May – Valentia**

**Averages**

Temperature: = 10.9 degrees C

Rainfall: = 89.6 mm

Sunshine Hours: = 5.81 hours

Wind (knots) = 10.3

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