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## Dingle Railway Old Photos Exhibition

I have uploaded many old photos of the Dingle Railway on [www.traleetimes.com](http://www.traleetimes.com). You are very welcome to visit the page at: <http://www.traleetimes.com/files/DINGLERAIL.html>

Mr. Shane O'Sullivan has kindly allowed me to publish these photos.

I am interested in any old photos that have a connection with Tralee with a view to publishing them on a dedicated page or pages on the site.

If you have photos that you would like to be published on [www.traleetimes.com](http://www.traleetimes.com) you can contact me directly at [editor@traleetimes.com](mailto:editor@traleetimes.com)



## Tralee Times EDUCATION

In recent months I have been adding educational material to the website.

The purpose of which is to enable students to access material which they might otherwise not be able to get.

I have added quite a bit of Junior Certificate History notes and tests etc.

Students are invited to use this material freely and perhaps some teachers might find the material useful also.

If you have comments about this material I would like to hear from you.

If you have information, notes or links you would like to add to this Education page do not hesitate to contact me.

Enter the following in your browser:

<http://www.traleetimes.com/files/TraleeTimesEd.html>

or alternatively visit [www.traleetimes.com](http://www.traleetimes.com) and look for the link

## King James I and the Royal Charter of Tralee, 1613

In 1613 Tralee was recognized by **Royal Charter** granted by James I. In 1580 Tralee had been burnt in retribution for the Desmond Rebellions. Seven years later, in 1587, Elizabeth I granted Tralee to Edward Denny.

A *charter* is the grant of authority or rights, stating that the granter formally recognises the prerogative of the recipient to exercise the rights specified....(a type of legal instrument) granted by a Sovereign to create institutions or other forms of incorporated bodies (such as a city, company, or university).

Gerald O'Carroll will in his new book, ***History of Tralee, its Charter and Governance***, refer to this subject in detail.

This text will be available soon, this summer, and will be worth reading.

I will include some material about Gerald's text on [www.traleetimes.com](http://www.traleetimes.com) as soon as it becomes available to me.



Original 1613 Royal Charter

I do hope that there will be an appropriate and significant celebration or recognition of the 400th anniversary of the 1613 Royal Charter, in Tralee when the time comes.

## Residential Property Tax and Water Charges etc.

Beware, now more than ever before, because coming soon to a neighbourhood like yours will be taxes and charges that will not be pleasant (!). We have had many many stealth taxes imposed on us over the years which we blindly accepted, probably because we could afford them (?). The burden of the administration of these taxes of course led to the increased employment in the public services which in turn has led to other problems today.

Might I suggest that there should be a single payment for each and every household in the country, primary residences holidays homes, rented properties, and all other residential properties which would be capped and would cover all charges including water, refuse etc etc.

**Tralee Times on the web now includes links to:**



## What's In That Sand?

### An Overview of Canadian Oil Sands...

Many men and women are surprised to learn that Canada ranks second only to Saudi Arabia as having the largest proven crude oil reserves on the planet. The only difference between the Saudi Arabian oil reserves and those known to exist in Canada is the fact that the bulk of the Canadian oil reserve is located in the oil sands that are located in Alberta. Most experts estimate that there are nearly 180 billion barrels of oil in the oil sands of Alberta. There are some experts who maintain that there is far, far more oil trapped in the oil sands of Alberta. These experts estimate that there is a remarkable 1.7 to 2.5 trillion -- trillion -- barrels of oil trapped in the sands around Alberta.

The oil sands themselves are what is described as a complex mixture that includes clay, sand and water. Trapped within this mixture is crude oil, the same type of crude oil that is found in reservoirs underground in places such as Saudi Arabia, Russia and the other major crude oil producing countries around the world today.

The most widely accepted theory about how the oil sands were created is that light crude oil migrated to the oil sands fields. Over time, water and bacteria ended up transforming the light crude oil into what is known as bitumen, a much more carbon rich type of oil. This is the type of oil, crude oil, that is drawn from more traditional wells the world over. These oil rich deposits are found in the sands in three major areas around Alberta in Canada: Athabasca, Cold Lake and Peace River. The largest reserve, and the reserve closest to the surface, is that found at and around Athabasca. Production is being undertaken at all three locations at an ever growing pace.

The total geographic area that comprises the oil sands of Alberta is over 54,000 square miles. In other words, the oil sands of Alberta occupy an area that is larger than the entire State of Florida. Again, there is no other area on the planet which is the location of such an abundant amount of oil sand.

At the present time, over 1 million barrels of oil per day are being extracted from the Alberta oil sands. As far as actual production is concerned, it does take approximately two full tons of oil sand to produce a single barrel of oil. The amount of sand that is moved each day to produce the 1 million barrels of oil is enough sand to fill New York's Yankee Stadium halfway full with sand.

For many years, the process of producing a barrel of oil from oil sands, together with the volume of sand needed, made the extraction of oil from oil sands not a cost effective enterprise. However, with the ever rising cost of crude oil on the market, extracting petroleum from oil sands has become an economically viable enterprise.

<http://www.quoteoil.com/oil-sands.html>



### Critical Need to find the Black Box



The black box of Air France 447 needs to be found to preserve the confidence of passengers on Air France planes. If this crash is linked to a maintenance failure then action can be taken

to prevent it happening again. However, if this crash is linked to a design fault then Airbus and their suppliers have some serious questions to answer. But until the black box is found few if any real plausible answers can be believed.

Time is running out and the underwater terrain is difficult to search. Every resource will be required to find the black box, otherwise much will never be learnt about the fate of the 228 people on AF447.

### Follow the Price of Oil

You can follow the general price of oil on a daily basis by using the link I have created on the index or home page of [www.traletimes.com](http://www.traletimes.com)

### The Myth that is 'Free' Education

Last year, Bank of Ireland estimated that the annual cost of attending a public primary school was about €1,200 a year, taking into account such costs as transport, uniform, books and food. For secondary school, the annual costs rose to more than €2,000. So, to educate a child all the way up to the Leaving Certificate will cost you about €22,000.

*The Irish Times*, Friday, June 19, 2009

### IrelandFact

There are 600,000 families and 1.15 million children in receipt of child benefit. This equates to a €2.5bn expenditure on child benefit payments.

## Road Safety and Traffic Watch



**Traffic Watch** is a partnership approach to reducing the number of road collisions and fatalities. It brings road users, An Garda Síochána, the National Roads Authority and the Road Safety Authority together in a united and sustained effort to improve safety on our roads.

Members of the public can report traffic-related incidents using the Traffic Watch lo-call number **1890 205 805**. These calls are answered and logged by civilian personnel at the Garda Information Services Centre, Castlebar. The incident is then forwarded to the relevant District Officer (Superintendent) for investigation.

The District Officer will appoint a member of An Garda Síochána to investigate a Traffic Watch complaint.

The investigating member makes contact with the complainant to:-

- Establish the complainant's version of events
- Establish if there are other witnesses to the alleged incident
- Discuss the possible actions available, including if the complainant wishes the matter to go court or have the incident dealt with by way of caution, advice or guidance

If the complainant wishes to go to Court, a written statement is taken, and if not and an offence has been disclosed, arrangements are made to have the matter dealt with by way of caution, advice or guidance.

Where an offence is believed to have been disclosed and the complainant wishes to go to Court, a file is submitted to the District Officer who will decide what action, if any, is to be taken. In all instances the complainant should be notified of the outcome of his or her complaint.

<http://www.garda.ie>

*If you find that there is a persistent problem with certain vehicles in your area please do not hesitate to call the **Traffic Watch** number **1890 205 805** or the **Garda Confidential Line 1800 666 111** or **Tralee Garda Station (066) 7102311***



## The Number of Trips Abroad by Irish People down 13%

THE NUMBER of trips taken abroad during the first three months of 2009 fell by 13 per cent compared to the same period a year earlier. According to new figures from the Central Statistics Office (CSO), the number of visitors to Ireland during the first quarter declined by 9 per cent. From January to March of this year 1.54 million overseas trips by Irish citizens were recorded, down from 1.76 million for the same quarter in 2008 and the first decline since 2000.

The biggest fall in trips was in continental routes which fell by 17 per cent. Cross-channel trips rose 1 per cent during the quarter. The amount of money spent by members of the public while away totalled €694 million.

The number of visitors to Ireland declined 9 per cent from 1.5 million to 1.4 million over the year. CSO said that the fall may have been influenced by the timing of Easter, which fell in March last year but in April in 2009.

Visitors from Britain declined 15 per cent from January to March, while trips from North America fell 9 per cent during the first quarter. Overseas visitors from continental European countries rose 2 per cent over the same three-month period. The number of nights spent in Ireland by visitors declined by 12 per cent with nights spent in hotels down 20 per cent.

*The Irish Times, Saturday, June 20, 2009*

**Comment:** These figures are proving that it is more likely that Irish people will be spending more time at home this summer than has happened in the recent past. However, the infrastructure and services which many people who did go abroad in recent times might expect to find for their weekend away and week at the beach in Ireland are practically non-existent. Property developers and builders who availed of tax breaks preferred and were encouraged to build hotels rather than investing in facilities such as cycle parks, indoor and outdoor play areas, caravan and camping parks, walking routes etc. Such developments would have broadened the appeal for home and foreign tourists who might consider Ireland as a holiday destination. It is my view that, Ireland has missed out badly in this area, especially when we now see so many unwanted and empty hotel rooms throughout the country.

## Mountain Bike Trails

Those of you who cycle our roads will I am sure testify that they are far too dangerous. Tourists who wish to do likewise and who have been to other countries where cycle-ways are common will probably think twice about coming back for the same activity.



I do think that we have many great locations where off-road cycle trails could be created, locally in the Tralee area. Such cycle-ways could be 'geared' so that they would facilitate the casual as well as serious cyclists.

It is worth having a look at the **Ballyhoura** Cycle trails in Co. Limerick as one type of model that could be looked into locally which would be of benefit for tourism and local alike.

<http://www.ballyhouramtb.com/>

# Tides and the Moon

The word "tides" is a generic term used to define the alternating rise and fall in sea level with respect to the land, produced by the gravitational attraction of the moon and the sun. To a much smaller extent, tides also occur in large lakes, the atmosphere, and within the solid crust of the earth, acted upon by these same gravitational forces of the moon and sun.

Each day, there are two high tides and two low tides. There is about 12 hours and 25 minutes between the two high tides. The gravitational attraction of the moon causes the oceans to bulge out in the direction of the moon. Another bulge occurs on the opposite side, since the Earth is also being pulled toward the moon (and away from the water on the far side). Ocean levels fluctuate daily as the sun, moon and earth interact. As the moon travels around the earth and as they, together, travel around the sun, the combined gravitational forces cause the world's oceans to rise and fall. Since the earth is rotating while this is happening, two tides occur each day.

**On the index or home page of [www.traleetimes.com](http://www.traleetimes.com) there is a link which will give you the daily tide times for Fenit**

## Promoting Tralee Bay

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[www.swrfb.com/fishing/sea/tralee.htm](http://www.swrfb.com/fishing/sea/tralee.htm)

Tralee Bay is one of, if not the best, locations and environments for so many activities in the country. Yet the promotion and marketing of Tralee Bay is, it seems sadly lacking in conviction.

Sailing, kayaking, fishing, walking, swimming, bird-watching, hiking, cycling etc. are all activities that can be part-taken of within easy reach, and in so many locations around the bay.

There are also some significant historical and archaeological sites and monuments within the area that encompasses Tralee Bay.

Therefore, I suggest that a comprehensive campaign to develop a marketing drive to promote Tralee Bay as a tourist destination is needed.

## IrelandFact

The number of **marriages** registered in 2006 was 22,089, 5.2 per 1,000 of the population. This compares with a total of 21,355 (5.2 per 1,000 of population) in 2005 and 16,174 (4.5 per 1,000 of population) in 1996.

[http://www.cso.ie/newsevents/pr\\_marriages\\_06.htm](http://www.cso.ie/newsevents/pr_marriages_06.htm)

## IrelandFact

A profile of **educational qualifications** in the public and private sectors shows over half (52.8%) of all public sector employees had third-level qualifications, compared with 31.9% in the private sector

[http://www.cso.ie/newsevents/pr\\_nationalemploymentsurvey2007.htm](http://www.cso.ie/newsevents/pr_nationalemploymentsurvey2007.htm)

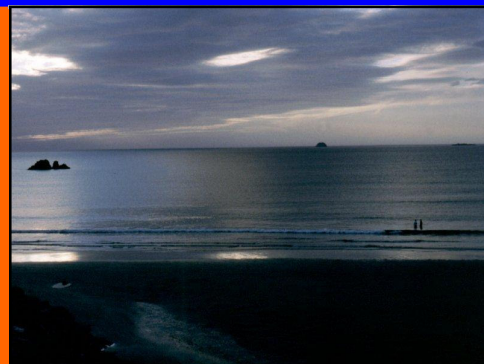
## IrelandFact

Ireland had the highest proportions of its population aged 0-4 years (7.4%) and 5-9 years (6.9%) in the EU in 2008.

## Ireland in Crisis!

The Dail will be on holidays until

**16th September 2009**



*Part of Tralee Bay taken from the beach at Barrow*

## No. 1 Hit Single

**23 July 1969**

**The Rolling Stones  
'Honky Tonk Woman'  
5 weeks at No. 1**

## Hardback Fiction

**27th June 2009**

*New York Times*

**Top 5 at a Glance**

1. **KNOCKOUT**, by Catherine Coulter
2. **THE BOURNE DECEPTION**, by Eric Van Lustbader
3. **THE ANGEL'S GAME**, by Carlos Ruiz Zafón
4. **RELENTLESS**, by Dean Koontz
5. **THE PHYSICK BOOK OF DELIVERANCE DANE**, by Katherine Howe

*We want to continue to add new links to the [www.traleetimes.com](http://www.traleetimes.com) homepage.*

*Please do contact us with your ideas : [editor@traleetimes.com](mailto:editor@traleetimes.com)*

## The Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance

(BTSCFA) is to help you meet the cost of uniforms and footwear for children attending school. The scheme operates from 1 June to 30 September each year.

The Allowance is provided by the [Health Service Executive](#) as part of the Supplementary Welfare Scheme.

To get the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance, you (parent or guardian) must meet a number of conditions;

You must be getting certain social welfare payments or payments for training, employment schemes or adult education

Your total household income must be below a certain amount

The child/student must be between 2 and 22 years before 1 October of the year you apply and must be in full-time education at a recognised school or college.

### Rules

- You may qualify for the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance if you are in one of these groups:
- You are getting a social welfare payment (including Family Income Supplement) or a Health Service Executive payment, or
- You are taking part in an approved employment scheme, or
- You are taking part in a recognised education or training course
- You are involved in an Area Partnership Scheme, or
- You are attending a [FÁS](#), [Fáilte Ireland](#) or LES training scheme.

### Income limits

To qualify for the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance, your total household income must be below the amounts set out in the table below.

Your total household income is your main social welfare or Health Service Executive payment, the income of any dependent children on [Youthreach](#) and any other income you may have including wages (before tax, but excluding [PRSI](#) and reasonable travelling expenses).

### Means assessment applies.

#### Where to apply

Where you send your completed application form depends on the county you live in.

[Check on the community welfare service website to find out where to send your application.](#)

It may take a number of weeks to process your application.

#### How to apply

The scheme is open from 1 June to 30 September. To apply, fill in a [Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance form \(pdf\)](#). You can also get a form at your local [health centre](#) or text FORM BTSCFA followed by your name and address to 51909 (standard text rates apply).

#### Appeals

If you are unhappy with the decision on your application, you should write to the Appeals Officer at your Health Service Executive Area, setting out the reason why you are not happy with the decision.

Visit: <http://www.welfare.ie/EN/Schemes/SupplementaryWelfareAllowance/Pages/BacktoSchoolClothingandFootwearAllowance.aspx>

**On [www.traleetimes.com](http://www.traleetimes.com) index or home page there is a link to the Citizens Information Website**

### Dwelling units approved, in Ireland, down 23.7% in year (1st Quarter 2009)

This release shows that for the first quarter of 2009, planning permissions were granted for 14,177 dwelling units, compared with 18,582 units for the same period in 2008, a decrease of 23.7%.

<http://www.cso.ie/releasespublications/documents/construction/current/planperm.pdf>

The number of persons aged 19 years or younger decreased from 1.36 million in 1986 to less than 1.2 million in 2008. Persons aged 19 years or younger accounted for 38.3% of the population in 1986 but for only 27% of the population in 2008.

[http://www.cso.ie/newsevents/pr\\_cdygpeople2008.htm](http://www.cso.ie/newsevents/pr_cdygpeople2008.htm)

## Unemployment in OECD countries to approach 10% in 2010, says OECD

23/06/2009 - Unemployment in OECD countries will continue to rise well into 2010, with the average unemployment rate approaching 10%, up from 7.8% in April, according to new OECD projections.

More than 57 million people will be unemployed in OECD countries by the end of 2010, according to OECD estimates, up from 37.2 million at the end of 2008, when the average unemployment rate was 6.8%. The expected increase will bring OECD-wide unemployment to 9.9% at the end of 2010, its highest level since the 1970s, with an average for the year of 9.8%. Unemployment touched a recent low point of 5.5% in the last quarter of 2007, standing at 31.6 million at the end of that year.

[http://www.oecd.org/document/57/0,3343,en\\_2649\\_33927\\_43136377\\_1\\_1\\_1\\_1,00.html](http://www.oecd.org/document/57/0,3343,en_2649_33927_43136377_1_1_1_1,00.html)

## Driving Licenses

[The European Union](#) parliament last week (18th December 2006), gave final approval for a pan-European driving license scheme. The current plan is to create a database tracking drivers' history throughout Europe, rather than allowing drivers with a bad record in one country to obtain a new license in a different country.

Individual European State governments would have a choice of whether to issue the new forgery-proof licenses for 10 or 15 years. The credit card-style license, with photograph and possibly a microchip, will begin introduction **in 2013; phasing in of the new license will be completed by 2032.**

300 million drivers throughout the European Union currently use at least 110 different paper and plastic licenses and various documents. The single biometric license would replace most, if not all, of these documents.

Belgian MEP Mathieu Grosch said some licenses still in use were so old that they had been issued by states that no longer exist, such as the former East Germany.

Greatly reducing the number of possible documents and making the new license "forgery-proof" will ease the burden on all law enforcement agencies throughout Europe. Biometric RFID chips, if they are included at the option of individual States, would allow agencies to scan the licenses locally and connect to an international database, often in near-real time.

Licenses for truck and bus drivers will be valid for only five years, requiring regular renewal and associated testing. For motorcyclists, a "step-up" approach will become obligatory in all member states, meaning that new riders will have to build up experience on smaller motorcycles before moving on to larger engines.

"The times when people convicted of drink-driving could simply get a new license in another country will soon be over," said German Socialist MEP Willi Pieczyk. Currently, "driving license tourism" is becoming a serious problem as drivers with serious convictions on their records banned in one country can often often [get a new license in another EU State](#).

Some [EU countries](#) currently grant driving licenses for life. Germany and Austria were reluctant to agree to a license that had to be regularly renewed, but dropped their objections this past March.

Member states will have the option to include a microchip to store information about the driver.

"The common EU driving license will play a major role in improving security on European roads and in fighting fraud," said Transport Commissioner Jacques Barrot.

"Each European driver will carry a driving license that is clear, modern and recognized in all EU member states."

[http://www.workpermit.com/news/2006\\_12\\_18/eu/european\\_driving\\_license.htm](http://www.workpermit.com/news/2006_12_18/eu/european_driving_license.htm)

## National Archives loses hard drive with Clinton era records

WASHINGTON (CNN) -- The National Archives -- a repository of important government documents, including the U.S. Constitution -- has lost a computer hard drive containing large volumes of Clinton administration records, including the names, phone numbers and Social Security numbers of White House staff members and visitors.

For more use the following link:

[http://www.edition.cnn.com/2009/POLITICS/05/20/lost.hard.drive.clinton/index.html?eref=rss\\_us](http://www.edition.cnn.com/2009/POLITICS/05/20/lost.hard.drive.clinton/index.html?eref=rss_us)



## June 26th 1948 : Berlin Airlift begins

On this day in 1948, U.S. and British pilots begin delivering food and supplies by airplane to Berlin after the city is isolated by a Soviet Union blockade.

When World War II ended in 1945, defeated Germany was divided into Soviet, American, British and French zones of occupation. The city of Berlin, though located within the Soviet zone of occupation, was also split into four sectors, with the Allies taking the western part of the city and the Soviets the eastern.

In June 1948, Josef Stalin's government attempted to consolidate control of the city by cutting off all land and sea routes to West Berlin in order to pressure the Allies to evacuate. As a result, beginning on June 24 the western section of Berlin and its 2 million people were deprived of food, heating fuel and other crucial supplies.

Though some in U.S. President Harry S. Truman's administration called for a direct military response to this aggressive Soviet move, Truman worried such a response would trigger another world war. Instead, he authorized a massive airlift operation under the control of General Lucius D. Clay, the American-appointed military governor of Germany. The first planes took off from England and western Germany on June 26, loaded with food, clothing, water, medicine and fuel.

By July 15, an average of 2,500 tons of supplies was being flown into the city every day. The massive scale of the airlift made it a huge logistical challenge and at times a great risk. With planes landing at Tempelhof Airport every four minutes, round the clock, pilots were being asked to fly two or more round-trip flights every day, in World War II planes that were sometimes in need of repair.

The Soviets lifted the blockade in May 1949, having earned the scorn of the international community for subjecting innocent men, women and children to hardship and starvation. The airlift--called die Luftbrücke or "the air bridge" in German--continued until September 1949, for a total delivery of more than 1.5 million tons of supplies and a total cost of over \$224 million. When it ended, the eastern section of Berlin was absorbed into Soviet East Germany, while West Berlin remained a separate territory with its own government and close ties to West Germany. The Berlin Wall, built in 1961, formed a dividing line between East and West Berlin. Its destruction in 1989 presaged the 1991 collapse of the Soviet Union and marked the end of an era and the reemergence of Berlin as the capital of a new, unified German nation.

You can read more notes on Historic Events on [www.traleetimes.com](http://www.traleetimes.com)



### Ice on fire: The next fossil fuel?

DEEP in the Arctic Circle, in the Messoyakha gas field of western Siberia, lies a mystery. Back in 1970, Russian engineers began pumping natural gas from beneath the permafrost and piping it east across the tundra to the Norilsk metal smelter, the biggest industrial enterprise in the Arctic. By the late 70s, they were on the brink of winding down the operation. According to their surveys, they had sapped nearly all the methane from the deposit. But despite their estimates, the gas just kept on coming. The field continues to power Norilsk today.

Where is this methane coming from? The Soviet geologists initially thought it was leaking from another deposit hidden beneath the first. But their experiments revealed the opposite - the mystery methane is seeping into the well from the icy permafrost above.

If unintentionally, what they had achieved was the first, and so far only, successful exploitation of methane clathrate. Made of molecules of methane trapped within ice crystals, this stuff looks like dirty ice and has the consistency of sorbet. Touch it with a lit match, though, and it bursts into flames.

Clathrates are rapidly gaining favour as an answer to the energy crisis. Burning methane emits only half as much carbon dioxide as burning coal, and many countries are seeing clathrates as a quick and easy way of reducing carbon emissions. Others question whether that is wise, and are worried that extracting clathrates at all could have unforeseen and perilous side effects.

<http://www.newscientist.com/article/mg20227141.100-ice-on-fire-the-next-fossil-fuel.html?page=1>

## Where can you find the cheapest.....?

In these times of tightened purse strings etc etc... We have decided to dedicate a new page on [www.traleetimes.com](http://www.traleetimes.com) to finding out where indeed you can find the cheapest....?

Anything from black plastic bags to brushes, from shoes to stationery, from petrol to paper etc. Initially we will confine this project to the Tralee area.

We will be looking for help from you the consumers. We will be asking people to phone, text or email the information which they have on cheap prices. Each piece of information must include the product name, size (e.g. kgs.), the price, where it can be bought at the price (the retailer etc.)

Having this information will allow us to verify the information and we will then post it on the website.

So if you want to participate then:

**Phone/text: 087 7615276 or email: [editor@traleetimes.com](mailto:editor@traleetimes.com)**



The **Air Ambulance** is a dedicated Air ambulance service that assesses and delivers the patient quickly and directly to the hospital that caters for their needs.

It will help with the following RTA, outlying and inaccessible areas where a road ambulance is taken off station for too long, transplants, transfers, off islands, head, spinal injuries, strokes and heart attacks, plus maternity.

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- We are airborne in 3 minutes and will reach county limits in 15 minutes.
- Fast response leads to reductions in stays in intensive care (down 5-7days), wound infections (down 9%) deaths from head injuries (down 15%).  
Statistics from Germany.
- Ireland is busy: Ireland has nearly 6 million people, 12 motor/major roads, 77 primary and secondary roads, and numerous minor roads, all covering approximately 70,000 miles.
- The Air Ambulance will leap-frog congestion.
- We have fewer hospitals with



- increasing specialisation.
- The All Ireland Air Ambulance will fly direct to the hospital best equipped for the emergency.
- Typical missions could involve any of us.

Road traffic collisions (33-40% of call outs), collapse/heart attack (20%) sporting, equestrian, falls and agricultural accidents.

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### Downsizing Aston Martin???

Aston Martin has developed a new luxury commuter concept; the 'Cygnets' which will offer customers a distinctive, intelligent and exclusive solution for urban travel in style and luxury. For more: <http://www.astonmartin.com/thecompany/news?a=ee5fb483-3a1f-43c0-98f5-942854135911>

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