



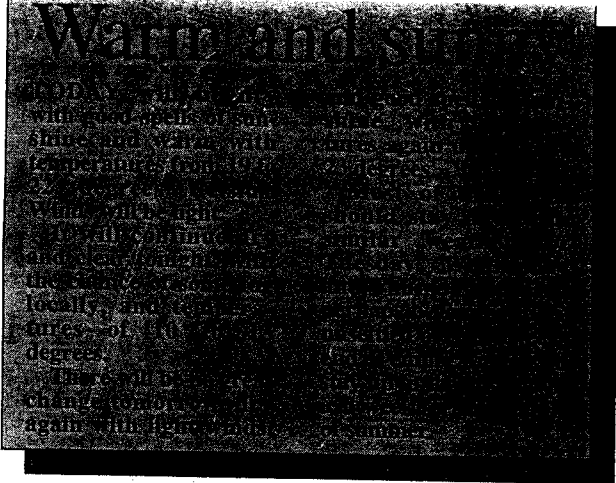
Zoe Robin, Caherdavin, prepares for the arrival of King John during the Charter 800 festivities.

Cllr Leddin has been officially chosen as the Labour party's candidate.

The election could be brother against brother, as Tim Leddin is likely to be selected by Fine Gael.

It is understood that along with the six members of the Labour party the three members of the Progressive Democrats will be supporting Cllr Frank Leddin's candidacy.

There are 17 members



Hunt museum is jewel in the crown of medieval city

By **DYMPHNA BRACKEN**

THE Hunt museum was describe as the "jewel in the crown" of medieval Limerick by Mayor Kieran O'Hanlon when he conferred the Freedom of the City on John and Trudy Hunt.

The honour, he said, was also an appropriate gesture to their late parents John and Gertrude Hunt who donated their unique collection of priceless historical objects to the Irish nation.

Deputy Jim Kemmy, described the Hunt Museum as a "milestone" in the cul-

tural life of the city and one that will attract people from all parts of the world to the city.

He referred to the honour in the past having been conferred on "aged clergymen and politicians passing through the city" saying that it is important that young people be honoured in the future.

John Hunt, 40, and Trudy, 39, are among the youngest ever recipients of the award.

They commented: "How utterly privileged we both feel to have been able to partake in the realisation of our parents, John and Gertrude's, dream that the collection should remain

intact and that the people of Ireland should have it as their theirs, and in particular, that the collection is housed in Limerick.

"On behalf of our family we thank the Corporation who have always fully endorsed the project and the people for their ongoing generous support of the museum."

John Hunt was born in Limerick in 1957. He now lives in Dublin with his wife Patricia and three children Jack, Paddy and Miriam. A freelance librarian, Trudy was born in Dublin in 1958 and currently lives in Sutton.

John and Trudy always had a desire to fulfil their

parents ambitions for the collection and so subsequently both became actively involved in the project to secure a permanent home for the entire Hunt collection.

John became a member of the board of directors of the Hunt Museum which was established by the Hunt Museum Trust to convert the Custom House into a suitable home for the Hunt collection and to operate the museum.

Trudy devoted herself to cataloguing the entire collection and also to establishing the Hunt Museum Library which specialises in European medieval art books.



John and Trudy Hunt after receiving their freedom of the City of Limerick. (C1)

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