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TOURISM

By George, it's the Corrigan brothers



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THE MUSICAL lads who gave us "No One As Irish as Barack Obama," have turned their sights on Hollywood heart-throbs for their latest release.

Castletroy band, The Corrigan Brothers who have charted all over the world with their ten million youtube hit "There's no one as Irish as Barack Obama" as well as celebrating Susan Boyle's cat with "I'm Pebbles Boyle spare a thought for me" are releasing "Welcome Home George Clooney" to celebrate George Clooney's pending holiday in Ireland.

They even hope that their musical prowess will persuade the movie star, who made his name as Doctor Doug Ross in the television series 'ER', to extend his Irish holiday to include a stopover in Limerick.

Clooney, who recently discovered his family roots

in Kilkenny, said that he plans to visit Ireland this summer with his wife, human rights lawyer Amal Alamuddin, who is a regular visitor to the country.

Adding that he was embarrassed that he hadn't visited areas outside Dublin before now, the 53-year-old actor said he'd been talking about going there for years and Bono had been trying to get him to do a bike ride around Ireland with him.

Referring to the U2 singer's recent bike accident in New York, Clooney said: "He probably won't be up for that now, but I'm definitely going to make a visit happen this summer. Amal has been several times, so she can show me around."

Brian Corrigan of the Corrigan Brothers said "we look forward to performing the song for George and his wife when they visit Tulahought, County Kilkenny to see his original homestead and meet his relations. We hope he will join us in a sing song in Powers Pub."

POLITICS

Maria predicts better times in 2015

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FINE Gael councillor for City West, Maria Byrne, believes that Limerick is beginning to see signs of recovery and feels that 2015 is the year to build on this.

The former Mayor of Limerick is hopeful that 2015 will be a good year for the people of Limerick. She also claimed that Fine Gael expect the national unemployment rate to finally fall below 10 per cent

in all regions of the country in the coming year. Supports for SMEs are in place, work is continually underway to attract foreign direct investment and we are learning to maximise Ireland's potential as a tourist destination," she concluded.

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