

# County Chronicle



Sean Curtin reveals scenes from Shannonside's storied past

## Stroke of luck for swimmers

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The Square in Askeaton . . . what an absolutely cracking picture courtesy of Paddy Cronin



St. Mary's Terrace, Askeaton, again courtesy of Paddy Cronin



Askeaton Post Office in the centre with Mick Purcell having a chat with Guard McGough. Fitzgibbons Pub is on the left, and Goerge Finn's Bicycle Shop is on the right.