



Reading: movie star Stephen Rea is in the Lime Tree

Stephen to read in Limerick's Lime Tree

ALAN OWENS
News Reporter

OSCAR nominated film star Stephen Rea is in Limerick this weekend for an appearance at the Lime Tree Theatre.

The Belfast star of the *Crying Game*, *Interview with a Vampire* and *Michael Collins* will read a rehearsed spoken word presentation of Brian O'Nolan's blackly comic masterpiece *The Third Policeman*.

Rea is the narrator of the piece, adapted from O'Nolan's novel, which was developed by musician Colin Reid and which the pair have performed on a number of occasions.

The murder thriller and comic satire is a "music and spoken word" piece and features live music from four exceptional musicians, including Reid.

Louise Donlon, manager of the 510-seater Lime Tree Theatre, said it would be a "privilege" to welcome the high profile actor to the venue.

"We are very much looking forward to the production and it is a real privilege to be able to host somebody of Stephen's calibre here," she explained.

"Very few other film stars from Ireland have the profile that he has, Liam Neeson or maybe Cillian Murphy, so to have somebody of that calibre is great and we are delighted."

Ms Donlon said the piece, a rehearsed reading, was "slightly different" to conventional theatre, but no less intriguing.

"It is slightly different to standard theatre or music gigs, it is a mixture of the two. We are on the lookout for work that is slightly different that is going to potentially bring in a new audience, which is why we jumped at the chance to host this."

The *Third Policeman* takes place this Saturday at 8pm in the Lime Tree. Tickets are available at www.limetreetheatre.ie.



Historic: St Brigid's Boys Club at an outing to Spanish Point in 1944 - Michael Phayer is in the top row, second from left - a few years before he joined Athlunkard Boat Club

Message

As President of Athlunkard Boat Club, it gives me great pleasure to extend a warm welcome to each and everyone, for coming here today to witness another great day in Athlunkard Boat Club History.

Without people like you, that is all the people here today past and present, this could not have been achieved, for this I thank you.

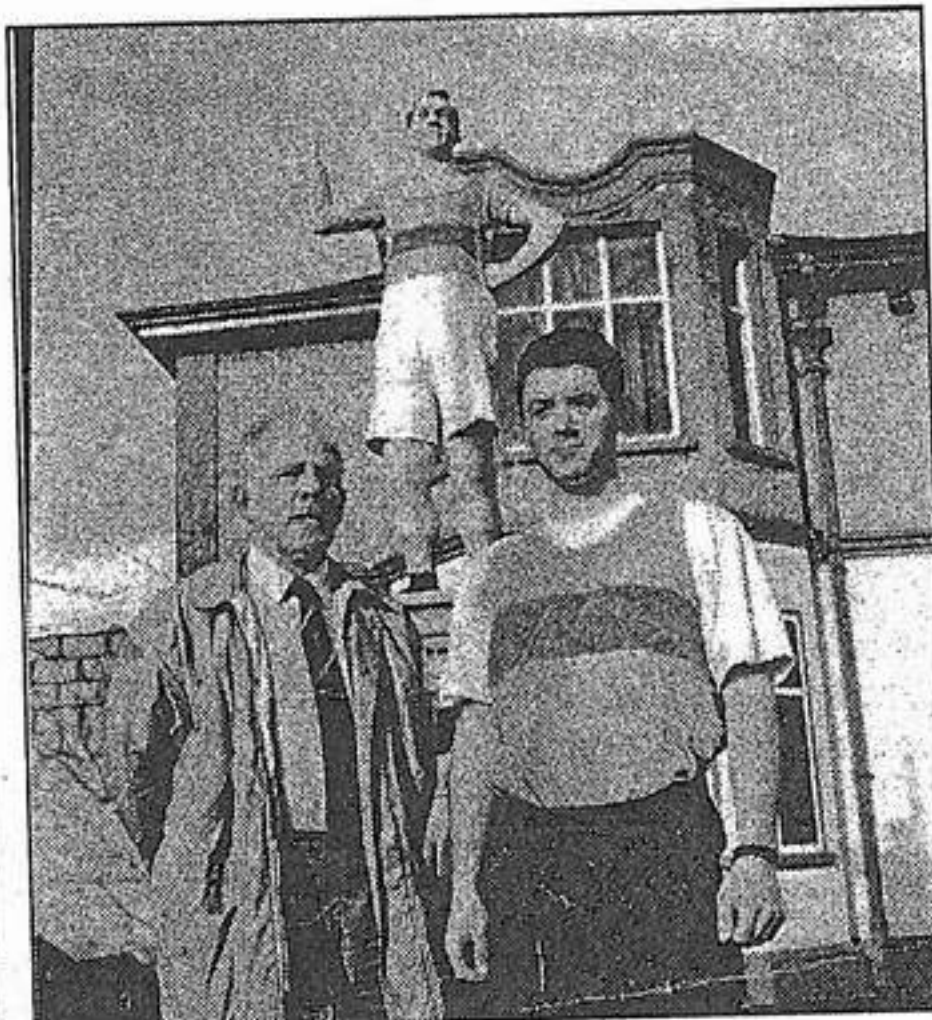
Our old boat house was destroyed by fire some four years ago, so as from today we have risen from the ashes.

We deeply appreciate the encouragement and support of all our sponsors for helping us to build such a lovely boat house.

I would also like to thank all the Members and Committee for all the hard work, and the endless hours in ensuring that this occasion is a very enjoyable one.

Michael Phayer

Michael Phayer's address to Athlunkard Boat Club members when he was president back in 1998



A family affair: Michael Phayer, and his grandson James Sweeney-Phayer, ahead of

1957
ATHLUNKARD BOAT CLUB, LIMERICK
(Light Blue and Green)

Senior Eight	Maiden Eight
M. J. Reid (cox)	J. M. Linnane (cox)
T. C. Heaghey	V. G. Han
M. A. Phayer	V. H. Roberts
G. P. O'Flynn	J. J. Heaghey
M. J. Downey	V. P. Clancy
M. A. Phayer	M. A. Phayer
H. P. Phayer	K. P. Phayer
G. P. O'Flynn	P. McNamee
P. H. Hea (cox)	J. G. McNamee

Senior Four "B" Crew	Senior Four "A" Crew
M. J. Reid (cox)	M. J. Downey (cox)
T. C. Heaghey	L. P. Phayer
M. A. Phayer	D. P. Phayer
G. P. O'Flynn	G. P. O'Flynn
R. T. Clancy (cox)	L. H. Hea (cox)

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Scorecard from 1957 Athlone Regatta, in which Athlunkard Boat Club competed

A treasure trove of rowing memorabilia

A RATHBANE Road man has unearthed a treasure trove of memories in his attic.

Michael Phayer, a former president of Athlunkard Boat Club in the St Mary's Parish, has uncovered memorabilia, and photographs from the group dating back to the 1940s.

And after reading the Limerick Leader's archive section, he has chosen to share his memories with us.

Before he started a more than 65 year relationship with the Athlunkard Boat Club, Mr Phayer was a member of St Brigid's Boys Club.

NICK RABBITS
News Reporter

The club was founded in St Mary's Park, and had an outing to Spanish Point in Co Clare, which one of Michael's pictures is taken from.

He joined Athlunkard Boat Club in 1946, and was president in 1998, where he kept a newsletter which contained

his address to members.

Rowing runs in the Phayer family: for Michael's grandson James Phayer-Sweeney was also a keen rower.

Pictured in 1993 with his grandfather here, James is now aged 37, and remains a coach in Athlunkard Boat Club.

Michael also kept hold of a scorecard, from when Athlunkard Boat Club took part in the 1957 Athlone Regatta.

The team lost to a selection from

Queen's University, Belfast.

Michael has more photos and memorabilia in his home - but he regrets that he has not kept more over the years.

"I received a lot of programmes from different regattas in Limerick. I wish I had held onto more," he said.

Asked if he would ever row again, he said: "A fella asked me if I wanted to do it. But I said I would not bother. I am still a member of the club just a social one!"