only fire can bring.

Cllr Daniel Butler was among those to pay tribute to the service after the two high-profile fires in Raheen Industrial Estate and a metal recycling plant on the Ballysimon Road - plumes of smoke from which could be seen for many

family know only too well the pain that fire can bring. A bright, beautiful girl is now lost to her family because of a tragic incident in Annacotty - a life snuffed out too young.

She revelled in her time at UL, and we offer our sympathies to her grief stricken family.

dumped in County Limerick who said he had never seen such a horrific state of neglect drew a huge reaction on the Limerick Leader's Facebook page. Limerick Animal Welfare said the inhumanity to the animal was "unforgivable": See Page 13.

Lesley Cunningham: Most of us love our pets, for the rest of those evil people, they need to be prosecuted, jailed, fined and barred from going near any animal

Helena Halikias: This breaks my heart. I can't help thinking of that veterinarian who had to put him down. I'm so sorry that they have to witness such things, it cannot be easy for them. Vets deserve all of the extra hugs and support for what they do. RIP sweet doggie

Louise Mackessy: Devastating! Appalled when I seen it on LAW page

people? Some consolation that his suffering is over. That boy should have been loved and cared for its the least he deserved.

Joseph Mc Mahon: Jail would be too good for the evil person that did this. How could anyone do that? It's unbelievable. It's high time the law was changed and tougher sentences imposed for these vicious and cruel acts.

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RELIVING THE NEWS with Sean Curtin

Thomond Bridge cost just a mere £30 to build

From the Limerick Chronicle: Saturday, January 26, 1931

TOWN TOPICS

In Castle Barracks

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Town Topices column ran in the Limerick Chronicle for several years and covered every kind of topic that was of interest to the unnamed writer.

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The Government is to insist on getting some compensation for the property, but no sum has been specified so far. When the Corporation have prepared an estimate showing the cost of the reconstruction work, then the Ministry will name a sum "that will show neither profit nor loss" to the Council. That would seem to be a very fair proposition.

A CHEAP BRIDGE

When King John came to Ireland towards the end of the 12th century, we are told, he was so captivated with the beauty of Limerick, that he caused a singularly choice castle, "egregium Castellum," and bridge to be built. The old bridge, which spanned the Shannon at the site of the present Thomond Bridge, was perfectly level. It was built on fourteen arches, under each of which marks of the hurdles, on which it was erected, were visible until the structure was taken down in 1838, when the building of Thomond Bridge was undertaken.

According to tradition, John's Bridge cost only £30 to build. That need not cause any surprise as it is more than likely that the bridge was erected by soldiers, whose pay at the time of King John was only three half-pence per day.

THE "MODERN" BUILDINGS

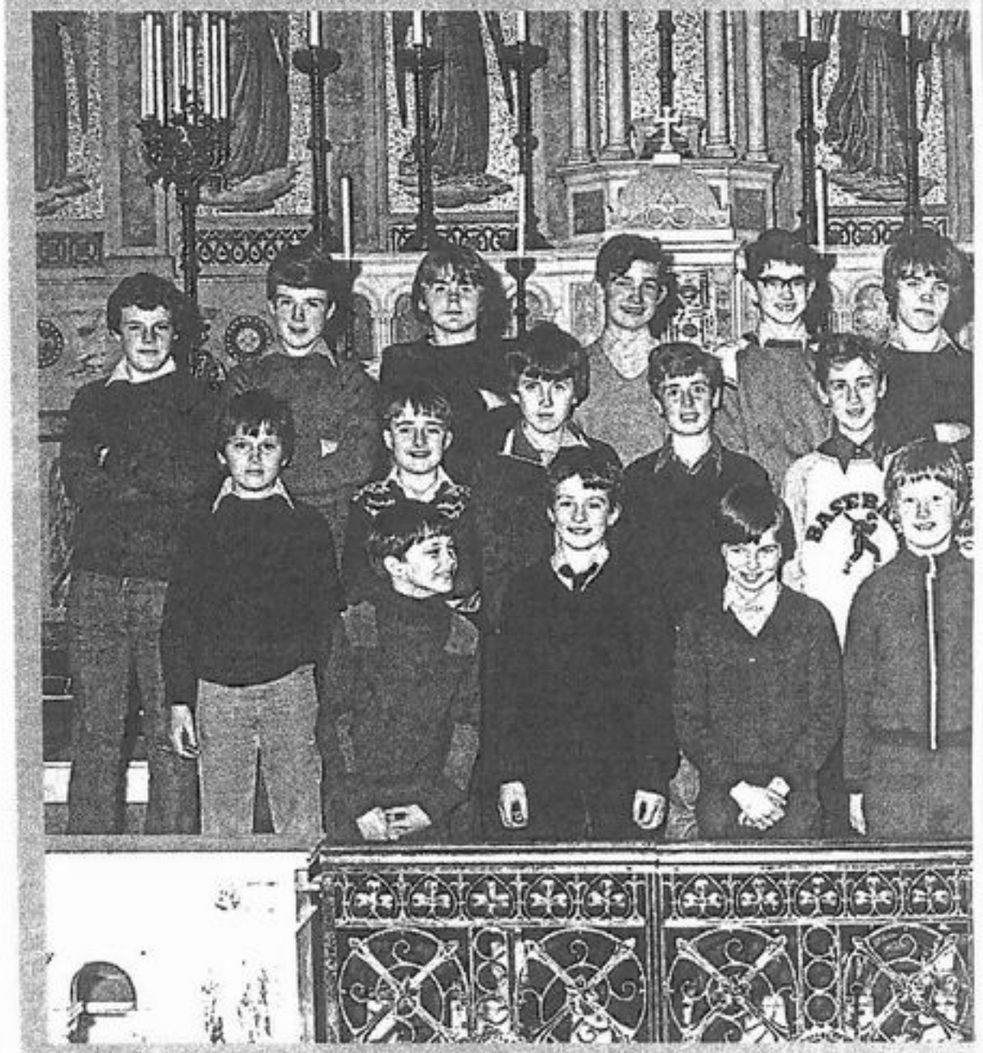
King John's Castle continues to to be one of the finest specimens of fortified Norman architecture in Ireland.

The north-west tower is said to have been the first portion of the work undertaken. An infantry barracks was attached to the castle in 1751.

It is these buildings that are now referred to as the "modern" part of the Castle Barracks. The king furnished the castle with every requisite for the defence of his newly acquired property. In 1699 King James I granted charter to the city by which certain privileges were bestowed. By this charter, however, the King's Castle and other property were reserved.

The first Constable to be appointed to take charge of the barracks was Godfrey de Rupe, who held supreme control in 1216.

FROM THE ARCHIVES



A group of altar boys from St Mary's parish in 1982

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