



Richard Harris returns for funeral of brother

By EUGENE PHELAN

Limerick actor Richard Harris this Monday morning flew from the U.S. to attend the funeral of his brother Dermot.

Dressed in a three-quarter length grey coat with blue jeans and a purple scarf, the actor met many old friends during his brief visit home.

He was whisked in by car from Shannon Airport before the 11 a.m. funeral Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Ennis Road, and hopes to be on stage in

Baltimore, Maryland tonight. The internationally famous actor, looking a little drawn but still managing a smile and time for a few brief words with many at the funeral faced a hectic schedule after the burial.

A friend of the family explained: "He will go from Shannon to Dublin onto London where he will get the Concorde to New York. There he has to get connections onto Baltimore".

The actor walked around the Church going from seat to seat having a brief word with his friends and was still chatting with old acquaintances when Monsignor

Michael Tynan came to the altar for the Mass.

However, behind the brave smiling face one could see a great tinge of sadness for his brother Dermot was very close.

They were both preparing for an evening's performance of Camelot when Dermot aged 50 died in Chicago on Thursday. He had been producer-manager for his brother for many years.

A friend from London George McDonald read one of the lessons and Joe Healy from the West of Ireland another friend read the other.

Also present were Darragh O'Malley, auctioneer Com Shanahan and other members

of the business community. Chief mourners were Billy, Noel, Richard, Ivan and Jim Harris.

The deceased was son of Ivan and Mildred Harris of the Ennis Road. He went to school at Crescent College, Rockwell and after working in the family flour and meal store he went to join Richard in London.

The brothers had been very close and he was with Dick and the roadshow Camelot when he died. They were on tour of the United States after a visit to Japan with the musical, as part of a world tour. Dermot was father of two children Charlotte Emily and Christopher Ivan.



Richard Harris at the funeral of his brother in the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, Ennis Road this Monday morning. Picture: OWEN SOUTH.

RESCUE DRAMA

By CONOR KEANE

FOUR Parteen men escaped drowning on Saturday when their boat capsized crossing Curraghour Falls

as they searched for the body of schoolboy Ciaran O'Sullivan.

The four men were crossing the falls in a fibreglass boat while searching for the body of Ciaran who fell into the Tailrace near Ardnacrusha on October 29 last.

All four were flung into the Shannon, which was in flood.

The four men, John Gleeson, Fairfield, Parteen; Patsy Houlihan, Ballykeelan, Parteen; Robert Nash, Bishop Murphy Estate, Parteen, and Martin Hennessy, Parteen, were later taken from the river with the assistance of Limerick Fire Brigade.

Praise

Mr. Houlihan, an employee of the E.S.B. at Ardnacrusha, singled out the firemen for special praise when he recounted his ordeal this Monday.

"The fire brigade were absolutely marvellous. You couldn't say enough about them", he added.

Mr. Houlihan told the Limerick Leader that everything went wrong as they crossed the falls and the boat capsized.

"The boat went over and I was trapped under it. I got a lash in the head from the boat—not too hard though. John Gleeson managed to pull me out from under it and we drifted down river towards Shannon Boat Club.

"The two others clung to the boat as we were swept to the club. We shouted out to the porter in Sarsfield House for help. He must have called it, because the fire brigade were at the boat club when we were clutching the parapet of

don't think we would have made it without them", recounted the father of four.

His wife, Noreen, was full of praise for Mr. Gleeson: "He saved Pat's life".

"We took in a good bit of water. I was wearing what I thought was a life jacket but it was only a buoyancy aid. The wellingtons filled up with water and things were looking bad for a while", recalled Mr. Houlihan.

A team from Limerick Fire Brigade under Mr. Don McCarthy helped all four men from the river. A boat crew training in the river managed to get the capsized vessel under tow with the two men in the water at St. Michael's boat club, where the fire brigade again pulled out the stops to take the men from the river.

Fellow E.S.B. employee, Martin Hennessy, and Robert Nash, who works with Telecom, and post office staff man John Gleeson and Mr. Houlihan were none the worse after their ordeal.

Mr. Houlihan was taken to Barrington's after the incident and allowed home after treatment.

DEATH

FOLEY (nee Rodgers)—November 15, 1986, at her residence (suddenly), Elizabeth (Betty), relict of Patrick, 25 Caragh Avenue, Caherdavin, Limerick, and late of Kiltrickle, Galway. Very deeply

Social Welfare procedures under strong attack

A STRONG attack was made on the Department of Social Welfare at the monthly meeting of the Limerick Council of Trade Unions where it was alleged that people were being cut off from benefits following verbal evidence from "someone down the road."

"This is happening widespread. I have heard that the Department of Social Welfare are nearly paying people for this information", said Ms. Margaret O'Connor, A.S.T.M.A. General Branch, Branch.

The present appeals system was examined by the Council and a resolution was passed calling on the Minister to ensure that when drawing up the next budget that a proper appeals system be set up to deal with the problems that arise in connection with the Social Welfare system.

Exchange

They also called on the Minister to ensure that the language used on application forms for benefits be simplified for ease use by applicants and

anyone involved in the Appeals panel at the Labour Exchange will see the result of these problems first hand.

"Many of the forms are so complicated that it's difficult for well educated people to understand them—this often results in people being out of benefit for many weeks".

He added: "Having served on the present Appeals panel, one thing which amazes me is that people who are supposed to be looking for work have to produce written evidence that they have tried for work."

"This is very unfair, expecting them to bring documental evidence—most employers just don't have the time to furnish people with these".

Continuing, Mr. Davoren said that the present situation is disgraceful: "It's a motion well worth passing", he added.

Mr. Jim Wallace pointed out that many people who have a case to put before the Appeals panel do not realise that they can bring in someone to represent them and if we want to help the unemployed we should set up a panel of our own—its perhaps an obvious idea for the new Unemployed Centre to take up.

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