

# Dickie Harris on his childhood in Limerick

**RICHARD HARRIS**, the world-famous Limerick actor, has spoken of the enduring influence of his Limerick background, and how it may have been responsible for his present wealth.

"I had a very good childhood, I had a good family. I think in a strange way my family background had an awful lot to do with my career," he said in an interview.

"We came from a very well-off family. I remember in my home we had gardeners, chauffeurs, we had private tutors. I was very small. I then remember my mother on her knees scrubbing floors, turning white overnight, hating Mondays because she had to wash clothes for eight children, do sheets because the money was gone.

"The business just collapsed year after year, bits of it got closed down and things were bad. So somewhere in my mind, in

my psyche, I believed I had it easy and then it was very bad. And somehow or other I said that my children would never be like this, and I would never be like this again.

"I couldn't handle that kind of change so I remember when I was about 40 I said "You know, this is not going to go on forever Richard, or Dickie, the phone isn't going to keep ringing. Times are going to change, a new era is going to come in, you won't be in demand anymore. So I decided then I was going to make a lot of money."

Which he did, most notably by acquiring the rights to the highly successful Camelot, in which he has played the leading role all over the world.

He hasn't been reckless with his money and it seems highly unlikely that Richard Harris will feel hard times again.



## DEATHS

**CORCORAN** - May 20, 1989, at the Little Company of Mary Hospice, Castletroy, Michael, 40 Cross Roads, Thomondgate, Limerick (late of McKern's Printing Co.), beloved husband of Mamie. Deeply regretted by his loving wife; sisters, May and Kitty; nephews, relatives and friends. R.I.P. Removal from Thompson's Funeral Chapel, Thomas Street, to St. Munchin's Church this Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Requiem Mass tomorrow (Tuesday) at 12 noon. Funeral afterwards to Mount St. Laurence Cemetery. (c)

**HOARIS** (nee Dalton) - May 22, 1989, at her son's residence, 63 Fairgreen, Limerick, Mary (late of 18 Clarke Avenue, Jamesboro). Very deeply regretted by her loving daughter, Chris; sons, George, Terry, Thomas (Jr.), Joe, Eric and Francis; brother, Joe; son-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends. May she rest in peace. Funeral arrangements later from Lynch's Funeral Chapel, Upper Gerald Griffin Street, Tel. 46463. (c)

**McNAMARA** - May 22, 1989, at St. Paul's Nursing Home, Patrick, Corrib Drive, Clareview, Limerick (and Cratloe, Co. Clare), beloved husband of the late Ellen. Deeply regretted by his loving sons, Sean and Patrick; daughters, Mary (Sr. Ursula, London) and Anne; brothers, sisters, daughters-in-law, son-in-law, grandchildren, niece, nephews, relatives and friends. R.I.P. Removal from Griffin's Funeral Home, Gerald Griffin Street, to Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Ennis Road, tomorrow

(Tuesday) evening at 6.45 o'clock. Requiem Mass on Wednesday at 11 o'clock. Funeral afterwards to Craughnaun Cemetery, Cratloe. (c)

**O'BRIEN** (nee O'Sullivan) - May 21, 1989, at the Regional Hospital, Margaret, 8 Hillcrest Drive, Greystones, Limerick, and formerly of Charleville. Very deeply regretted by her loving daughter, Pat; son-in-law, Jim; grandchildren, Rita and Jim; great-grandchildren, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends. May she rest in peace. Removal from Lynch's Funeral Chapel, Upper Gerald Griffin Street, to Our Lady of the Rosary Church this Monday evening at 7 o'clock. Requiem Mass tomorrow (Tuesday) at 12 noon. Funeral afterwards to Mount St. Laurence Cemetery. (c)

**SLATTERY** - May 19, 1989, in London, Thomas, late of 36 Fairgreen, Limerick (founder member of Pike Rovers F.C.). Deeply regretted by his loving daughters, Phyllis, Bernie, Mary, Patsy; son, Michael; grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Burial to take place in London. (7658)

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**LIMERICK SCHOOL** children and youth groups taking part in the Opel/An Taisce, "Work for Ireland" competition were reminded this week that they should return their completed projects as soon as possible.

Four Limerick schools have entered projects in the competition, which calls on young people to look around their local environment and see what they can do themselves to improve it.

The local competing schools include, St. Nessan's N.S. Mungret who are clearing up the local graveyard; Patrickswell N.S. who are cleaning and painting the 'well' where the village got its name; St. Paul's N.S. Dooradoyle who are clearing up a vacant lot near the school and turning it into a small park and St. Joseph's Vocational

School, Newport who are landscaping the school grounds, laying a new pathway, planting trees, shrubs and bedding plants.

If you would like to enter but haven't completed or even started on a project yet, there is still time as the closing date has now been extended to Friday, June 30.

An Taisce is the premier independent environmental organisation in Ireland. Nationally based with some 6,000 members around the country in 37 local branches, An Taisce is concerned with the protection and preservation of Ireland's unique environmental heritage.

Since January, thousands of school children countrywide have seen the colourful Video Introduction to the Opel/An Taisce "Work for Ireland" environmental project competition and over 80 schools have in addition, received a visit and a talk by a An Taisce

representative.

Suggestions given by An Taisce for projects included, cleaning up of local rivers, streams or lakes; landscaping a school grounds with trees, shrubs and flowers; painting wall murals and cleaning up old graveyards and monuments.

An Taisce called on young people to be inventive with their projects.

"Think up your own ideas.

The highest marks will go to projects that don't just fix a problem for the moment but which treat the cause of the problem and help stop it happening again."

Entries since January 1 have been pouring in from all over the country, many from previous year entrants. And the closing date now extended it is expected that a record entry in this the sixth An Taisce competition.

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