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THE Shannon Arms is alive and well again and thriving in its old home in Henry Street. . . .

Local businessmen Justin Ryan and brother Noel, together with Americans David Ralston and Curtis Zane have lovingly restored this famous Limerick landmark at a cost of almost £¾m, a sizeable investment by any standards.

When they purchased the property last year their intentions were clear — to establish it as Limerick's leading complex, comprising lounge, bar, conservatory, night club and bistro.

Nine months later they have succeeded in their aim, and a visit to the new look Shannon Arms will testify that the owners stood by their word.

The old facade has been retained, the inside preserved as much as possible.

The old blends in very much with the new and the atmosphere generated is hard to equal.

It is management's policy to provide a full range of services and later this year it is their wish to add even more facilities.

What has the Shannon Arms to offer?

What hits you immediately you step inside the main door is the decor, design and friendliness. The spacious lounge is divided into several sub-sections with an alcove to cater for private parties and functions. There is flexible seating for upwards of 200 and though the main area is

open plan, with the bar enjoying centre stage, the overall design is such that freedom of movement prevails.

While hot food is served all day there is a special lunch menu available from 12.30 to 2.30. The main course, which on the day we visited consisted of Boiled Limerick bacon, Southern Fried Chicken-Maryland, Oven Baked Trout and Grilled lamb cutlets, will set you back between £2.80 and £3.20. There was a choice of oxtail soup and chilled melon



The Shannon Arms have parking facilities for all their customers.

wedge for less than a punt, and a good selection of sweets.

The old Shannon Arms was always famous for its traditional type bar and the new owners have maintained that tradition. The surroundings are simple, yet enticing, and the man who likes his pint and a chat will favour this bar where prices are lower than in the lounge.

The Bistro offers exceptionally good value for money. Lunch, for example, is on offer at around £5.00, and it reopens again at 6 p.m., with last orders at 10.15.

It is possible to enjoy a substantial meal and bottle of wine in the Bistro for around £20 for two.

There are seven appetizers on the menu, from £1.45 for melon Frappe Emerald to £3.25 for Prawn Cocktail.

A 10 oz sirloin steak is very reasonably priced at £7.50; a 6 oz mini fillet steak can be had for £5.95 and grilled pork chops at £4.30. The varied main course includes Roast Stuffed Chicken (£4.85), Fillet of Plaice (£5.30), Grilled Shannon Salmon Steak (£6.20), with specials Schnitzel Jager (£6.75), Sea Food A La Parisienne (£6.25), Bistro Kebab (£5.95) etc., etc. All of the above prices include French fries/baked potatoes/side salad. Vegetarians will be pleased

to note that a vegetarian burger, consisting of the finest natural ingredients without additives, preservatives and colouring is offered at £4.50, and if you bring the children along they can be well fed for £2.50. Desserts are priced between £1.10 and £1.50. There is a good selection of wines available at very reasonable prices.

The full range of drinks can also be obtained from the bar.

The menu here is so comprehensive that all tastes are adequately catered for.

A feature of the new look Shannon Arms is the magnificent

conservatory, with its comfortable surroundings and relaxed atmosphere. This has already become a favourite haunt for many regulars.

The patio and landscaped garden is another plus factor and should prove most popular in the summer months.

The garden is walled in allowing for maximum privacy, and the furniture is very much in keeping with the surroundings.

There is a staff of 20 at the Shannon Arms, where the manager is D. J. Ryan from Newport, and head chef is Liam Moran, formerly of the Parkway.

The nightclub known as Pharaohs, has already become the "in" place and is open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, with admission of £4 and £5, depending on the night. Neat dress is essential.

The Shannon Arms management are confident they can corner their own end of the market. "I can visualise us attracting the pint drinker and the younger folk", said Mr. Justin Ryan, "but there will be a welcome for all irrespective of whatever groupings they might fit into".

With generous car parking facilities available the Shannon Arms is seen as the ideal location. Its reopening has considerably enhanced Henry Street and an open invitation is extended to all to sample its many delicacies, atmosphere and surroundings.

Those behind the venture are to be congratulated.

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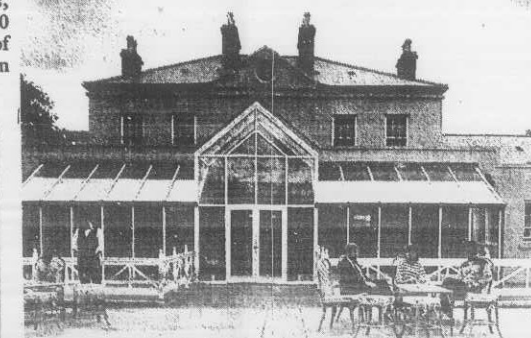
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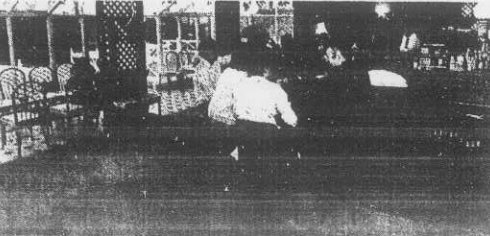
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