



the award plaques were stolen from at Moll Darbys

PICTURE: OWEN SOUTH

leaves a bitter restaurateur

neque "which show in dishes such as a starter plate of James McGeough's charcuterie, including smoked black pudding in filo - very rare and very good".

Moll Darby's is closed for two weeks for refurbishment, and the thief

their restaurant but it's false marketing, it's illegal. They haven't been assessed or awarded anything," the restaurateur said. "If one of these shiny silver plaques appear outside a restaurant, I'll be watching.

"You can't just put them

Mr O'Sullivan has contacted Bridgestone to get the plaques replaced at a cost of €120 per plaque.

"It's funny in many ways, but it's very hard to get a Bridgestone accreditation," he acknowledged. "We display our plaques to show we are at a certain

Spanish crew shoots O'Brien documentary

Alan Owens

A SPANISH film production company is coming to Limerick this weekend to shoot a documentary about famous local author Kate O'Brien and her links with Spain.

The company, based in Malaga in Spain, visits the city for the 25th anniversary of the weekend held in O'Brien's honour.

The crew will interview a number of the participants involved with the weekend, including Irish author John Banville and historian Margaret MacCurtain. They are also hoping to interview a relative of Kate O'Brien's, Rebecca O'Brien, who lives in Limerick.

Antonio Sierra, who was the man responsible for organising the naming of the street after Kate O'Brien in the village of Gotarrendura in the Avila region of Spain last summer, told the Limerick Leader about the plans for the documentary.

"I have been working on the possibility to produce a Spanish documentary on Kate O'Brien, as a writer and also her connections with Spain. The crew are now to film in Limerick this weekend, and I would hope the documentary will be released by the end of the year," said Mr Sierra.

O'Brien wrote several books about her period in Spain - both fiction and

non-fiction - including a biography of St. Teresa of Avila, which was the reason a street was named in her honour last summer.

Mr Sierra, who has been appointed as an honorary member of the Kate O'Brien committee which organises the annual literary weekend in Limerick, said he hopes that more institutions in Spain will recognise the local author.

"I am hoping that Bilbao University will organise some form of homage to Kate - possibly a weekend in her honour - and the public libraries in the south of Spain are to be stocked with her works," said Mr Sierra.

Mr Sierra is hopeful that more can be done to make people aware of Kate O'Brien and her links to Spain, and in that spirit, the Mayor of the town of Gotarrendura and a Spanish delegation will also arrive in Limerick for the weekend. They will be received by Cllr Jim Long, on behalf of the Mayor, in Limerick City Hall on Saturday afternoon.

The Kate O'Brien weekend kicks off this Friday night with an opening address by historian Margaret MacCurtain, in City Hall. Full details are available on www.kobweekend.com, and see Leader 2 for more on the events taking place.

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