

Milk Market is the cream

By DYMHPNA BRACKEN

THE £1m refurbishment of the Milk Market which will provide 17 units with potential for use as retail craft workshops, artisans' studios, restaurants and cafes, is on target for completion at the end of the year.

The European award-winning project is being carried out in a joint venture by Reidy Properties and the Limerick Market Trustees.

The units are arranged around the restored colonnaded market courtyard, which will contain the established and thriving market, doubling as a public car parking on non-market days.

The trustees, who will occupy the restored Market House, will continue to

administer the market yard, in its functions as market and car parking, including the market toilets and to promote new activities including summer evening exhibitions and entertainments.

This week, Eamon Rainsford, of Davin Builders, foreman, explained that work start on May 24.

Work, he said, involved the full refurbishment of the site, including the retention of the stone pillars which up to now had been buried in the compound to prevent them being stolen or vandalised.

Workers are at present putting natural slates on the compound.

The market area will be newly-paved to provide for Saturday trading and car parking during the week.

Seventeen men, including carpenters, blocklayers, slaters and general workers are involved in the work.

Mr Rainsford, who was also involved in the restoration of King John's Castle,



Eamonn Rainsford, foreman, on the market site. (LL)

is very proud of the fact that so much of the old stonework is being retained. "There is so much more satisfaction in restoration than just starting on a clear site," he said.

The design of the project has been recognised and financially assisted for its architectural heritage value by the EC.

Last year, it was one of

three Irish projects, along with the Civic Trust's Crescent project, out of a total of over 900, to be awarded a European Architectural Heritage Conservation award.

As a result, the project received £70,000 in EC funding.

According to Brendan Woods, manager of Limerick Chamber of

Commerce, the response from potential clients is "healthy".

He explained that future plans included the prospect of Sunday markets, and, if viable, maybe midweek market days.

The Market House is also being refurbished to its natural state and will be used as a headquarters for the Market Trustees.

The Corporation are involved in paving side streets in the area.

The market, where country produce has been on sale for 777 years, is one of the most historical sites in the city.

In 1216, King Henry III, in the first year of his reign, conceded to Edmund, Bishop of Limerick, a weekly market at his manor of Mungerett.

Thus Limerick's first open markets, mediaeval in origin, and protected by ancient law, began.

This Saturday, and, indeed, every Saturday since, at Mungret Gate, the Milk Market is the busy scene of bustle and barter in

the buying and selling of pure country produce - free range poultry and eggs, country butter, homemade

black and white pudding, farmhouse cheeses, brown and white soda bread, scones and currant cake,

freshly picked fruit, newly-dug potatoes and seasonal vegetables, cut flowers with the widest choice of horti-

cultural plants and shrubs the year round, as well as craft and knitwear - all of best country origin and quality.

Come this Christmas the Milk Market will be restored to its authentic and original construction of 1830.

Chairless judge takes a stand

GARDAI, solicitors, defendants and witnesses were cleared from Bruff District Court this Thursday morning into the pouring rain when Judge Haughton threatened to abandon the court because of the lack of facilities to deal with family law cases.

At the start of the court he emerged from the judges chambers saying that there was not even one chair in the room for either the judge, solicitors or family litigants.

"The district court clerk over a week ago asked Limerick County Council to provide chairs for the judges chambers in this

courthouse. I am not prepared to stand at a table and deal with family law cases," he stated.

He then said that he was adjourning all the criminal and civil cases to 12 noon in order to deal with the family law cases in the courtroom proper.

Then everyone was asked to leave. "It is the County Council's fault," he stated.

He said that if the chairs did not arrive until 12 noon he would adjourn entirely.

At about 12.10 when the large crowd were huddled outside the court County Council staff arrived with four brand new chairs. Then the judge announced

as the chairs were being brought in that the court would not resume until 2 p.m.

When the court resumed at 2 pm Judge Haughton apologised for having sent everyone away again at noon. The family law court had not concluded, he said, until 1 pm.

"But your suffering has not been in vain," he told the court attendance.

"Shortly after 12, the County Council delivered four chairs. Now there is one for the Judge, one for the court clerk, one for a witness and if there are two solicitors they can fight over the fourth".

MONALEEN

Monaleen had a most enjoyable parish social evening, last Friday, which was held at Monaleen GAA clubhouse. The occasion was a "welcome party" for our new curate, Fr. Tom Harty.

There was a large attendance from all over the parish plus some of our friends from our neighbouring parish, Milford, including Fr. Doran.

Bill Grey was excellent M.C. for the evening, and welcomed everyone especially Fr. Tom Harty, and his brothers and sisters, who had come along to share the evening with him.

There was an impromptu concert which started with our own Monaleen N.S. Recorder Band who played beautifully, they were fol-

lowed by various singers from the parish.

Then Bill called on Fr. O'Brien to say a few words. Fr. O'Brien formally welcomed Fr. Harty to the parish on our behalf, and he wished him well and hoped he would be very happy here in Monaleen. Fr. Harty then thanked everyone for the wonderful night, and for the warm and friendly welcome he had received and how he hoped he would be an asset to the parish. Bill then asked Fr. Harty "to sing for his supper," so that we could all hear his renowned beautiful singing voice.

Our thanks are due, especially, to Kitty O'Keeffe and her band of friends who worked so hard to provide

us with the lovely supper, also to Bill Grey for organising the evening and the GAA for the use of the Hall. To all who entertained us and especially last but by no means least Joe Morton and Mary Joe Ryan who provided the music.

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SHANNON NAVIGATION PROHIBITION ELECTRICITY (SUPPLY) ACTS, 1927-1988

We, the ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD, by virtue of the powers on that behalf vested in us by Section 106 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1927, and for all other powers on that behalf us hereunto enabling do hereby for the purposes of the operation of the Shannon Works and for the exercise of the powers and for the performance of the duties and functions conferred and imposed on us and notwithstanding any enactment declaring the River Shannon to be a public navigable river ORDER THAT navigation shall be and the same is hereby prohibited in or upon the navigation locks at Ardnacrusha Generating Station from Monday, 18th October, 1993, to Thursday, 31st March, 1994 (both dates inclusive), being the period of time required by us for the purposes aforesaid and WE HEREBY DECLARE that the passage of any person with any boat, barge, lighter or other vessel in or around the navigation locks as is hereinbefore specified shall be and the same is hereby prohibited during the period of time hereinbefore specified.

IN WITNESS whereof WE the ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD have hereunto caused our Seal to be affixed this 14th day of September, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Three.

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Yvonne, a 12-year-old history maker