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LITERARY TRAIL: WRITERS' CENTRE ERECTS SERIES OF PLAQUES

Plaque in memory of Frank at South's

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AS the sixth anniversary of his death approaches Pulitzer Prize winning author Frank McCourt will be remembered on a plaque to be unveiled outside a pub where he famously drank his first pint.

The plaque in memory of Limerick's most famous writer, who passed away on July 19 2009, will be unveiled by author Donal Ryan, who wrote the award winning novels *The Spinning Heart* and *The Thing About December*.

The commemorative plaque to McCourt will be erected outside South's Bar on Quinlan Street, on Friday next, July 17.

The plaque unveiling has been co-ordinated by Dominic Taylor, of The Limerick Writers' Centre, who said they wanted to honour McCourt for the contribution he



PICTURE: ADRIAN BUTLER

Frank McCourt chatting to Dave Hickey, proprietor of South's during one of his last visits to the city. He took part in the walking tour of the city set up in his honour which is still going strong under a new guide

has made to literature in Limerick and elsewhere.

"He is one of the few Irish writers whose name and work is recognised internationally. The erection of the plaque in his honour, as we bid for European City of Culture, shows that Limerick is a city with a local, national and international perspective.

"I am also delighted that another author of the stat-

ure of Donal Ryan accepted our invitation to unveil the plaque. And I look forward to welcoming back to Limerick Frank McCourt's brother, and author in his own right, Alphie McCourt who will represent the McCourt family at the event."

His famous first memoir *Angela's Ashes* details Frank having his first pint in South's and it had been a reg-

ular stop-off for him whenever he returned to Limerick. "It was Frank's favourite pub in Limerick and he regularly called in on his return visits; as a result it is a must stop off for tourists who come to Limerick, after they have visited the Frank McCourt Museum around the corner."

This plaque is part of a wider project to create a Limerick Literary Trail.

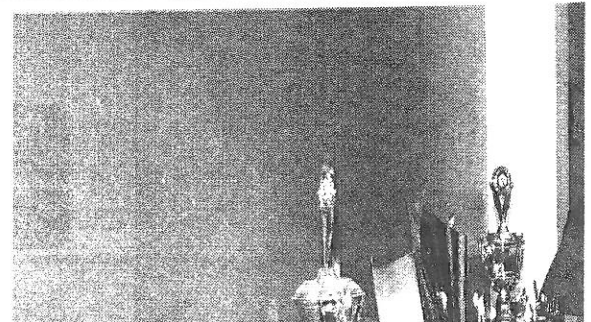
Old Cratloe Road gets new LED street lights

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