

# Limerick musician celebrates 50 years in the business

WELL-known local musician, Noel Tuohy celebrated 50 years in the dance band business this St Patrick's Day.

His career started in 1956 with St Patrick's Ceili Band here in Limerick. And to celebrate his golden jubilee, he entertained a packed crowd in Pery's Hotel on March 17.



**Musician Noel Tuohy in his youth, back in 1960.**

Many people who had danced to his band for over 30 years came along to congratulate Noel and join in the sing-along. Noel plays the accordion and sings, while his wife, Audrey joined him on the keyboard for the



**Local ceili musician, Noel Tuohy with his wife Audrey in 1990.**

anniversary celebration.

His co-workers from the Limerick Clothing Factory (Taits) where Noel worked until 1969, before he became a full time musician, also came along to enjoy the 'trip down memory lane'.

Noel said that he wanted to thank all those who attended as well as the many more who phoned to congratulate him.

Noel formed his own band in 1959. In 1961 he made his first album and his first

radio broadcast was aired on the ESB sponsored programme on RTE. He was later involved in Club Ceili on RTE television in 1965. He was the winner of the Hohner Shield in the National Championships from 1963 to 1967, the only ceili band to ever achieve such success.

His success contin-

ued on through the 1970s, '80s and up to 1990 when the big band era ended. He specialises in ceili and old-time music and also played for a lot of ballroom dancing gigs later in his career.

And Noel said that he is not finished yet, so watch out for more Limerick music dates in the future.

## Community funding scheme is open for new applications

THE Community Sports Cultural Grant Scheme 2006 is currently advertising for submissions from community, sport and cultural groups in County Limerick.

Welcoming the announcement, Deputy Peter Power said that the scheme, operated by Limerick County Development Board, offers community groups the opportunity to access significant funding to improve facilities whether it be community centres or sport club houses.

"The money from the scheme is raised in each electoral area from the Development Levy - a levy imposed by the Council on all developments in an area. And a significant portion of the money is then put back into the communities' facilities," explained Deputy Power.

"I am sending out information to all community and sport groups in the area and I will be happy to assist any group in applying for funding to improve their community."

Grants range from

10,000 euro to 100,000 euro. The deadline for receipt of submissions is this Friday, April 14.

## Arrangements made for respite care users

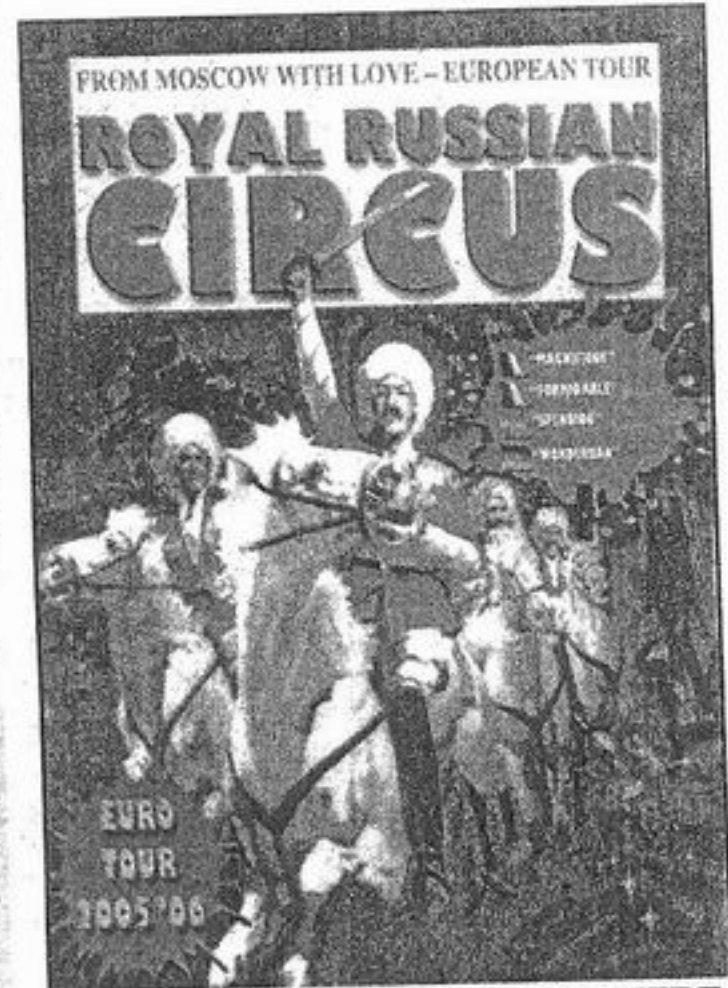
THE Health Service Executive has confirmed that it has made alternative arrangements for all families who have been availing of respite care in St Camillus Hospital, while a ward is being refurbished.

The HSE has also contacted all of the families affected by the temporary closure of the hospital ward.

Welcoming what she described as the HSE's "quick and caring response", Labour deputy Jan O'Sullivan said that she was initially concerned that the closure of the ward for refurbishment would mean that families caring for a loved one at home might lose this regular respite care while the work was taking place.

"I brought this to the attention of the HSE and I am very pleased to be informed that they have made alternative arrangements," she said.

The ward refurbishment is expected to be completed by mid-June.



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