



### Get Rid

It's Bon Voyage to the Hitchers in a couple of weeks as they head off for their second sojourn of the year to the UK. Their last visit in August saw them virtually snowed under with critical acclaim both for the single Strachan and their top notch live show. This time out they'll be showcasing new single Big Mug which is already being played on an almost constant basis by John Peel on his Radio 1 Friday night show. Catch the Hitchers at Baker Place on Thursday 23rd as they play their last Irish show before hopping on the SeaCat to fame and fortune.

### Rock star Amnesia

Another local band currently enjoying much success in the UK are Newcastlewest rockers the Driven. Having played with RadioHead and played all the major festivals this summer, they look set for mainstream success very soon. That's if however lead singer Brendan Markham can manage to avoid doing his tortured rock star thing in magazine interviews. The August issue of Loaded saw the lovelorn County Limerick boy claim that he hadn't ..ahem "been with a woman" in ..wait for it...3 years and 27 days - all well and good until the September issue which saw a flood of letters of various young ladies detailing where, when and how they had been entertained by the most genial Mr. Markham..... last month.

### Angela v Ashes

The publication this week of local broadcaster and journalist Gerry Hannon's (Frank Mc Court "inspired") "Ashes" seems to have caused some serious consternation amongst the good academia of UL where Mr. Mc Court is due to take up the post of writer in residence later this month. Gerry Hannon's book pulls no punches in its opinion of Mc Court and his work with even the introduction promising a "frank descriptions, courting controversy".

### Shades at Bakers

Having brought the house down on the last two occasions they played, the Police2 return to Baker Place on Thursday October 23rd. More than making up in musical talent what they lack in the lookalike department this three piece have gained the distinction of being endorsed by none other than Sting himself for their flawless renditions of Roxanne, Message in a Bottle and countless other classics. The gig kicks off about 9.30 and you can get more details from either Rossi or Valerie on 061 418414.

### Send us your tapes!

Having kicked off with their big beat mayhem just two weeks ago the boys from Skint running every Thursday at the UpperDeck in Costelloes are packing them in with queues trailing as far as the dole office at 11 o'clock! The winning combination of the refurbished Upperdeck, 4k sound system and new lighting rack together with DJ's Jason and Eric playing everything from Bentley Rhythm Ace to Prodigy to Fatboy Slim has resulted in the Big Beat Frenzy every Thursday. And now the Skint boys are looking for aspiring Drum and Bass, Hip Hop and Big Beat DJ's to play the first slot at Skint. Send Tapes to Skint c/o Drop at our usual address.

### Something NEW

Two other new clubs kick off at the Upperdeck in the next couple of weeks with a HipHop /SwingBeat affair brought to you on Fridays promising guest DJ's such as StevieG and Aran McMahon. Saturday will see the Upperdeck become a disco palace with solid seventies Funk and Disco ruling the floor courtesy of those recently returned Boogie Kids.

### Promisingly Portable

In what promises to be one of the gigs of the year Portishead emerge from their glory box to play at the Olympia Theatre in Dublin on Wednesday 19th November. Having recently released the follow up to the million selling Dummy, the original trip hoppers are amazing live and well worth making the trip up for. Tickets are available at Empire Music.

### ungagged

Following on from the success of the Kilkenny Cats Laughs festival, the Murphy's Ungagged Festival takes place in Dublin from November 5th to the 8th, featuring an all star lineup of Dennis Leary, David Baddiel, Lenny Henry, Ardal O'Hanlon and Perrier Award Winner Johnny Vegas together with over 50 smaller gigs. Tickets for all gigs are available once again from Empire Music.

### Laughs ahoy...

Limerick also gets a new comedy club this month with UL events hosting a Tuesday night shindig in O'Donoghues Bar with upcoming guest to include Dara O'Brian who was the undoubted hit of last years Gutter Comedy Club. More Info from the ULSU on 061 202323.