

Vivienne and Edel O'Brien of Caherdavin, at the Novena at Mount St Alphonsus. (C1)

more acceptable, by being able to converse in their own tongues.

Now, with enthusiastic backing from the EU office in Dublin, it is hoped to rectify the situation in which 75 per cent



Olivia Scully, Ballysimon, at the launch of the CERT audio course for tourist workers.

Féile parade could cause traffic chaos on Saturday

THIS Saturday's Féile na nGael parade will be reviewed by President Robinson - but it is almost certain to cause traffic mayhem.

Gardaí urge people catching planes and trains to make certain to allow plenty of time to get through the city.

The parade will take up the centre of the city from 2.30 to 5pm.

The parade will include 20 bands led by the Artane Boys Band and there will be approximately 4,500 young players and their officials from GAA clubs all over the country.

The route is planned as follows: Arthur's Quay, Patrick Street, O'Connell Street, Shannon Street,

Henry Street, Sarsfield Street and Ennis Road to Gaelic Grounds.

No traffic will be allowed out the Ennis Road while the parade is in progress. The alternative route will be by Shannon Bridge and Condell Road or Thomond Bridge and Thomondgate.

All traffic coming from Shannon/Ennis direction is advised to divert at Ivans in Caherdavin. The inward

lane on Ennis Road will remain open to Sarsfield Bridge where a diversion will take place.

Heavy traffic coming from Dublin will be directed along Childers Road at the Parkway roundabout and avoid the city centre.

No traffic will be allowed into the city at Baals Bridge. All traffic will be diverted to Broad Street and Mary Street.

The area near the court-

Air traffic control earns £10 million per year in wages

THE new Irish Aviation authority earns almost £1 million a week - and most of it comes from this region.

Shannon and its associated VHF radio centre at Ballygirreen, near Newmarket-on-Fergus earn fees for radar and control services provided both to overflying US-Europe traffic and to planes landing at Irish airports. In fact, most of the fees are derived from overflights which don't actually enter Irish airspace at all, but fly to the north or south of us, while being within our control area, however.

Ordinary airport air-traffic-services control the 100,000 square miles of Irish airspace (the area of the Republic of Ireland is 27,000 square miles, so two-thirds of Irish airspace is out to sea, extending from 6.5°W down the Irish Sea to 15°W, far out into

the Atlantic). Shannon ATC is also responsible for airports such as Knock, Galway and Farnfore.

In addition, the Shanwick operation extends to 30°W (half way across the Atlantic), and goes from a couple of hundred miles south of Iceland to a point just off the north-west coast of Spain at 45°N. Shanwick is a joint air traffic command which operates through Shannon and Prestwick in Scotland.

Staff costs of the Irish Aviation Authority amount to £21 million a year and, as more than half of the staff are based at Shannon (204) and Ballygirreen (112), the new authority is worth £10 million in wages alone to this region. The comparative figures in Dublin and Cork airports are 150 and 36 respectively, with the remaining staff being assigned to administrative duties at the authority's present Dublin headquarters.



At the opening of Guinness House - Denis Le and Michael Kennedy.