

End of an era: Woolworths closure is recalled



Sad to say goodbye: the staff of Woolworths in O'Connell Street on the day the store closed its doors on O'Connell Street for the last time, in October 1984. This is one of many special photographs depicting Limerick in the first five years of the 1990s, featured in the Limerick Leader's All Our Yesterdays magazine this week.

When Willie was an advice columnist ...

Alan English, Chronicle's editor

NOT many will remember, but back before he was elected to the Dail, Limerick's Willie O'Flaherty was better known as a Limerick Leader advice columnist. This week, in the latest of the Leader's All Our Yesterdays magazine magazine, you can read Willie's advice to readers with problems - such as the Caberlinin man who was worried his wife would try to get him killed.

"I am self-employed but my business is very poor at present," he writes in the columnist known in the early Eighties as William O'Flaherty. "My wife has got a maintenance order against me and I just cannot afford to pay it. I feel she may go to the court again to have the increased. Could she do that?"

You've read Willie's considered



response in this and other questions in this week's free magazine.

Part 4 of the All Our Yesterdays series features the years 1981 to 1984 - and what a fascinating time it was. It begins with the separ-

ation of one household across from O'Connell Street in Catherine and ended with the closure of another shop on the same street also very fondly remembered by many - Woolworths.

But it was also a time of great joy, particularly for Limerick's soccer fans, as the League of Ireland title was won in 1980 followed by the FAI Cup two years later.

The patient cover girl is Diane Hennegan, who became the first Limerick winner of the Rose of Tralee in 1984. The magazine looks back at the dramatic 18 months when there were three general elections and also highlights the Limerick property market of the era, as well as recalling a tense time on the city streets, on the day of hunger striker Bobby Sands' funeral in 1981. There's also a large number of delightful pictures, including some great photographs never previously published.

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