

Limerick

in a way it is a surprising that so many candidates have steered their views, which is also refreshing. A joint is made in introduction to our opinion supplement that is vital for Limerick's to select the possible line-up of councillors. Those who with this assertion now been provided an extremely able tool to run the over the candidates. Along the issues on which they are asked to disagree, neither agree nor disagree or no opinion are the winning. Revitalising Limerick Centre is important for the county as a whole, which should be the priority for the Council. Political parties should be required to have a balance of male and female candidates in local elections. The long-term employed should work for the local authority in order to bring in more benefits. More schools in Limerick should be funded from the proceeds of the Catholic Church. Most estates should be demolished. One-off rural housing

John McCarthy, to collect the rent for her tiny room which measured only about 10ft square.

Getting no answer, and believing Kelly to be hiding - she was behind with the rent - he went to the side of the house. There was a broken window covered by an overcoat inside, instead of a curtain.

Bowyer gingerly moved the coat aside and peered into the room. The sight that greeted him was to stay with him for the rest of his life.

Kelly had been posed upon the bed by her killer, clearly for maximum effect. She was facing the window, legs spread apart, her face and body mutilated beyond recognition. Mary Kelly had become the last known

frustratingly impossible for researchers to verify. In fact, finding Mary Kelly in the archives, and hopefully discovering the real life person behind the gruesome photos of her murder scene, has become a Holy Grail to Ripperologists - second only to finding the identity of 'Jack' himself.

Although we have no reason to doubt the sincerity of Joe Barnett when he relayed the details of Kelly's life to the police as recounted to him, in all probability Mary had embellished, romanticised, or plain lied about her past. Almost certainly the biggest thing that she lied about was her real name.

It is this last enigma that has been the biggest hurdle for



Tragic end: the Limerick-born prostitute known as Mary Kelly was the final victim of Jack the Ripper. It is thought unlikely that this was her actual name

researchers ... and yet it is a well known fact that habitual liars usually base their lies on some grains of truth.

In all probability the stories that Kelly told Barnett do have some foundation somewhere. The difficulty is to separate the fact from the fiction.

Due to the popularity of television programmes devoted to genealogy and the easy access to vast archives on sites such as Ancestry.com, tracing your family tree has become a popular

people who knew her.

■ She was born around 1860-1863

■ She was born in Limerick, but moved to Wales quite young

■ A city missionary declared that her mother still lived in Limerick

■ Both the landlord and the missionary declared that she received letters from Ireland

■ She lived in either Caernarvenshire or Carmarthenshire

■ Her father was called John and was a 'gaffer' (a person in charge) in an iron works

■ She had six brothers at home

■ One brother was in the army, possibly the second battalion of the Scots Guards

■ One brother was called

those details could fit your family history, then please contact either me at the email address below or the Limerick Leader directly so that your information can be properly investigated. Remember that 'Mary Kelly' is unlikely to have been the woman's real name.

When Jack the Ripper mutilated the body found on the bed in Millers Court, Dorset Street, it was as if he had wanted to obliterate her from the face of the earth. It would be very sad to think that he had succeeded.

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Picture brought tears to my eyes

I ADMIT I shed a quiet tear on seeing, in your edition of May 10, a picture of my late father at the WB Fitt livestock sales many, many years ago. I have too few photographs of him and I had never seen this before.

Thank you for publishing the photograph. It meant a lot to me to see in the Leader as I have nothing but the greatest affection for my father.

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Broadband claim strongly rejected

I TAKE strong exception to a charge made by Seamus Ahern of Fianna Fail in the Leader last week which criticised Communications Minister Pat Rabbitte for "little evidence on the ground" of progress on the issue of broadband for rural areas.

The statement is inaccurate and lacking in facts, to say the least. It completely ignores a major announcement made by Minister Rabbitte just two weeks ago confirming a major fibre broadband project that is being rolled out across rural Ireland, benefitting some 1,000



The popularity of pictures from the Fitt's livestock sales on South Circular Road continues and reader Olivia Cobb writes from London, left, after spotting her late father in a recently published photograph. Here is another fine shot, showing winners of the Bull Show, February 1977

land problem had an innovative solution, Sixty per cent of Irish children WWII. Where violence is glamorised, the

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