

## Civic Trust hosts table quiz

LIMERICK Civic Trust is hosting a fundraising Table Quiz in the Green Hills Hotel on Thursday, November 24, at 7.20pm - with first question at 8pm sharp.

"As you know Limerick Civic Trust is a non for profit organisation and we rely on these types of events to generate funds that go directly back into projects for Limerick city," says a spokesperson for the Trust, who adds:

"Limerick Civic Trust has carried out huge amounts of work over the last 28 years to try and improve the city and county and we hope to continue to do so.

"We are most appreciative of all support".

## Last chance for community award

NOMINATIONS for the EBS Community Fund have been extended to Friday, November 11.

Limerick people are being asked to nominate their local cause to be in with the chance to win €10,000 from the EBS Community Fund.

A favourite community group, club or cause can be nominated and nominations are open to all members of the public and can be made by calling into any EBS office or online at [www.ebs.ie](http://www.ebs.ie).

## Michael re-elected chairman

MICHAEL Moore, Newcastle West, was re-elected chairman of the Limerick branch of the Irish Cattle and Sheep Farmers' Association (ICSA).

Mr. Moore was re-elected at the Limerick ICSA AGM in Newcastle West, where elections took place for the ICSA National Executive. Michael Keane, Carmel O'Sullivan and Con Cremin were appointed.

## Increased funding welcomed

THE Environment Minister's decision to make a supplementary allocation of €500,000 available for the operation of three schemes, namely, Housing for Older People, Housing Adaptions and Mobility Aid has been welcomed by Cllr Pat Kennedy.

"This follows a recent discussion at Limerick City Council's Housing Strategic Policy Committee and the passing of a resolution proposed by myself that we seek a substantial increase in the funding for these schemes," he said.

"The total funding for these very worthwhile schemes for elderly people and disabled persons will be €2.025million in 2011, as compared to €60.890 million in 2007."

## Doras host work experience seminar

MIGRANT support organisation Doras Luimní is hosting a free information seminar about work experience opportunities for refugees and migrants with Stamp 4 on their passports, which allows them to take up employment.

The seminar will be held on November 16 from 6 to 7.30pm, at Pery's Hotel, Glentworth Street, and will feature speakers from Fáil, Social Welfare, host companies and past participants of the programme.

The work opportunities available can assist migrants in gaining experience in a field of their choice, understanding Irish work practice and culture, developing professional contacts, gaining local references, and improving language skills whilst retaining welfare rights and payments.

# Human remains reburied at St John's Square



By Bernie English

THE HUMAN bones which were unearthed recently by a team working on the upgrade of John's Square, have been examined and reburied.

Work stopped when a digger unearthed a human skull in the square and Aegis Archeology, the consultant firm retained for the job were called in.

Linda Lynch from Glin, an osteoarchaeologist, was contacted to examine the remains.

The team of experts now believe that the bones are those of a young adult, aged between 17 and 25 years.

"Without carbon dating it is not possible to tell how long ago the person was buried, but the bones would certainly be hundreds of years old,"

Frank Coyne, director of Aegis, told the Limerick Post.

The archeologists put the date of the bones at hundreds of years because the body was uncovered where it was originally buried and it was buried in a north-south direction rather than the more recent practice of burying bodies in an east-west orientation.

"The best practice is not to excavate remains unless you have to so, what had been uncovered was examined and then covered with a thick layer of geo-textile and sand and work is continuing. Leaving remains in situ is the best practice," Mr Coyne added.

Limerick was still a fortified city when John Purdon and Edmund Sexton started work on the building of a new square, now known as John's

Square.

The development was designed by Francis Bandana and it was begun in 1751 and was one of Limerick's first examples of fashionable architecture and civic space.

The €1 million contract will "include an extensive upgrade of the public space by the provision of high quality granite paving, new street lighting and traffic calming measures to provide a nice public space establishing an appropriate setting for the historical buildings surrounding John's Square as intended by the early designers allowing visitors to Limerick and local residents to enjoy the historic architecture in a setting that reflects their heritage value contributing to the broader city economy and sustainability," according to a City Council spokesperson.

# Cyclist warns of second lock scam

By Rebekah Commans

A LIMERICK Post reader has moved to warn others of a bicycle theft scam of which she was a near victim.

The female cyclist parked her bicycle at the side entrance to the Arthur's Quay Shopping Centre on Sunday November 6, just opposite the park, locked her bike and went inside to do some shopping.

When she emerged she discovered that a second lock had been placed on her bike.

She spoke to a security guard who said he hadn't noticed anything suspicious and assisted her in efforts to remove the second lock, but was unsuccessful.

"I didn't want to leave my bike unattended so I rang my brother who works in the trade, and he was able to cut the second lock off with a hacksaw," the woman told the Limerick Post.

"I felt I was being watched and believe that thieves were expecting me to remove my own lock and leave looking for help.

"I assume they would then have come in and unlocked their own lock and taken the bike.

"Nobody would approach them or think a crime was taking place, as it would just look like they were taking a lock off their own bike and there's nothing suspicious in that.

"I know most people wouldn't have access to hacksaw, so I would advise them not to take off their own lock if they have to leave to get help.

"I almost did this and my bike would have been stolen if I had".

The cyclist was advised to park her bicycle near entrances to shopping centre

that are monitored by security guards, where thieves are less likely to operate, or in locations where CCTV is in place so any suspicious behaviour can be monitored.

