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ON THE SOCIAL SCENE IN LIMERICK



Tom Byrnes of the Pike Inn in Mulgrave Street with Arnbrose Malone, Limerick; Helen Ryan, Castle Oaks House Hotel; and David Kelly, West Ham United and Irish international player.

## Limerick scores with West Ham stars

☆ I MET SOME of the West Ham United team in Limerick, over the weekend. They were guests of the ESB for dinner, at the Castle Oaks House Hotel, and that was the first place I bumped into them.

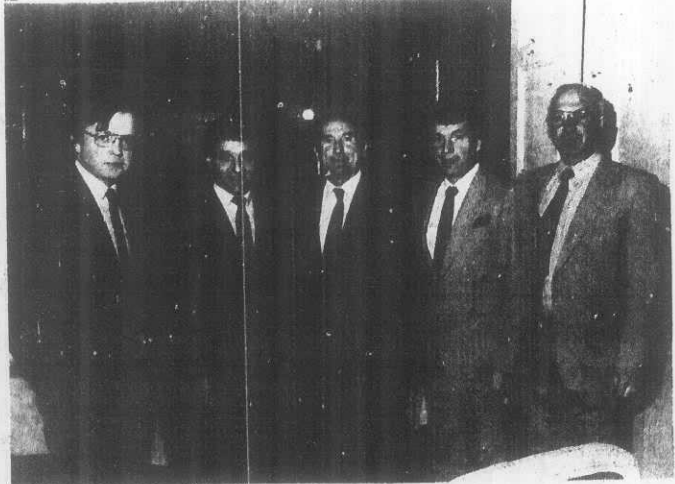
LOU MACARI, the team's manager, told me that he was a regular visitor here, and had come as a guest of the Manchester United Supporters' Club a few times.

He said that the hospitality was always great here.

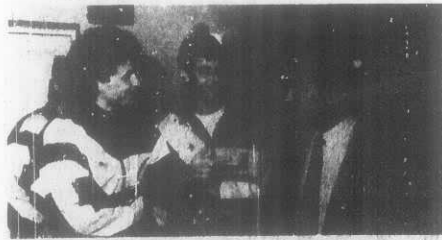
SEAN WYSE, the marketing engineer with the ESB, was telling me that they were involved in the evening because of their association with the LDMC and Priory Park. The ESB did the floodlighting there.

WILLIE GRIMES, the chairman of the LDMC, was there.

There were a few players with West Ham United who had Irish backgrounds, and former Limerick goalkeeper MICK O'DONNELL, of Golden Vale, was chatting with them — EAMONN DOLAN, ALAN MCKNIGHT and Irish inter-



Sean Wyse, marketing engineer with the ESB; Lou Macari, manager of West Ham; Willie Grimes, chairman of LDMC; Clem Cusack and Eamonn Heffernan, of the ESB.



West Ham United players Eamonn Dolan and Alan McKnight chat to Mick O'Donnell of Golden Vale, at the Castle Oaks House Hotel.



Julian Dicks, captain of West Ham; Des Hayes, manager of the Castle Oaks House Hotel and Lou Macari, manager of West Ham in Castleconnell at the weekend.



Vera and Rainer Neumeister, from Mungret, at the re-opening of the Lions' Den in Lower Glentworth Street.



Gearoid McGann, Glentworth Street; Brian Sherry, O'Connell Street and Joe Murtagh, O'Connell Street, at the Lions' Den.



## Howzat! Eating in the Lions' Den

☆ I WENT ALONG to the re-opening of the Lions' Den restaurant in Lower Glentworth Street, at the weekend.

The new owner, RUARI CAREY, invited me to have a look and sip some punch. The day coincided with another re-opening. The Berlin Wall was thrown open, that morning, and Rainer Neumeister, an East German now living in Mungret, was particularly delighted with that news.

He plans his first visit home in 28 years, once the initial excitement has died down. He and VERA run the Dutch Furniture Sales in Limerick.

RUARI CAREY was telling me that he took over the Glen Tavern and the Glendeen steak-house and grill-room, about four weeks ago, and got them running to his satisfaction before re-opening the Lions' Den, which is upstairs at the Glentworth Street premises.

The re-opened restaurant has a new-style menu, and the staff are new. Ruari told me

he was offering gourmet food at competitive prices. There was an interesting mix of people at the reception to re-launch the Lions' Den. BERNARD O'CARROLL of de Beers was there, with CONNIE BOURKE, the sand and gravel merchant, and solicitor PETER SHEE.

AINE CAREY from Barrington Street, was chatting with NINA GALLIVAN from Ballinacurra and GERALDINE O'CARROLL from Ardnacrusha. Accountants LIAM LACEY, HANS DROOG, JIM O'DONOVAN and BRIAN BOLAND, all of Ernst and Young in Barrington Street, seem to be enjoying themselves.

Solicitors GEAROID MCGANN and BRIAN SHERRY were there, talking to JOE MURTAGH of Irish Life in O'Connell Street.

Everyone I spoke to was impressed by the re-opened restaurant and all of them said that they would be going there to dine in the not-too-distant future. The indications are good!



Liam Lacey, Castleconnell; Jim O'Donovan, O'Callaghan's Strand; Hans Droog, Adare and Brian Boland, Ballyclough, at the Lions' Den.



At the re-opening of the Lions' Den restaurant: Ruari Carey, proprietor; Bernard O'Carroll, Ardnacrusha; Peter Shee, O'Connell Avenue and Connie Bourke, Castletroy.

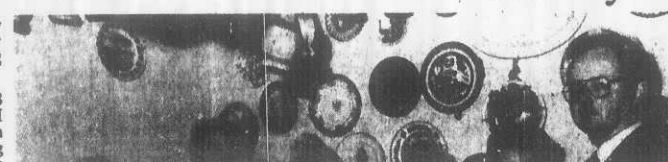


At the Lions' Den were Aine Carey, Barrington Street; Geraldine O'Carroll, Ardnacrusha; Nina Gullivan, Ballinacurra and Vera Neumeister, Mungret.

## 'La dolce vita' . . . and all for charity

☆ IT IS DELIGHTFUL to spend lunchtime sipping wine and eating smoked salmon.

When URSULA STOKES asked me, recently, if I would be interested in spending a lunchtime doing



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